

Board Meeting Minutes: Aug 23 2008

Board Attendance: Pam, Maher, Zainab, Lynne, Nada, Amaris, Shuaib, Tracy.

Old business, Charter Renewal, Bylaws, Board Officers Positions: Maher:

1. Asked the board to read about roles and responsibilities
2. Gave an overview of the Board Officers Positions: inform the public about the board structure. Charter renewal request adding two members. Need to elect members in February
3. Maher to email the board bylaws to the board.
4. Issued 50 copies of the "Preliminary Annual Report" for use during Renewal.
5. Transportation and nutrition – send formal communication to Fulton County.
[Maher – 8/30/2008]

Grants, Fund Raising Training Plans,

1. Fund Raising: Main role of the board members
2. Pam to work on bringing in professional for capital campaign.
3. Pam to present fund raising plans before next board meeting. Report was not presented at this meeting.
4. Andrea working on reapplying for flap grant [Owner: Andrea]
5. Maher is working on Facilities grant [Owner: Maher]
6. Science Lab, Target Grant, Foundation grant.

Amana Education Foundation: Presentation by Ehab:

1. Entity to support Amana.
2. Ehab in research phase and made a presentation.
3. Fundraising will be one of the main goals of the Foundation.
4. Example of some foundations:
 - a. Gwinnett county – charter school for girls. Building excellent schools in Boston.
 - b. Hapeville middle school – strategic and fiscal plans are done by the CEO.

Communication/PR Framework/Plan [Lynne]

1. talked about brand identity . logo, tag line,
2. clear voice – students and parents understand

3. media relations – National Junior Honor Society. Show up Fulton county board to present them with certificates on their achievements.
 - a. Getting the activities out – local newspapers – The beacon, reviewing news.
 - b. Bring out accomplishment from last year.
 - c. Lynn to add framework to the local intranet site. Complete plan before next board meeting.

Principal's Report/ Annual Plan/ Financial Report

1. Can hire assistants by next week for Mrs. Guy and Ms. Dill's class.
2. Genesee model? [classes of 30 and assistants in a large room].
3. Middle school teachers may get additional responsibilities [after school activities, intervention]
4. Will setup a focused meeting with 4th and 5th grade parents [by 2/30/2009].
5. Board to give feedback on Amaris's goals by 8/30/2008.
6. Amaris to finish goals by September board meeting. [9/24/2009]
7. Reconnect with the partnerships – how do we do this? [AliF institute, clubs organization, seismic]: Amaris to provide in action plans as a part of some of the goals.