

PTCA General Meeting, March 10, 2015
ANCS Middle Campus, 6:30PM

Call to Order: 6:35PM (In attendance: 25) (Adjourned 7:28pm)

Welcome and Introductions by Rebecca Hudson

The Treasurer's Report was provided by Rebecca Earnshaw. The PTCA's current account balance is approximately \$27K. In January, we funded nearly \$8K in for the 2nd round of mini-grants. Details can be found online at the PTCA webpage. Funds were also dispersed to support the purchase of additional iPads and Document Cameras for the EC and to provide matching funds for the Auction Fund a Cause.

Announcements:

Doc Chey's dine-out is this week. Eat at the following restaurants between 5pm-9pm on these dates and a portion of the night's earnings come to the PTCA:

- All week this week at Doc Chey's! Please tell your server you are with ANCS.

Final Round of Mini-Grant Applications due 3/20/15. Any member of the PTCA can apply as long as a Principal is willing to sign off on your application.

Charter Renewal Community Meeting on 3/24/15. Changes for the renewal will be discussed and community feedback is desired.

Run with the Wolves on 4/18/15 – All Registration will be done online this year through Square with ANCS PTCA.

Auction Committee thanks the PTCA – The PTCA provided a good deal of resources to the committee including matching funds of \$2500 for Fund a Cause to support the MC Media Center.

Break-Out Sessions:

Choice 1: Safe Routes to School: Steven Bayliss, Parent & Members of GADOT

In June of 2011, ANCS received a \$499,926 federal grant for a Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS) project to enhance walking and bicycling opportunities for students and the communities around each campus. In conjunction with the Georgia DOT and the City of

Atlanta Department of Public Works, which sponsor the project, ANCS was awarded funds to construct and improve campus-area facilities such as sidewalks and crosswalks and address safety issues by various programs—all designed to make it easier and safer for students to walk or bike to school. Parent Steve Bayliss has been working on this project for four years and we finally have plans. Representatives from GA DOT were on hand to share drawings and answer questions about the planned improvements.

Choice 2: Good Touch, Bad Touch as the Elementary Campus: Leslie Jo Tottenham, Counselor

GOOD-TOUCH/BAD-TOUCH® is a body safety program that teaches our children a comfortable way to talk about a very sensitive problem. Informing children of the following concepts helps to lessen their vulnerability to abuse.

1. Touch can be good, bad, or confusing.
2. Children are special and have the right to know all the safety rules.
3. Children can say NO! to touches they don't like.
4. Children can tell a trusted adult if they ever have a problem with sexual abuse, bullying or other confusing touches.
5. Abuse is NEVER the child's fault.

This year, we will continue implementing the GOOD-TOUCH/BAD-TOUCH® program in Kindergarten, second and fourth grades. This program has been validated as effective by professionals from a major university and is being used in many states throughout the nation. The program is being presented by Ms. Tottenham, counselor, who has been trained and certified by a Good-Touch/Bad-Touch® Prevention Specialist.