

Amana Academy Governing Board Meeting
October 21, 2015

Attendance: Calvin Stamps, Kristina Leidner Eisenhardt, Nada Diab, Crystal Canaday, Maher Budeir, Cherisse Campbell, Ehab Jaleel, Kristi Davis

****Kristina Eisenhardt has Leslie Link's proxy vote**

Meeting began 7:06 pm

Finance - presented by Kristi Davis

- Expectation is to stay within budget
- FY15 Audit is completed
- Last month Kristi Davis learned the Title 1 School financial requirements - Fulton County will purchase the required supplies from an Amana Academy list. November - green light to begin Title 1 programs.
- \$150,000 less cash on hand than expected - this is because of several reasons: Fulton County gave Amana Academy less \$ than anticipated, The returning teacher bonus was figured into this year's budget, The upfront start of school year expenses that had to be purchased within the first few months of the fiscal year.
- Suggestions/plan to prevent these issues next year: Fundraising to start at the beginning of the school year, Monitor cash flow, Put reserve aside - to focus on the cash
- Kristina announced the award of the Community Foundation Grant - this is \$80,000 over 2 years (\$40,000/year). Prestigious grant - this is the premier foundation for this type of grant. Amana Academy competed with all nonprofits - not just schools. Amana Academy is the only school who was awarded this grant for this year. This opens the door to other grants. Non-restricted money - Amana Academy can choose to spend it in any manner
- **Governing Board approved the finances**

Governance Committee - presented by Kristina Leidner Eisenhardt

- Announced a change in bylaws concerning the Governing Board
- New makeup of the governing board will be 9-15 members consisting of:
- 8 parents (5 elementary/middle reps, 3 high school reps) - voted by Amana Academy parents
- 7 community members - appointed through the governing board
- New term for board members will be 2 year term from July 1 - June 30 - this was done in order to coincide with the mandated state governance training.
- Elections will be held in March with new member orientation on July 1

Executive Director's Report - presented by Ehab Jaleel

- Ehab presented the 2015 Annual Report From due to the state by November 1 or whenever scores are released. Must be voted upon by board before submittal.
Board approved the format.
- Ehab discussed the seat reservation fee for all recommitments and new enrollments for next school year - the money collected will be nonrefundable but will be used towards supply fees and field study fees that would have otherwise been collected

- anyway from all parents in the fall.
- Cherisse Campbell presented the topics for Professional Learning Community this year - these are issues being discussed, studied, and implemented as a community. They meet once every 3/4 weeks - currently in ASK/brainstorming phase, achievement data will be collected, and exploration/discussion about what changes, if any should be made. This is all based on authentic research. These topics are: Boys Achievement in single gender classes, HOWLS implementation, Authentic Literacy integration, STEM integration
- **Kristina announced that this is the last board meeting for Maher Budeir - he will be replaced by a community board member - to be appointed through the existing board.**