

**Twin Cities International Schools**

**School Board Meeting**

**Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. – Twin Cities International Schools, 277 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Room #200, Minneapolis, MN 55401**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa  
Parent Representative Ms. Zeinab Abdulla  
Parent Representative Ms. Amaal Warfa  
Parent Representative Mr. Abdirazak Botan  
Teacher Representative Ms. Heidi Tesfaye  
Community Representative Mr. James Engler

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Abdirashid Warsame, Mr. Ismail Ahmed

**1.0 Call to Order**

Board Chair opened the meeting at 3:50 p.m. and acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

**2.0 Open Agenda**

Mr. Warsame acknowledged the Open Meeting.

**3.0 Approve Agenda**

MOTION THAT THE NOVEMBER 16, 2023 AGENDA BE APPROVED  
Mr. James motioned for the agenda to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

**4.0 Minutes from the Previous Meeting of October 26, 2023**

**4.1 Minutes of October 26, 2023**

MOTION THAT THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2023 BE APPROVED  
Mr. James motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2023 to be approved, the motion was seconded and the motion carried.

**5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of October 26, 2023**

All business arising from the previous board meeting are included in the agenda.

**6.0 Treasurer's Report**

**6.1 July-October YTD Budget 2023**

Item Tabled.

**7.0 Authorizer's Report**

Item Tabled.

**8.0 Director's Report**

Mr. Abdirashid reported:

1. Enrollment Status: TCIS **955** Students (**K-5: 620; 6-8: 335**).
2. Staff and students had a break from October 18-20 - the Minnesota Educators October break.
3. We have now ended Quarter 1 and we had our parent - teacher conferences on Thursday, November 2nd and Friday, November 3rd. The turnout was satisfying and the educational assistants and teachers will follow up with the parents who couldn't make it during conferences.
4. November 7th was election day, and we had NO school for students. The Staff had a Professional Development Day and met in their PLCS & Guiding Coalitions to collaborate. The PD was on **Evidence-based Practices in Literacy and Content Area Literacy with *Annie Ittner, PhD, Former TCIS EL Teacher and Professor at SCSU, Co Author of Word Study for Literacy Leaders and Assessing Language and Literacy with Bilingual Students.***
5. Starting Thursday, November 9th, our after school tutoring program for students in grades 4-8 will begin. Students were selected by the math team at Gr 6-8 and by classroom teachers at Gr 4 & 5. We have invited 30 students per grade level during conferences. Students will receive both reading and math tutoring. Our fall session will run up to winter break. We will not be hosting any club activities during this program. Ms. Nakita is coordinating the program.
6. K-5 Star Scholar Quarter 1 were announced and were recognized in an assembly on Friday November 10th, 2023. We announced 6-8 Qtr. 1 A & B Honor Roll students last week. Students will have an option to receive a free ticket to the MN Timberwolves upon purchase of an adult ticket. They will receive a certificate with information at that time.
7. Boys and Girls Basketball teams continue to practice after school.
8. Any other Business: Academic Goals Achieved: Star Scholar & Honor Rolls. Non-Academic Goals Achieved: Parent-Teacher Conferences (11/2-11/3).

MOTION THAT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT BE RECEIVED.

Mr. Abdirazak motioned for the Director's Report to be received. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

## **9.0 Other Reports, Discussion, and Action Items**

### **9.1 TCIS Annual Report**

MOTION THAT THE TCIS ANNUAL REPORT BE RECEIVED

Ms. Heidi motioned for the TCIS Annual Report be received. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

### **9.2 First Policy Readings for the Month of November 2023**

**9.2.1 145 Volunteer Policy**

**9.2.2 506 Discipline**

**9.2.3 514 Bullying Prohibition**

**9.2.4 703 Fund Balance**

MOTION THAT POLICIES 145, 506, 514 AND 703 BE APPROVED AS FIRST READINGS.

Ms. Amaal motioned that Policies 145, 506, 514 and 703 be approved as first readings.

### **9.3 Final Policy Readings for the Month of October 2023**

**9.3.1 410 Family Medical Leave**

**9.3.2 413 Harassment and Violence**

**9.3.3 417 Chemical Abuse**

**9.3.4 691 Inclusive Education Plan**

MOTION THAT POLICIES 410, 413, 417 AND 691 BE APPROVED AS FINAL READINGS.

Mr. James motioned for Policies 410, 413, 417 and 691 to be approved as final readings. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

**9.4 MIMCS Building Company**

TCIS would like to welcome Mr. Ahmed Ahmed as the newly elected Board Member for MIMCS Building Company.

**9.5 Contract Goals Review**

Academic and Non-Academic Goals were received and approved as mentioned in the Director's Report.

**9.5 Staff Stipends**

Mr. Abdirashid discussed Staff Stipends for the 2023-2024 school year, different amounts for different levels and licenses/non-licenses.

MOTION THAT THE STAFF STIPENDS BE APPROVED.

Ms. Zeinab motioned for the Staff Stipends to be approved. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

**10.0 Adjournment**

MOTION THAT THE OCTOBER MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Mr. Abdirazak motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, noting the time at 5:21 p.m. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.