Strategic Plan

- Committee: Mary Campbell-Jenkins, Suzanne Mitchell, Terry Roth, Susan Cannon, Cheryll Booth, Elizabeth Hearn, and Kari Lovell
- External Stakeholders: List given to Erik Speakman
- Strategic Planning Board Session:
 - November 16th Druid Hills Country Club (Big Thank You to Gabe!)

Strategic Plan Survey and Focus Groups

- External Stakeholder Survey
- Board Survey
- Staff Survey & Focus Groups
 - October 11th, 12 –1:30, all Staff Focus Group,
 - Focus Group with NTRP (date; TBD Elizabeth Hearn to serve as key Liaison with NTRP staff,)
 - Focus Group up to 15 staff (cross-section and cross-grade representation)

Students:

- Focus Group of up to 15 students representing a diversity of the parent community (date; TBD).
- Parent Survey & Focus Groups
 - (2–3 Groups of 15 parents)
 - October 8th at PTCA Meeting

Business Operations Report

- YTD Financials through 8/31/13
 - Profit and Loss Statement (see statement)
 - Cash flow Statement (see statement)
- Update: "Line of Credit"
 - \$200K LOC we plan pay it back in October 2013
- FY14 APS Allocation:
 - APS allocation reflects 635 FTEs
 - Updated Allocation payment expected in December 2013
 - FY14 Funding for ANCS @ \$8,826 per FTE
 - FY14 Funding for ANCS @ \$8,117 per FTE (remove pension funding)
- NTRP Reimbursement \$118K filed
- Security System for Pavilion Street Door
- Middle School Title 1 allocation 47K (budgeted 25K)

Business Operations Dashboard

Finance "Big Rocks"	Operations "Big Rocks"		
 Pension Funding resolution (Dec 13) FY15 Budgeting Model (Jan 14) Refinancing Plan for MC (May 14) Fixed Asset Audit completion (Jun 14) Establish operating cash reserve (Jan 14) Policy Manual Updates (Ongoing) 	 □ Building Service Request Service System (Oct 13) □ Virtual File Cabinet (Nov 13) □ Technology Plan (Jun 14) □ Building & Grounds Plan for MC (Jun 14) □ Policy Manual Updates (Ongoing) 		
Cash in the Bank (as of 8/31/13)	\$101K		
Operating Cash Reserve (Cash + Investments)	\$607K		
Line of Credit (accessed in July 13)	(\$200K)		
# Students (as of 8/31/13)	669		
YTD Operation Income or (Loss) (as of 8/31/13)	(\$476K)		

Fund Development

Informational Items

Annual Campaign Report Update:

July/August Earnings: \$8,630.90

August 2013 Annual Campaign Earnings.pdf

- Aetna Grant Submission:
 - ED submitting grant to Aetna Foundation for \$25,000 to create a "Southeast Atlanta Fit for Life Project"
- Upcoming Events:
 - 3rd Friday Coffee
 - Annual Campaign Kickoff: Week of September 23rd
 - Morning Meeting Presentation
 - ED Email to ANCS families
 - Morning Meeting/Afternoon "Fund Drive"

Executive Director's Report

- Year-to-Date Performance Dashboard
- Teacher Keys (TKES) and Leader Keys (LKES)
- Communication and Curriculum Update
- Stakeholder Satisfaction Surveys
- Student Enrollment Charter Amendment

Monthly Overview

ANCS Performance Dashboard	K-8	Elementary	Middle
2013-14	Aug	Aug	Aug
Student Academic Performance Percentage of students meeting standards in each skill area % of 5th grade students meeting ANCS standards in writing			
% of 8th grade students meeting ANCS standards in writing STAR - Reading (% of students showing NPR growth)			
STAR - Math (% of students showing NPR growth)			
STAR - Reading (average NPR)	66%	70%	61%
STAR - Math (average NPR)	69%	70%	66%
School Climate & Culture			
Level 3/4 behavior incidents	1	0	1
Student survey responses (% of students who feel safe at school)			
Mobility (% enrolled on day 1 who are currently enrolled)	99%	99%	99%
Average Daily Student Attendance	98%	99%	97%
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Stakeholder Satisfaction			
Student Satisfaction			
Parent Satisfaction			
Staff Satisfaction			
Leadership & Organizational Performance			
Employee evaluations (% of employees proficient/exemplary in formative evaluations)			
Number of formative evaluations completed			
Average Daily Faculty/Staff Attendance	96%	96%	96%
Financial & Operational Management			
Annual campaign goals met			
Expense categories within budgeted amount	Yes		
Positive net operating income	Yes		

