



June 13, 2015 General Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

Kristina Leidner

Crystal Canady

Steve Sherman (recorded meeting minutes)

Board Members Absent:

Michelle Engel

Calvin Stamps

Suheib Siddiqui

Nada Diab

Maher Budier

Guest:

Laura Stowell, Fulton County Schools Charter School Coordinator

Time of Meeting:

Start: 9:10 AM

End: 10:50 AM

Discussion topics and actions:

- Board members reviewed Amana norms
- Ehab Jaleel and Charisse Campbell reported on operations
 - STEM certification application will be made next school year
 - EL work plan
 - Math leveling will be implemented for 3rd grade and higher
 - Tests have been given, all children that qualify will be accommodated in an Accelerated level class
 - Partnership with KANO to be implemented next year (KANO's first project of this nature in North America)
 - KANO will provide 100 computer kits, and teacher training
 - City of Roswell will provide computer monitors
 - Positions unfilled for next year at this time
 - Currently over 800 students registered for next year.
 - Likely will begin the year with 735 – 750 students.
 - Last year enrollment was 703
 - Opening 5th 2nd grade class
 - Will kick off Amana Ambassadors program this coming year
 - Considering outsourcing food service and substitute teachers for the coming year to minimize distractions from delivering quality education.
 - High school letter of intent will be submitted.

- Proposal will be submitted to Charter School Incubator to gain assistance in funding high school leadership training.
 - No change in elementary school start time for the coming year
 - Traffic flow will be reviewed and necessity of added traffic officer
 - Financial statements not yet approved by CFO. After They are approved they will be circulated to Board members for electronic approval.
- Executive Committee – nothing to report
- Letter of Assurances-Approved
- Governance Committee
 - Discussed the amount of training and cost required under new requirements
 - Full board training date will be in August, exact date to be finalized
 - Board calendar will be put forward for review and approval at the next meeting
- Fund Development Committee
 - Michelle Engel is the new chair for this committee.
 - 3 campaigns planned for coming year: annual campaign, banquet, squawk & walk
 - Theme with the Amana's 10th Anniversary
 - Grant applications on-going

Laura Stowell, Fulton County Schools Charter School Coordinator updated us on the following matters:

- Free audits will be available next year through the county. The scope of the audit will be expanded to include some program requirements for charter schools.