



Amana Academy Meeting Minutes

Date:	September 29, 2007		
Location:	School Activity Room		
Subject:	September 2007 School Governing Board Meeting		
Written By:	Hosny Mohamed	Written Date:	September 30, 2007
Attendees:			
Board	Maher Budeir, Nada Diab, Pam Holloway, Hosny Mohamed, Tahir Qazi, Russ Thomas. <i>Darryl Brown is out of town.</i>		
Administration	Amaris Mohler, Gloria McLean, Jelena Naim,		
Staff/Parents	Tennille Adams, Jana Alwakeel, Angelique Barnett, Jean-Jacques Credi, Anika Daniels, Dajaouida Bensaadoun, Vicky Castro, Cheryl Dill, Rana Darvesh, Sukhpal Dhillon, Julia Ramsey-Guy, Brooke Heimed, Karen Helz, Gloria McClean, Leslie Morrison, Sami Tunick, Maria Vaughan		
Parents/Community	Engy Abdalla, Walid and Danna Altarkawi, Lemiya Alexander, Nancy Baker, Shaheen Bharde, Shelia Barbour, Kathleen Davis, Andrea and Von Gatewood, Tom Georges, Jeffery Guy, Ayesha Haddad, Janna Hakim, Lynne Hedgepeth, Fiona Howell, Chiu-Hea Hills, Ehab Jaleel, Jabeen Jaleel, Heather Jaquith, Lauren Lewis, Cynthia Lucas, Nighat Malik, Khaleel Mawad, Allison Milton, Eklas Mohammed, Iqbal Mohammed, Adnan Naqvi, Sherri Naqvi, Nurudeen Olayiwola, Shadra Perkins, Natasha Pittman, Robert and Sandra Rose, L. Scott, C. Shubert, Rieke Sullivan, Muhammad Siraj, Sadaf Tatari, Patricia Thompson, Helen Wong, Karen Wilkins, Josette Willingham <i>See the attached sing-in sheet</i>		

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1.	Meeting agenda – due to the recent development caused by the PIE events, Maher made a motion to change the meeting agenda to address the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amana Budget Status • questions raised during the recent development • Answer any other questions or concerns Attending Board members accepted.		
1.1	Before starting with the revised agenda, Maher urged the community to attend Amana's Board monthly meeting and use the occasion to address their questions and concerns.		

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2.	<p>Pam made a presentation covering the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulton County School Budget Process Works [see the attached presentation slides] • Budgeted Expense detail (handout) • 2006-2007 audit report <p>The presentation also emphasized the complexity of FC allocation calculation and the associated elaborate budget timeline.</p>		
2.1	<p>In conclusion, despite the fact that Amana is under funded when compared to the district per-pupil spending, the current budget for the 07-08 school year is completely covered by the updated allocation of \$2.8M and with projected contingency reserve of \$164,600. Reference slide 6.</p>		
2.2	<p>Part of the under funding outlined in slide 4 is due to Amana being the ONLY charter school that has elementary/middle mix [K-8] for which FCS doesn't have a financial model yet. Maher, Pam and Amaris are working with the FC School Board members, superintendent, and budget department to get Amana its due and fair allocation.</p> <p>Amana community involvement and participate in FCS board and individual School Board members community meetings is urgently needed to show support for Amana's issues and to build good rapport with FCS.</p>	All	Next FCS Board related Meetings
2.3	<p>The Independent Accountants audit report was shown with its conclusion that the financial position of Amana Academy is "in conformity with accounting principles general accepted in Untied states of America". A hard copy of the report is available for the public to view at the front desk starting next week.</p>		
2.4	<p>Q&A discussion covered cost allocations for custodial, EL contract, professional development expenses including travel and lodging, and janitorial supplies.</p>		
3.	<p>Amaris led a presentation addressing 17 questions raised during the developments of last week. With the participation of staff and Board members the presentation covered questions related to financials, board activities, education, and operation.</p>		
4.	<p>Other topics discussed are:</p>		
4.1	<p>Fund Raising – Andrea presented the outlines of the fund raising plan for this school year. The plan facilitates lessons learned from last year classroom fund raising practices and includes establishing a calendar for a better planning.</p>		

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4.2	Security – Amaris explained the current security arrangement addressing the front lobby, the back, and pickup/dismissal. She also listed issues that she’s working on addressing such as security cameras and/or access cards.		
4.3	New Amana parents – an orientation program is needed for new parents joining Amana. The program should address Amana operational organization structure and its relation with the parental organization, communications with teacher and administration.	Amaris	Next School Year
4.4	Communication – parents need to have a better understanding of how the Board is aligned with the administration, crews, parental organization, and other Amana non-educational activities.	Maher	Work in Progress
4.5	PIE – a community meeting will be held to discuss the future of PIE and future Amana parental organization. Parents want the Board to make sure that in future arrangement Amana related communication tools not to be used in disruptive manner again and people are held accountable	Amaris	TBA

Attachment:

- *Fulton County School Budget Process Works presentation slides*
- *A scanned image of the sign-in sheet*