

Parent Organization Brainstorming Meeting
October 4, 2007
Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - 27 parents were in attendance

2. Review of Charter – Group Activity
 - The portion of the charter that deals with Parental Involvement was reviewed and discussed.
 - The following statements were decided were important noticings from the Charter:
 - Parents play an important role at Amana.
 - Parents should be visible at Amana.
 - The school should facilitate parental involvement at Amana.
 - The parents and Amana have a contract in regards to their child's education.
 - The Charter provides a guide for parental involvement.

3. Brainstorm Ideas for Parent Involvement Organization
 - The following ideas were generated in regards to what the parental involvement organization should be:
 - A National PTA
 - An Interface Agreement between Amana and the organization
 - The existing PIE
 - An appointed organization accountable to the school
 - The following characteristics should be taken into account when forming the “new” organization:
 - There should be student representation
 - There should be clear teacher representation
 - There should be clear accountability
 - There should be a distribution of roles
 - There should be a clearly defined policy form the Board
 - Parents should be role models
 - There should be representative diversity
 - All grades should be represented by parents

4. Transition Team – share purpose
 1. Establish criteria for the Parent Organization
 2. Develop a Pro/Con list for each idea
 3. Narrow down the choices
 4. Get community feedback
 5. Communicate decisions to the community
 6. Determine the leadership structure for the “new” organization
 7. Transition to the “new” organization

5. Transition Team – solicit volunteers

- Existing PIE Officers:
 - Shaista Begum: begumshaista@yahoo.com
 - Engy Abdala: engy.abdalla@gmail.com
 - Donna Schindler: donnaschindlerpcc@yahoo.com
 - Amaris Mohler: amohler@amanaacademy.org
- Primary Parent: Pamela Owens: PBOwens@magellanhealth.com
- Intermediate Parent: Cynthia Lucas: cyndylucas@aol.com
- Middle School Parent: Ehab Jaleel: ejaleel@yahoo.com
- Staff:
 - Maria Vaughan: mvaughan@amanaacademy.org
 - Tenille Adams: tadams@amanaacademy.org
- Founder: Asmaa Zafar: daaera@hotmail.com

6. Timeline for decision making and community communication

- The first Transition Team meeting will be Monday, October 15, 2007 at 5:00pm in the Conference Room.
- The Transition Team will then determine the remaining meeting dates and times.
- The goal is to have a “new” parent organization in place by November 1.
- All Transition Team meetings are open to the community.