

Board Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2017

Attendees:

Board members: Zafar Khan, Leslie Link, Stephanie Dean, Kristina Eisenhardt, Nada Diab, Mulham Shbeib

Staff: Ehab Jaleel, Cherisse Campbell, Kristi Davis

Audience Participation: Cher Brister, Saddat Abbas

Meeting called to order at 8:13 am Start was delayed due to discussion from closed Executive Session which started at 7:30 am

Ehab: Recognitions: Katy Schepis – has achieved 100% pass rate for her 7th grade students who take 9th grade Biology. Thank you to Christian Harden for his service to Amana, and wish him well as he accepts a position at Latin College Prep Academy. Thank you to Squawk & Walk team for great success. Kudos to the TAG Duke TIP winners!

Cherisse Campbell: Milestones Preliminary Results more to follow when finalized.

How well does the STAR test predict Milestone results? Pretty Accurate

AdvancED SACS Baseline Survey – We are collecting baseline data for school climate from our teachers and parents. This is the survey that has been sent to parents in the Amana Eagle this week. 21 respondents so far on the parent survey.

Strategy for PreK and High School:

Ehab shared a slide called “How Important are we?”

- Sustainable
 - CCRPI and BOT
 - Solid Financials
 - Accreditation
 - **Pre-K Feeder***
- Relevant
 - EL Education
 - STEM
 - Arabic
 - Diversity
 - Community Partnerships
- Indispensable
 - **HS Auxilliary***
 - Alliances that push innovation
 - A drive of economic development or increased property values

*Ehab will bring a more robust plan around these to the July board meeting.

Update on Charter School Advocacy: GCSA is hosting focus groups on charter school sentiment in Atlanta and Savannah, because there seems to be a groundswell of resentment in authorizing agencies around charter schools, especially stemming from the Dept of Education.

Finances were shared and approved.

Fundraising – Squawk & Walk completed successfully with over 500 people attending, and a net income of \$28k for contributed support from this event. Individual donations that were matched by both Verizon and MarJac totaled \$8k.

Nominations Committee: Nominations were made in May, and 1 person accepted the nomination, which is Saddat Abbas. He will be joining the board on July 1st.

Board Training:

Mandatory online training is required by June 30th. Kristina will be following up personally with board members that have not completed their training by June 15th.

Audience Discussion

Saddat asked about the strategy slide that Ehab presented (“How Important are We?”), and this led to discussion about the fundraising strategy and the overall growth strategy for the school.

Cher Brister asked about in-kind donations, and if those were captured.

Closing Remarks: Ehab shared pictures from the Jekyll Island trip and also some comments about 8th grade passages and 8th grade graduation.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45.