

**Amani Public Charter School PTA Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2024 6:30pm**

Introduction: Ms. Coleen "mama" Fraser

- Purpose for the PTA team- Help with fundraising; help improve the school, share voices and ideas and find ways to support each other and share ideas together
- Introduction of the new school principal

Principal Jennifer Ciarvella

- Goal- Improve and sustain PTA attendance
- Goal- Expand Amani into a full elementary school- proposal to open kindergarten and first grade in fall of 2026! Hopes to develop into a K-8 school in the future
- Introduction of Ms. Henry and Mr. Eason, Assistant Principals

Assistant Principal T. Henry

- Improvement in School education is driven by PTA! Goal is to get our parents involved to be supportive of all our children
- Amani is trying to increase partnership with the MVCSD, especially the special education department.

- *Parent question-*

No HW for 7th grade? When is after school starting? And parents who have ESL, where is the assistance for them?

- *Response-*

DOL initiative to help adults and children with **free classes** for English (at MV career center, White Plains)

HW for 7th grade- students are being graded on what they have completed instead of what they have actually mastered. They are doing the homework but not actually performing. Amani is trying to be more intentional in having the children practice what they learned in class. We encourage parents to evaluate where the individual children are in the evenings instead of doing HW.

- *Parent question-*

some children need extra structure in the form of HW, she would like some answers on how children are going to stay current and stay engaged if there is no homework

- *Response-*

HW is not a way to show what students can do at home because they are using AI and internet. To clarify, the principal told teachers homework

can be given, however, it is not to be graded in the grade book. Principal will work with the teachers to better clarify

- *Parent question-*
HW grading is not equitable, but she feels still necessary for the parents to assess where their child is.
- *Response-*
Grade level newsletter is now being emailed to parents. You should see a snapshot of what they are learning in class based on this newsletter. Also, we have goals to create proper resources for parents so that parents can get the support they need to help their children
- Mr. K. Eason- will be responsible for connecting all parents to google classroom (keason@amanicharter.org)

Mr. Charles Stern- New Amani Website

- New Website contains a recruitment and enrollment page, to promote increased school enrollment. 2025-2026 5th-8th grade application is posted and ready to use
- Kinder and 1st – Amani elementary school “interest form” also posted online.
- Instagram page- **@amanicharter**. Follow for more up to date information on school closings, etc
- Links to Amani school fundraisers will be under the “Support” tab on Amani website
- PTA website is soon to come!
- Special thanks to Ms. Henry, Mama Fraser, Mr. Devaughn for their assistance!

Ms. Colleen “mama” Fraser: 24-25 PTA Board Member Vacancies

In search of:

- PTA President
- PTA Vice President
- PTA Assistant secretary
- PTA Recording secretary
- PTA Fundraiser Chair x 2

Amani Public Charter School PTA Board members 2024-2025

- PTA President- Lutitia Matthias
- PTA Vice President- Shaundell Wharton
- PTA Recording secretary -Marina Distant- Williams
- PTA Assistant secretary -Paulette Palmer -Guy
- PTA Fundraiser Chair Primary Role- Kerrine Kerr; Ishanqua Bennet

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