Amana Academy Governance Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 2, 2020
Start/End: 8:00 AM
Attendees: Board Members: Jack Murphy, Christina Lennon, Errol Williams, Chad Cunningham, Robert Berris, Misty Fernandez, Doannie Tran, Kaamilah Chester, Others: Ehab Jaleel, Najla Abdul-Khaliq, Helene Brown, Kristi Davis, Niki Fox, Arelis Elfiky; and A’Donna Garrett, Jessica Spraggins, Zafar Khan (joined at 9 AM); Kristina Leidner (joined at 9 AM)

I. Meeting Norms reviewed
II. Slice of Amana Life: Introduction of PTO Officers: A’donna Garrett & Jessica Spraggins El-Aboudi
III. Financial Report - Kristi Davis:
   A. September/quarter-end financial review. 75% or more of our remaining spend at the end of Q1.
   B. Vote to approve - Kaamilah moves, Misty seconded; motion carried
   C. Audit report - clean audit; finance committee has reviewed and approved and it has been submitted to FCS. Reviewed Agreed Upon Procedures by Martial Jones.
   D. Review of FY21 Budget - discussion of excess expenditures -
   E. Christina asks for a motion to approve column J - Jack moves, seconded by Misty; motion carried.
   F. Misty spoke with Graham Huff at the Fulton Education Foundation about keeping us in mind for chromebook funding.
IV. Executive Update - Ehab
   A. Compliance
      1. Annual Report review. No discussion. Christina calls for a motion to approve the annual report - Chad moves; Errol seconded; motion carries
      2. Letter of Assurances - language changed to reflect our autonomy to determine our own reentry plan, FCS has to review, but can’t dictate our plan. Christina calls for a motion to approve - __________moves, Jack/Misty second; motion carries
      3. SCSC virtual training sessions
V. Annual Work Plan - Christina
   A. Discussion of Workstreams - Chad asks whether we’re reimagining or just tweaking an already great product; asks whether we should have an entire workstream around Amana West.
   B. Doannie - asks about bullet 3 on workstream 3 - are those things linked and how are they linked?
   C. Deep Dive around short-term imperatives - Ehab
   D. Next steps - committees review their individual workstreams and come back in November with actionable to-dos.
VI. Academic Excellence Committee - Doannie
   A. Developing some tests of key-assumptions related to reopening. Partnering with teachers and families to determine what works and what doesn’t.
VII. Advancement Committee - Jack
   A. Board Ask for Annual Fund gifts
VIII. Governance Committee - Zafar
   A. Second read of bylaws revisions - want to have a complete draft by November Board meeting.
IX. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:27