



AGENDA

Amana Academy Governing Board Meeting

Saturday, September 26, 2015

9:00am-11:00am

	Agenda Item	Presenter/ Facilitator	Desired Outcome	Notes
1.0	Executive Committee –9:00 to 9:30; 9:45-10:15			Called to order 9:05
	IN attendance: Kristina, Leslie Jensen-Link, Calvin Stamps, Nada Diab, <i>voting by proxy</i> , Steve Sherman, Crystal Canaday; Ehab Jaleel Community: Niki Fox, Cherisse Campbell, Stephanie Dean, Jessica El-Aboudi, George Compiani, Jose Quintana			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leslie Jensen-Link announced as newest board member (replacing Michelle Engel) • Norms

	Opening Announcements			
	Executive Director's Report	Ehab/Cherisse	Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached. • Review of compliance checklist from FCS - next deadline: audit submitted to FCS; HQ teachers; October - Annual Report to GADOE • Review of KANO partnership. Beneficial for both the K-8 and for prospects for the HS project. County seems to be viewing us as a "learning lab" of sorts - Patrick Burke requested pics of the Makers Space bc they want to introduce this idea in other FC schools. Speaks to need for more partnerships of this kind. Comment from Community <i>Stephanie Dean - Bosch would be interested in supporting a STEM academy like this (if FCS endorses this program). If we could impact other schools, Bosch would love it.</i> • Academic Updates from Ms. Campbell - STAR testing is complete across the school, now digging into data. Starting remediation. Interesting trends along

				<p>economically disadvantaged students. Achievement gap increases as they go up in grade level, but those with the largest gap have only been here for 1-2 years. Doing targeted remediation with them. If they've been here for a while, the gap isn't as large. Expeditions have kicked off. Title I - required to have parent meetings. First parent info meeting will be at the next PIE meeting - around STAR data, how to support students at home. Have identified where we need support teachers, waiting on budget approval.</p> <p>Professional development - boys achievement, HOWLS, etc. EL Credentialing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greening Amana - going back to our economic roots.
	Committee Report	Kristina	Report	
	FC Interim Report	Kristina	Action	Interim Report from Laura Stowell - no mandated actions, only suggestions. Response drafted related to addressing those suggested actions.
	GADOE Report and Academic Form	Kristina	Action	Not out yet - table for next month.

	High School Update	Ehab/Leslie	Report	<p>Lots of Field Work going on; big wins with Goizueta and Gwinnet Tech, has great implications for the K8 as well. Still working on ATDC and The Alpharetta Innovation Center. Offering dual enrollment through Gwinnet tech, possibility of Entrepreneurship Certificate or Associates Degree upon graduation. Marketing is going to be key.</p> <p>Need to start writing amendment and working with Fulton County and the Incubator.</p> <p>Incubator will pay for EL costs during planning time, as well as training for the principal and start up operating costs (back office support).</p>
2.0	Financial Report – 9:30-9:45			
	Monthly Financials Review	Jose/Calvin	Report/Action	<p>Jose Quintana from AcuityCFO -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review of P&L (INFO: changing reporting from a cash basis to an accrual basis - will affect comparisons from past years to this year and future financial reporting. This is reflected specifically in the bonuses that were paid in July). Also - income reflects projected numbers, not

				<p>actual 10-day count numbers. This will get trued up in October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance Sheet review; Calvin suggests moving cash reserve to a separate account. • Analysis - comparison of academic expenses (not including operating) this year vs. last year • Discussion around funding model from county and inequity. Work being done around SPLOST funding, truing up our numbers around EIP/support. Suggestion to set up meeting with Patrick Burke, Laura, Calvin, Ehab, Kristina and Kristi to discuss funding. Maybe talk to Linda Schultz before she leaves Board. • August Financials approved.
3.0	Fund Development Committee Report 10:15 to 10:30			
	Committee Report	Ehab/Niki	Report	<p>Annual Fund kicked off - \$50k goal Banquet - planning started (Calvin suggested having it on campus) Community Foundation Common Good Fund Grant - should hear something in October</p>
4.0	Governance Committee Report 10:30 to 10:45			

	Bylaws	Kristina/Ehab	Report/Action	<p>2 Motions</p> <p>1. Add a HS committee to the Board</p> <p>2. Add HS to the 2020Vision as a 6th Goal.</p> <p>Voted - approved</p> <p>3. Expanding the Board - to be presented at the October meeting, vote in November.</p>
	MS Spring Break International Trip	Ehab	Action	<p>To Jordan - need to vote so we can announce to community. Organized tour, safe.</p> <p>Voted - approved</p>
5.0	Community Feedback 10:45 to 11:00			
				Adjourned at 11:10