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Minutes

ANCS Governing Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday February 22, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Notice of this meeting was posted on the ANCS website in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1.

Directors Present
Angela Christie (remote), Barrett Coker Krise (remote), Ben Sutton (remote), Carla Wells (remote), Emily Ormsby (remote), Hanah Goldberg (remote), Jason Rhodes (remote), Jordache Avery (remote), Kristen Frenzel (remote), Kristi Malloy (remote), Lee Kynes (remote), Rhonda Collins (remote), Sabrina Sexton (remote)

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
Arnold Pierce (remote), Ashley Deck (remote), Brittney Gove (remote), Cathey Goodgame (remote), Chuck Meadows (remote), Daniel DuVal (remote), Jerry Hanes (remote), Kelly McKenzie (remote), Lara Zelski (remote), Lesley Michaels (remote), Mark Sanders (remote), Markecia Jacobs (remote), Matt Aldag (remote), Meeghan Fortson (remote), Nancy Lamb (remote), Noel Christy (remote), Paige Teusink (remote), Toshia Meadows (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

Kristen Frenzel called a meeting of the board of directors of Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School to order on Monday Feb 22, 2021 at 6:34 PM.

C. Brain Smart Start

Mark Sanders led the Brain Smart Start.

D. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

E. Approve Minutes from Prior Board Meeting

Jason Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes from ANCS Governing Board Meeting on 01-19-21.
Sabrina Sexton seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. PTCA President Update

Paige Teusink reported on Bingo Night, appreciation lunches for teachers and staff, virtual Cooking with ANCS for Black History Month, and Run with the Wolves, which will take place during the first two weeks of May. See packet for full report.

G. Principals' Open Forum

Cathey Goodgame highlighted the learning that is taking place at the Middle Campus for Black History Month. Topics being explored include the history of the Black national anthem, the historical impact of HBCUs, social constructs of race, and race and migration. Credits Mark Sanders for his leadership in making Black History Month a time of learning and celebration at the Middle Campus.

Lara Zelski highlighted the sharing of black history and culture that's taking place at the morning meetings, with active parent participation. Students are making videos celebrating black history and culture and sharing them with their classmates. Parent-Teacher conferences begin at the Elementary Campus on March 8, and interviews are beginning for new teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. Teachers are thanked for finding creative ways to celebrate student learning throughout the year, despite challenges .

II. Executive Director's Report

A. Charter Renewal Update

The charter renewal application will be voted on by the State Board of Education on March 25.

B.

HOWL Hybrid Update

Twenty-nine additional personnel have been integrated into school family to assist with H.O.W.L. Hybrid Learning, and have made a significant, positive contribution towards ensuring a safe and productive learning environment. Significant safety upgrades have been implemented, included full-time nurses at both campuses, divided hallways, and HVAC upgrades. See packet for full report.

C. Lottery and Outreach

Lottery results to be released March 8. Targeted mailer sent to households at Martin Street Plaza and Trestletree Village to encourage lottery participation.

III. DEAT Update

A. Monthly DEAT Report

The DEAT Book Club held a successful discussion of *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* on February 3. The next discussion will be of *Brown Girl Dreaming*, by Jaqueline Woodson on March 24 from 7:00 - 8:00PM. Sign up to receive Zoom link via the school calendar, ANCS Family Facebook page, or the *Courier.*

DEAT held a discussion of the *New York Times* podcast 1619 on January 21. The next discussion will take place in April, time TBD.

DEAT has met three times since January to draft a budget proposal for the 2021-2022 academic year, and to create job descriptions for stipended positions to be filled in 2021-2022 to assist with outreach to economically disadvantaged families in the Tier 1 attendance zone. The draft proposal will be finished by early March.

IV. Business & Operations

A. Monthly Business & Operations Report

The drafting of the fiscal year 2022 budget is underway. The draft budget will be discussed at the March Business and Operations meeting and the March Governing Board meeting. The Committee is moving forward on refinancing the Middle Campus mortgage. See packet for full report.

V. Governance

A. Monthly Governance Report

Lee Kynes reported that the Executive Director midyear review surveys had been collected, with 100% Board participation. A summary of the results would be provided to the Board during Executive Session. The Board Chair and Governance Committee Chair will meet with the Executive Director to share the results of the midterm review surveys.

Revisions to the Bylaws will be presented to the Board for a vote at the March Board meeting. Review of other policies is ongoing.

B. Nominations Task Force Report

Kristi Malloy provided an update on the Board nominations process, noting that interviews with selected candidates had been scheduled, and that ethics and conflict of interest forms would be signed by all interviewees. See packet for complete report.

VI. Fund Development

A. Monthly Fund Development Report

Sabrina Sexton reported on the progress of the Gather and Grow campaign, discussion of a fundraising alternative to the Spring Wonderball event, and efforts to improve gathering of donor data. See packet for complete report.

VII. Educational Excellence

A. Monthly Educational Excellence Report

Hanah Goldberg shared a draft of the 2021-2022 school calendar, which will be voted on at the March Board meeting. She reported that the winter administration of the MAP assessment was completed in January, and presented an overview of the results which indicate continued learning progress despite the challenges posed by the pandemic. Finally, she reported that APS had indicated that we should wait until next year to implement the changes in the lottery process outlined in the charter petition. See packet for complete report.

B. Vote on 2021-2022 Lottery Weight

Chuck Meadows suggested that given the current number of applications from economically disadvantaged students in the Tier 1 attendance zone, it was advisable to adopt the maximum lottery weight of four for students from economically disadvantaged families.
Lee Kynes made a motion to adopt the maximum lottery weight of four for economically disadvantaged students.
Kristi Malloy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VIII. New Business

A. Vote on Chair-Elect for 2021-2022

Sabrina Sexton made a motion to make Lee Kynes Governing Board Chair-Elect.
Jason Rhodes seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IX. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

Jason Rhodes made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss results of the Executive Director midyear review surveys.
Hanah Goldberg seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
Jason Rhodes made a motion to exit Executive Session.
Hanah Goldberg seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

X. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Kristen Frenzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Kristi Malloy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Rhodes

Documents used during the meeting

- PTCA Report - 02.22.21 Governing Board Meeting.pdf
- Executive Director's Report 2_22_20.pdf
- February 2021 - DEAT Update.pdf
- BusOps Comm BOD Update_Feb 2021.pdf
- 01_31_21 Finance Committee Report FY21 FINAL (2).xlsx
- February_Board_Governance_Report.pdf
- Board Nominations Task Force Update 02.2021.pdf
- Fund Development Committee Report February 2021.pdf
- Educational Excellence Committee Report 2_2021.pdf
- 2021-2022 Proposed Academic Calendar.pdf

- Winter 2021 MAP Growth Report.pdf