

Meeting Minutes



Meeting Type: Public Board meeting	June 22, 2013
<p><u>Board Members Present:</u> Maher Budeir, Craig Dean, Nada Diab, Kristina Eisenhardt, Abdul Ghalayini, Ehab Jaleel, Mulham Shbeib, Calvin Stamps</p> <p><u>Board Members Absent:</u> Andrea Cooper-Gatewood, Steve Sherman</p>	<p>Recorder: Mulham Shbeib Start: 9:00 AM End: 11:00 AM</p>

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<p><u>Executive Directors Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ehab provided an overview of the planning that is taking place for the upcoming academic year. Ehab attended a three day workshop with various principals and administrators throughout the region. He updated the board on these meetings with a few of the takeaways being: 1. Fulton County is impressed with Amana Academy’s accomplishments. 2. Fulton County is soliciting proposals for new charter schools. 3. Fulton County is offering a PD360 and Amana will have access to these online professional development (PD) tools for lesson planning, collaboration, and more. Ehab was joined by Dr. Arpante and Ms. McClure during the 2nd day, which comprised of various breakout sessions with workshop attendees. Ehab provided an update on the transportation (i.e. bus) options available for the upcoming year. Ehab provided an update regarding the Georgia Charter School Association’s efforts in starting new charter schools. Ehab and his team are currently developing a structured calendar approach for the upcoming academic year (2013-2014). Ehab provided an update regarding the facility construction and its accompanying timelines. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new building is being planned as well. Amana has also applied for a \$180,000 facilities grant. 	
<p><u>Committee Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance Committee: Maher led a discussion on potentially transitioning our board from founding members and elected parents to a mix of elected members and community leaders. Fund Development: Craig provided an update on the planning that is taking place for the upcoming academic year. The committee is working on increasing parent and community participation while also reaching out to potential new corporate sponsors. The capital campaign was also discussed. Business Committee: Amana’s CFO, Pam, presented and led a discussion on Amana’s current year financials and budget for the upcoming academic year. Although Amana is currently accruing for expenses associated with real estate taxes (i.e. building purchase), we need to make sure our attorney files an exemption for these taxes. Charter Renewal: Nada provided an update regarding the charter renewal. We 	

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have met with Fulton County's Charter Liaison, Ms. Laura Stowell and Amana is progressing toward our renewal application. The application is due September 21, 2013.	