

Amana Academy Board Meeting

August 25, 2012

- Maher reviewed agenda

- Ehab Report

First two weeks very inspiring

- A lot of Strain $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{New Protocol} \\ \text{New Leadership} \end{array} \right.$

- Yet classroom are sheltered

- Staff very committed

- Filtered changes at the door

- 130+ students YOY

- Renovations this Summer

- Still in Heavy duty Planning mode

- Developing EL Planning document

- School Improvement Plan \rightarrow EL Plan \rightarrow SACS Certification

- A lot of expertise on staff to analyze and understand data

- New Admin Structure at Fulton County

- A Whole other organization to support Chartered Schools

- At state level a lot of news around State Charter Amendment

- State Superintendent rejects amendment

- Discuss the amendment with parents in multiple venues

- Newsletter, Community Circle, Townhall, etc...

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- make it an informational meeting only

Accreditation

- Meeting this week w/ Ehab
- A Timeline and milestone identified
- Requirement list changing
- Understanding requirements

EL feedback on our strength and weakness

- Middle School improved
- In Elementary we can do better in Science and Social Studies
- Going to take the MAP Test in Science this year
- Classrooms have a wide distribution abilities
- Admin to focus on day to day learnings
- Requested all teachers to provide lesson plans
- Goals:
 - Create a data informed culture
 - Set goals that improve all Students
 - Students in all grades will create and reflect on at least one stem project.

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Financials

- Auditors are on
- Try to get a draft by mid Sept
- July Financials posted
- Need to look at cashflow especially with debt payment vs Rent
- Cash Balance \$110k
- Ehab requested Pam to present staff with how we are funded
- Looking to change our accounting software

Facility Committee

- Underwriter selected - Dougherty and Robert Van
- Ran it past the County Finance, no objections
- Earnest monies wired
- Day 60 Sept 10
- Day 90 Oct 10
- Timeline showing the different aspects
 - need to do that and put it on a web site
- State requirement done and will be sent out to the State
- State needs 6 weeks to approve

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- Ehab met with estimator to price Phase I

Development Committee

- Facility Grants
 - Applied for this year
 - Max funding potential of \$200k

Maier read Craig's report

Need to re-engage the consultant to start funding for the school

International Festival - October 20, 2012

State of the School - Oct. 25, 2012 changed to Sept. 27, 2012

Maier - reviewed Board Calendar Draft

- Add community meetings to encourage people to attend
- Strategic planning by Feb
- Curriculum night Sept 18, 19, & 20
- Apple picking Sept. 29, 2012