

**PLEASE CONSIDER APPLYING TO SERVE ON THE  
ANCS GOVERNING BOARD.**

Hello good parents and guardians at ANCS.

My name is Leigh Finlayson. My wife, Teresa, and I are parents to Elanor (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Sam (4<sup>th</sup> Grade). We are in our ninth year at this impressive and magical school which we know well and love very much. I am in my second year serving on the ANCS Governing Board. This year I am chairing the Board's Nominations Subcommittee. I write this letter to encourage you and your friends to APPLY TO SERVE on the ANCS Governing Board of Directors.

We are a volunteer board, so the pay is . . . immeasurable. Generally, our terms of office last for three years. The full Board meets once a month, at 6:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month, with various committee and subcommittee meetings also occurring monthly or thereabouts. We conservatively estimate the time commitment for Board service to be ten hours a month.

Our school charter requires that 50% of our Board consist of current school parents / guardians, and we are well over this mark. Studies suggest that for a school over ten years old, like ANCS, it actually is better to engage more non-parent board members. This being said, I was a bit troubled last year when we received fifteen applications with only one application submitted by a current school parent. Personally, I would like to see more applications from the current parent / guardian pool. On the other hand, we are also very open to receiving applications from community members and exceptional leaders who do NOT have children in our school, (or future children in our school).

Depending upon the candidate pool, we will add at least two new Board Members for the 2016-2017 school year. First and foremost we seek talented, dedicated people with the time and energy to commit to the ANCS Governing Board. Additionally, we are interested in people who bring the following attributes or skills:

- 1) Diversity
- 2) Internet Technology skills
- 3) Fund Raising / Public Relations skills
- 4) Government and Public Policy experience / connections
- 5) Educational Background (Extensive teaching experience / graduate work)

6) CPA / finance skills.

We will begin accepting applications on Monday, January 18, 2016. The application form will be posted on the ANCS website. The last day to submit applications is Friday, February 26, 2016. We will interview potential candidates in March of 2016.

If interested, please have look at the materials on the ANCS website, <http://atlncs.org/board>. If questions, feel free to contact me at [LFinlayson@ATLNCS.org](mailto:LFinlayson@ATLNCS.org), or contact the Board Chair, Mitch White at [MWhite@ATLNCS.org](mailto:MWhite@ATLNCS.org). Also, feel free to come to a Board Meeting. The next meeting is January 19, 2016.

Thank you all for being a part of our great school and for continuing to support the great work that our teachers and school leaders do !

*- Leigh Finlayson*  
ANCS Board Member