Communication and Curriculum Update

- Grade level teams developed school-home communication expectations
- Focused on how, what, how often, and by what means teachers will communicate with parents on:
 - Curriculum and project overviews
 - Student performance and progress
 - Homework and home expectations
 - Ongoing class and/or advisory updates

Communication and Curriculum Update

- Leadership at each campus reviewed expectations
- Parents given expectations at curriculum nights in past few weeks
- Effectiveness of expectations will be assessed through:
 - Campus leadership team check-ins
 - Parent satisfaction surveys and focus group
 - Teacher satisfaction surveys and focus group

Communication and Curriculum Update

- Grade level and content teams submitting collaborative unit plans to campus leadership for review and feedback
- K-8 curriculum "big picture" document content completed by teaching teams
- Document to be formatted for consistency and presented in October

- As part of federal Race to the Top funding, Georgia developed new teacher and leader evaluation systems: Teacher Keys (TKES) & Leader Keys (LKES)
- More detailed information about TKES and LKES on GADOE website
- GA law will require all public schools including charters—to use TKES & LKES starting in SY 2013–14

- ANCS leaders participated in DOE-led trainings
 - TKES: ED, Principals, Assistant Principals, Special Education Coordinator
 - LKES: ED, Principals, Board Governance Chair

TKES

- For all lead teachers
- Teaching practice assessed in 10 domains by:
 - Walk-throughs (at least 4)
 - Classroom observations (at least 2)
 - Student surveys
 - Teacher-provided documentation
- Written formative and summative evaluations
- Student achievement assessed by:
 - Student Growth Percentile (CRCT)
 - Student Learning Objectives (non-tested subjects)
- Teacher Effectiveness Measure
 - 50% teaching practice, 50% student achievement

LKES

- For principals, assistant principals, special education coordinator
- Leadership practice assessed in 8 domains by:
 - Observations of leader
 - Faculty/staff surveys
 - Leader-provided documentation
- Written formative and summative evaluations
- Student achievement assessed by school's:
 - Student Growth Percentile
 - Student Learning Objectives
 - Achievement Gap reduction
- Leader Effectiveness Measure
 - 70% student achievement, 30% leadership

- Many questions about TKES/LKES remain unanswered—for example:
 - Electronic platform for managing these processes: how much effort is needed to use them?
 - How valid and reliable are the SGP and SLO measures?
 - What is process for creating our own SLOs?
 - What use—if any—will charter schools be expected to have for TEM and LEM scores?
 - Who outside of school will be able to see individuals' TEM and LEM scores?
- Conflicting information from APS and DOE on these and other questions

- Proposed plan for ANCS for 2013–14
 - Use teacher and leader practice components of systems for evaluations for lead teachers and school administrators
 - Consider student achievement—using variety of measures—in these evaluations but do not use SGPs and SLOs
 - Continue to use ANCS criteria and process for evaluations of associate teachers and support staff

Next steps:

- Continue to seek answers to questions from DOE and APS – ongoing
- Present TKES/LKES information to faculty/staff for feedback and discussion – September
- Board approval of using elements of TKES/LKES for evaluations during this "hold harmless" year – October
- Begin using modified TKES/LKES process and hold structured conversations with faculty about the teacher and leader practice domains - October

Stakeholder Satisfaction Surveys

- Collaborating with GSU doctoral students to refine stakeholder surveys given by school
- Developed short "satisfaction surveys" for students, teachers/staff, and parents
- Each survey has 15-18 questions
 - 15-17 core questions will appear on each survey
 - 2-3 questions will change on each survey for feedback on specific areas
- Satisfaction surveys will be distributed four times during school year and results analyzed by leadership team

Stakeholder Satisfaction Surveys

- In addition to periodic satisfaction surveys, we will continue to have annual surveys for students and parents to give feedback about specific classes/teachers and school administration and for faculty/staff to give feedback about school administration
- Annual surveys will be given in March

Student Enrollment

- Current ANCS student enrollment higher than projected in charter petition
- APS Office of Innovation has asked for school to submit amendment to charter to reflect higher student enrollment level
- Amendment language will be brought to ANCS board for approval before going to APS board prior to registration for SY 2014-15