

Meeting Minutes



Meeting Type: Monthly Public Board meeting	September 28, 2010
<p><u>Board Members Present:</u> Tracy Blair, Lynn Hedgepeth, Andrea Cooper Gatewood, Maher Budeir, Majd Almoayd, Nada Diab, Carrie Doulfikhar, Shuaib Ahmed</p> <p><u>Board Members Absent:</u> None</p>	<p>Recorder: Ehab Jaleel Start: 6:30 PM End: 8:05 PM</p>

DISCUSSION TOPICS	ACTION ITEMS
<p><u>Fund Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants – committee is now focused on preparing for dissemination grant application Foundations – contacts made to culled down list of potential foundations has yielded mixed results with a few good prospects. Friends of Amana (FOA) – timeline was presented, and Board members discussed possibly creating a separate website for it. Maher asking other Board members to lead FOA, because the plan is good – just need someone to lead it. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> MAHER – identify someone to lead FOA ALL - Set up regular schedule committee meetings to move actions forward
<p><u>Debrief Fulton County Schools Governance Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The session was well attended by FCS charter schools FCS proud of Amana and the progress we made Schools were encouraged “to make sure to avoid lawsuits” FCS displaying a much higher level of collaboration and leveraging charters for innovation Indication we will get more data to compare with other campuses Lessons – as a charter school we have the ability to limit new admissions (by grade or class size or period of time) as long as we do not discriminate between prospective students Lessons shared – good idea to have a policy on prayer in school; should follow Fulton County 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ANDREA – to take items to policy
<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>The Administration shared with Board potential changes needed in the Personnel Category pending Fulton County’s “10-Day Enrollment Count” per the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need someone to manage SST process – min ½ time position. Do we have someone who can do it? Yes. AP, Counselor, Social Worker type. They would be a coordinator 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> EHAB to Set Up meeting with Business Crew on Friday and come back to Board with new Budget proposal EHAB to get more details on special Needs

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Ed – need ½ time • IT – increase hours to 4 days per week or fulltime 	
<p><u>Bylaws</u></p> <p>Maher described to proposed changes to the bylaws.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 3.08 Accepted all new language • Section 6.01 Accepted all new language • Section 6.07 Deleted • Section 11.02 Keep two-thirds requirement 	
<p><u>School Improvement Plans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulton County has now included start-up charter schools in its school improvement plan cycle, which seeks to increase student achievement by focusing on specific objective goals • Ehab presented the categories. Based on 2010 CRCT scores, Amana’s focus will be on math and middle school social studies, since these are areas where we have plans in place already • With respect to special needs services, Administration reminded to be up front with parents about what our resources allow for and how we service students vis-à-vis Expeditionary Learning (push-in vs. pull-out) and being diligent about record keeping. 	