Amana Academy Board Meeting
August 25, 2012

- Maher reviewed agenda
- Ehab Report
  First two weeks very inspiring
  - A lot of strain < New Protocol
  - Yet classroom are sheltered
  - Staff very committed
  - Filtered changes at the door
  - 130+ students YOY
  - Renovation this Summer
  - Still in heavy duty Planning mode
  - Developing EL Planning document
  - School Improvement Plan — EL Plan — SACCS Certification
  - A lot of expertise on Staff to analyze and understand data
  - New Admin Structure @ 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, Town hall, 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 learning
- 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.
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 stuff with how we are funded
- Looking to change our accounting software

Facility Committee
- Underwriter selected - Doherty 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 website
- State requirement done and will be sent out to the State
- State needs 6 weeks to approve
- Ehab met with estimator to price Phase I

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

Maker read Craig's report

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

International Festival - October 20, 2012


Maker - 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