

ANCS PTCA Board Report March 2015

Overview

PTCA has focused this month on researching Family School Partnerships and reflecting on what that research might mean for us at ANCS. We also held our March general meeting with a focus on safety.

Challenges or Issues

We want to share with you the highlights of the research we conducted on Family School Partnerships.

We have a plan for recruiting new officers for next year but we will need help from all interested parents to find qualified and interested parents to take up this important work. We will be asking you for your help.

Eric Nankervis has agreed to transition into a leadership role with regard to the Safe Routes to School grant. We were a little disheartened to learn that the GA DOT doesn't anticipate construction until fiscal year 2016 at the earliest and we were cautioned that there is still a lot of work to do. High priorities were better crossings on Cherokee Ave at Milledge and Augusta and on Boulevard at Confederate. (The crossings on Cherokee Ave would include lighted crossings with raised pedestrian crosswalks.) The drawings included a proposal for a cycle-track bike lane on Ormewood that will require community meetings to achieve. Parents expressed a priority for safer crossings on Cherokee Ave, Boulevard, and Moreland.

Monthly Highlights

- Bingo Night sold out and concession sales raised \$500 for the 5th grade trip to Blue Ridge. The event was family fun!
- Donated \$1700 in matching funds to the Fund A Cause Middle Campus Library event at the auction.
- Registration is open for Run with the Wolves. We are trying to get everyone to register online via the PTCA Square website since this is the most cost-effective way for us to receive registrations.
- Leslie Jo Tottenham and Steve Bayliss both presented at our March general meeting. Parents learned about the "Good Touch, Bad Touch" program at the elementary campus that gives children tools to combat abuse from Ms. Tottenham. Mr. Bayliss and guests from the GA DOT presented preliminary ideas for the school's Safe Routes to School grant.

Upcoming PTCA Events

March 20: Third Friday Coffee at Elementary Campus

March 24: Charter Renewal Community Meeting at Elementary Campus

March 27: Principal's Coffee at Middle Campus

March 30 – April 3: Teacher Appreciation Week

April 18: Run with the Wolves