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 schedules 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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