

AMANA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 24, 2007

Location: Amana Academy

Present: Russ, Pam, Maher, Tahir, Amaris, Sumayya

Recorder: Nada Diab

Meeting started at 9:30am

- A. Election Results – Elections results were announced.
 - 1. Tahir Qazi was reelected for a second term and Darryl Brown was newly elected.
 - 2. New Board will begin working together on March 1, 2007
 - 3. First official meeting of new board will be on March 17, 2007 as a Community Potluck Meeting.
 - 4. April – Board Development Meeting

- B. Development – Andrea Cooper- Gatewood spoke on behalf of committee
 - 1. The committee will plan yearly starting every February
 - 2. Ms. Cooper-Gatewood reviewed the previous week's development workshop.
 - 3. They did a SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) and came up with two priorities for funding, Charter actualization, and facilities. A follow up meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2007.

- C. Business Committee
 - 1. Projection at end of year should be positive
 - 2. The main goal of the preliminary budget is to determine how much money is available for human resources.
 - 3. Board recommended that there should be no vote on budget until have information about funds receiving from Fulton County.
 - 4. Maher suggested analysis and further discussion on where the Business Committee fits into the current Board structure.

- D. Strategic Plan
 - 1. 5 year plan starting today
 - 2. **Action Item** – Tahir will develop Strategic Plan within the next 12 weeks.

- E. Administration Reports:
 - 1. Enrollment/Lottery – Lottery will proceed as planned.
 - a.) **Action Item** – Amaris to send weekly reports about enrollment.
 - 2. Policy Changes

- a.) Family Contract – commitment from families to certain number of volunteer hours is being considered.
- b.) Dismissal – need to change time for dismissal next year to 3:30 in order to accommodate middle school. Need to determine what to do with elementary school.
- c.) Student Individual Education Plans – need to introduce individualized study plans next year.
- d.) Lengthening days in staff contract – from 190 days to 195.
- e.) Dismissal Procedure – dismissal will commence from classrooms instead of congregating in gym in order to give teachers every minute of the day.

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