

Meeting Minutes



Meeting Type: Public Board meeting	July 27, 2013
<u>Board Members Present:</u> Maher Budeir, Craig Dean, Nada Diab, Kristina Eisenhardt, Ehab Jaleel, Mulham Shbeib, Steve Sherman <u>Board Members Absent:</u> Abdul Ghalayini, Calvin Stamps	Recorder: Mulham Shbeib Start: 9:00 AM End: 11:15 AM

DISCUSSION TOPICS	ACTION ITEMS
<p><u>Executive Directors Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Authorizer Update:</u> Ehab provided an update on Fulton County School transportation services for the upcoming academic year and a few of the transportation challenges that Amana is facing. Ehab also reviewed and led a discussion on the compliance checklist that was prepared by Laura Stowell. An update was also provided on the school improvement plan (SIP) and the Annual Report that is due 9/30/13. Additionally, Ehab provided an update regarding the Georgia Charter School Association’s efforts in starting new charter schools. Ehab also discussed Amana’s upcoming access to the FCS portal (intranet). <u>Department of Education:</u> Ehab provided an update regarding the DOE grant and Amana is anticipating it will receive \$150,000 of federal grants for 2014. <u>Georgia Charter Schools Association:</u> Ehab attended the GCSA board meeting and provided an update regarding the development of charter schools in the region. <u>North Fulton Chamber:</u> Ehab, along with the Partners in Education (PIE) are involved in various North Fulton Chamber events, with the focus being on developing positive relationships with the business community. <u>Facilities Update:</u> Ehab provided an update regarding the Middle School renovation. It is scheduled for completion in October and a Middle School tour is scheduled for August 7th. Additionally, Taggart Driving has relocated and our property manager, JWB, is working on getting other tenants moved while also providing facilities management support. A focus will shortly shift to starting the capital campaign. <u>Academic Update:</u> The theme for the upcoming year will be “Back to the Future” and the full year calendar has been planned out. Emphasis will be on various norms and routines and developing consistencies in meetings, learning targets, protocols, workshop models, and more. The Teacher Keys Evaluation System (TKES) will align with EL. The September board meeting will provide a full academic update for the School Improvement Plan. Ehab also compared statistics of new Amana students versus 4 year students in regards to test scores. <u>First Day Readiness:</u> Amana welcomes a wonderful group of teachers and new teacher orientation has been scheduled. Teachers will prep the week of August 5th and a new parent townhall is scheduled on August 7th. Open House will be August 12th. The business office is introducing new efficiencies and Amana is working on new carpooling procedures. Amana’s IT infrastructure will 	

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<p>also include making the school wireless.</p>	
<p><u>Committee Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Executive Committee</u>: Kristina shared the dates of board meetings for the upcoming year. These dates and times can be found on Amana’s website. Additionally meetings between the board and faculty are being scheduled. On July 29th, Kristina will welcome new staff and on August 7th a new parent orientation will take place. • <u>Governance Committee</u>: Kristina informed us of Andrea’s resignation from the board and Andrea was thanked for her tremendous years of service and commitment to Amana Academy. • <u>Fund Development</u>: Craig provided an update on the fund development planning that is taking place for the upcoming academic year. A grant application was submitted to the Navy and another facilities grant was applied for as well. The capital campaign was also discussed. • <u>Business Committee</u>: Mulham presented and led a discussion on Amana’s current year financials. • <u>Charter Renewal</u>: Nada provided and led a discussion on Amana’s charter renewal and shared the various deadlines and processes associated with the renewal. Parents will vote to determine if they approve of Amana’s proposed application and a majority of voting parents must approve the application. All board members are required to be fingerprinted and pass background checks as part of this renewal process. <p><u>Open Discussion</u>: PIE inquired about the various trainings that faculty will receive during the year.</p>	