

Meeting Minutes



Meeting Type: Public Board meeting	August 24, 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> Calvin Stamps	Recorder: Mulham Shbeib Start: 9:00 AM End: 11:00 AM

DISCUSSION TOPICS	ACTION ITEMS
<p><u>Executive Directors Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>FCS Update:</u> Ehab provided an update on the Fulton County School compliance checklist and discussed the steps and timelines of our charter obligations. Amana’s school improvement plan and annual report are due 9/30. • <u>Department of Education:</u> Amana is evaluating various DOE grant expansion opportunities. • <u>Facilities Update:</u> Ehab provided an update regarding Middle School renovation, which is scheduled for completion in October. Taggart’s Driving School relocation cost approximately \$25k as their new location needed to be remodeled. Ehab is taking the lead with facilities operations and will be working with JWB as the main point of contact. Amana is also in the beginning stages of starting the capital campaign. • <u>1st 10 days of School Update:</u> Ehab provided an update on the carpool situation and noted the staff is off to a wonderful start. Ehab will now be overseeing the facilities and food service areas. Ehab noted that student and family interest in the various clubs were positive and the Clubs Expo was well received. Amana staff is using the intranet and the 10 day count of students was approximately 720. • <u>Academic Planning Process:</u> Ehab discussed this process and noted the three main components include data insights, EL work plan, and implementation. • <u>Academic Update:</u> Ehab provided an update on the 1st week of school and shared the various routines taking place as well as other updates such as MAP testing, lesson plans, interim assessments, and mandatory tutoring. The goals for EL will be boosting science achievement and fostering a data informed culture. • <u>Good News:</u> Amana has become a Professional Learning Unit (PLU) credit provider. Additionally, Amana’s 1st TAG cohort has been approved. 	
<p><u>Committee Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Executive Committee:</u> Laura Stowell, Charter Coordinator of Fulton County, visited Amana and updated the school of what is to be expected from Amana administrators. Amana had a good meeting with Ms. Stowell and appreciated her insight. Kristina informed the board that two current spots are available on the board as Abdul Ghalayini resigned from the board. He was thanked for his service. The board will use the results from the last board elections in seeking a replacement for the current opening. • <u>Governance Committee:</u> There were no updates to report. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fund Development</u>: Craig discussed the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony that is being planned and shared possible dates for the event. The final date is still TBD and invite lists are being assembled. Amana is waiting to hear from the Navy regarding our grant request. • <u>Business Committee</u>: Mulham provided an update on Amana’s financials. • <u>Governance Committee</u>: There were no updates to report. • <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 application. The application is posted online for Amana parents to review and comment. Final submission of the charter renewal application will be 9/20. A majority of the voting parents will be required to vote Yes and each family will have one vote. Voting will be open for 2 weeks. The comments from the website were shared and Ehab mentioned that Amana is the only K – 8 charter school in the district. 	