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
  o STEM certification application will be made next school year
  o EL work plan
  o 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
  o 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
  o Positions unfilled for next year at this time
  o 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
  o Will kick off Amana Ambassadors program this coming year
  o Considering outsourcing food service and substitute teachers for the coming year to
    minimize distractions from delivering quality education.
  o 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.