

Meeting Type: Board Meeting	May 16, 2015
Board Members Present: Crystal Canaday, Nada Diab, Kristina Leidner, Calvin Stamps, Michelle Engel	Recorder: Michelle Engel Start: 8:30 AM End: 10:53 AM

DISCUSSION TOPICS	ACTION ITEMS
<p><u>Amana’s Norms:</u> Board Members <u>Executive Report:</u> Wanda McClure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propose of a time change for Elementary in order to alleviate tardiness. Proposal of 8a-3:15pm. • <u>Poll of the parents in the room.</u> Questions include does it cause congestion in the parking lot, or any issues with the Middle School siblings. Need to investigate traffic patterns, and work with our officer for feedback. Potentially a change in traffic patterns could alleviate the tardies. Open the cafeteria earlier to allow for the early kids/parents to relieve the bottle neck. • <u>Board Reco:</u> For Wanda to go back to Leadership team to have a plan by June • Proposal of new Elementary Schedule: K-2 to remain the same. 3-5 to see more minutes in Specials to allow for more Arabic. 2nd proposal is for the 3rd grade to see some semi-departmentalize teachers. This could play into the STEM plan and assist in strengthening Math and Science, and better prepare the students for the semi-departmentalized structure of 4th Grade. • Board Unanimous Approval for Elementary to move forward with proposal. <p><u>Board Training:</u> Kristina Leidner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates have to be declared by Tuesday to get booked <p><u>School Calendar:</u> Kristina Leidner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board votes on accepting the Fulton County School Calendar. <p><u>Fund Raising:</u> Nikki Fox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$22,001 raised in Squawk and Walk including the match • Annual Fund is around \$60k right now, not including recurring and matches • Fund Raising meeting on Wednesday May 20th to plan for new year • Lowe’s Grant for Toolbox for Education was granted for \$5000 towards the back of school garden <p><u>Financials:</u> Pam Halloway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satay House has left, dealing with a rent hit • Ending the year at \$180k in cash flow • Discussion of issues that affect the Bond covenants 	<p>Wanda to go back to Leadership team to have a plan by June</p> <p>Kristina to send the dates to Board this weekend for definition by Tuesday May 19</p>

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<p>Proposal: Seat holding fee. In discussion of the delta between actual enrollment vs expected, Fulton has cleared the ability to ask for a seat holding fee. Discussion from parents are to ask that the fee can be used towards Field Studies, Lunch, etc. The question is the number/price. What is doable vs. what is a deterrent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open discussion regarding how to move forward with the commitment but how does it affect 2015/2016. Need to define the price and who it affects. Board needs to affirm how and price. <p>Board Confirms the Monthly Financials.</p> <p><u>High School: Leslie and George</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the Mission Statement and Vision of High School. • Letter of Intent due in June <p>Discussion of ability to participate in local High School activities including Sports and Band.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline would be to start 2017 school year • Location TBD • Entrepreneurship, Philanthropy, and Innovation are the baseline • Concerns to be addressed include One Board/2 ECs/2 Budgets • The need to do an acceptance testing in the market once the Letter of Intent is submitted <p>Board has Confirmed the drafting and submission of Letter of Intent.</p> <p><u>Community Feedback:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Dean has submitted a letter in regards to issues that are related to gender separation. Request is that there is a true commitment to Responsive Classroom, but also for the training of Parents with Responsive Classroom language. The goal being a more positive learning environment. There is concern that there may be too much negative re-inforcement. • Stephanie is asking for a piece of the Annual Fund next year to be committed towards formal training for the Responsive Classroom so that parents see that there is a commitment from the school • Parent asked about results of school uniform survey • Official results of survey will be posted on website and via communication to the parents 	<p>EC to define the price and the plan.</p> <p>Committee to bring feedback regarding ability for students to participate in sports and arts at local schools.</p> <p>Stephanie Dean is going to investigate training for Parents and Teachers for Responsive Classroom behavior.</p>

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