

**Twin Cities International Schools  
School Board Meeting**

**Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Thursday March 16, 2023 at 2:00pm – Google Meet**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa  
Parent Representative Abdirazak Botan  
Teacher Representative Ms. Marian Aden  
Teacher Representative Mr. Cyprian  
Teacher Representative Ms. Heidi Tesfaye

**ABSENT:** Community Representative Mr. Abdi Elmi

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Abdirashid Warsame, Ms. Kelli Smith

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Mohamed Aden

**1.0 Call to Order**

Board Chair opened the meeting at 2:16pm. Mr. Warsame 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**

Ms. Marian motioned for the agenda to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

**4.0 Minutes from the Previous Meeting of February 16, 2023**

Mr. Abdirazak motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2023 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

**5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of February 16, 2023**

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

**6.0 Treasurer's Report**

**6.1 July 2022-February 2023 YTD**

Mr. Mohamed presented the Treasurer's Report.

**MOTION: THAT THE JULY-FEBRUARY, 2023 YTD REPORT BE APPROVED.**

Ms. Heidi motioned for the Treasurer's Report to be received. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

**7.0 Authorizer's Report**

Item Tabled

## 8.0 Director's Report

Mr. Abdirashid reported:

1. Enrollment Status: **932** Students (**K-5: 611; 6-8: 321**)
2. So far February ended well with rocky weather. The Board had its annual training. It was a very eventful month. Quarter 3 ends March 24th, 2023.
3. Parent-teacher conferences will be held Thursday March 16th, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Friday Mar 24, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. On Thursday we will have an early dismissal and on Friday no school for students.
4. [Larry McKenzie](#) from PUC-OPCS will attend the March directors meeting as our authorizer liaison. The meeting will start at 2:00 p.m. so that the teachers can go to the conferences.
5. We continue to go to the Light Rail town meetings. It seems they are closing towards the western side of the school.
6. Events: 8th Grade students had a presentation from St. Louis Park High School on Wednesday, March 1st. Science Fair will be presented on March 16th & 17th in alignment with Parent-Teacher Conferences. On Wednesday, March 22nd at 9:30am, members of the Rotary Club will be here to hand out dictionaries to all students and do a few activities with them. MCA Science Testing for Grades 5 and 8 ONLY will take place the week of March 20th. Books In Home USA gives FREE books to TCIS students. Operation Warm gives TCIS K-2nd Grade Students FREE shoes. Last Thursday, 3/2/23, Mr. Abdirashid joined members of the East-African community and other Charter School Leaders for a meeting with Governor Walz.
7. Any other Business:  
Academic & Non-Academic Goals Achieved

MOTION THAT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT BE RECEIVED.

Ms. Marian 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 First Policy Readings for the month of March 2023

#### 9.1.1 402 Disability Nondiscrimination Policy

#### 9.1.2 418 Drug Free Workplace/Drug Free School Policy

#### 9.1.3 502 Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions and Student's Person Policy

#### 9.1.4 722 Public Data Requests Policy

MOTION THAT POLICIES 402, 418, 502 AND 722 BE APPROVED AS FIRST READINGS.

Mr. Cyprian motioned for Policies 402, 418, 502 and 722 to be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

## **9.2 Final Policy Readings for the month of February 2023**

### **9.2.1 501 Weapons Policy**

### **9.2.2 532 Use of Peach Officers and Crisis Team Policy**

### **9.2.3 535 Meal Charge Policy**

### **9.2.4 603 Curriculum Development Policy**

MOTION THAT POLICIES 501, 532, 535 AND 603 BE APPROVED AS FINAL READINGS.

Mr. Cyprian motioned for Policies 501, 532, 535 and 603 to be approved as final readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

## **9.1 Board Goals**

Academic and Non-Academic Goals

## **9.2 2023-2024 Calendar Revisions**

MOTION THAT THE 2023-2024 CALENDAR BE APPROVED.

Mr. Cyprian motioned for the 2023-2024 Calendar be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

## **10.0 Adjournment**

Ms. Heidi motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 3:00 p.m. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.