

Amana Governing Board Meeting – February 27, 2016

- STEM certification update
- Milestones / EL Expedition report out
 - o ESOL update – testing challenges, preparing for online milestone testing
 - o Ramp up to 100% online testing within 5 years. 50%, then 80%, then 100%. This is a district requirement
- Career Day update
- Charter schools are not being included in the upcoming SPLOST referendum. Discussion held on current feeling of the Fulton County School Board towards charter schools given the situation that occurred at Latin Academy.
- Discussion on how to navigate FCSB to obtain funding.
- Updates on Extra Curricular:
 - o Model UN, some awards won
 - o Science Fair – Amana student took 1st in Chemistry
 - o Glee club started – 4th through 8th, T/R 7am
 - o Science Olympiad competition is coming up in March.
- Notices of possible retention have been sent out
- Title I planning – funds can now be used to benefit all children. 105 chromebooks are on the way! They are assigned to particular students for now, next year will be in a school-wide kitty.
- Financial Report:
 - o Transition to new budgeting methodology complete
 - o Provides a more solid and predictable budget going forward
 - o Tracking to revised budget
 - o Expect to break even or better since first three months of the year, expect to continue this.
 - o Cash range is good and where it should be
 - o May not make loan / bond metrics for this year, can put solid budget plan in place for next year.
 - o Budget unanimously approved by the board.
- Enrollment:
 - o Class sizes still below Fulton Co. standards
 - o 91% recommit rate
- 2020 Vision:
 - o Becoming a regional and national dissemination leader for innovative programs and practices
 - o Middle school STEM certification achieved!!!! Elementary in progress.
- High School:
 - o Emory students are now actively involved in the curriculum development
 - o Ms. Campbell and others went with them to Discovery High School this week
 - o We don't have working capital with which to do a renovations, have submitted a grant application to the Federal Government for help.
- Melissa Ginsbuerg is the new Charter School liason for Fulton County
- Have tentative keynote speakers for the gala.
- Sqwalk and Walk is May 7th