

**Twin Cities International Schools
School Board Meeting**

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Thursday February 16, 2023 at 3:00pm – TCIS – Room #200

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, Mr. Ismail Ahmed, and Ms. Kelli Smith.

1.0 Call to Order

Board Chair gave Teacher Representative Ms. Marian Aden the authority to open the meeting, until he arrives. Ms. Marian opened the meeting at 3:09 p.m. Ms. Marian acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2.0 Open Agenda

Ms. Aden acknowledged the Open Meeting.

3.0 Approve Agenda

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

4.0 Minutes from the Previous Meeting of January 19, 2023

Mr. Abdirazak motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2023 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of January 19, 2023

Board Training February 16, 2023 from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Board Meeting February 16, 2023 at 3:00pm.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 July 2022-January 2023 YTD Report

Mr. Abdirashid presented the Treasurer's Report.

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

Mr. Cyprian 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: **941** Students (**K-5: 618; 6-8: 323**)
2. So far January ended well without any school cancellations; and we were able to start Q3 - report cards and MAP results were sent home.
3. The 4th grade students visited the Bakken Museum for their winter school trip.
4. February is Star Scholar and I Love to Read month kick off. Also, Science Fair (March 23 & 24). All Grades participate (more information coming in late February)
5. We had a cultural day in the school and the event was very colorful.
6. [Larry McKenzie](#) from PUC-OPCS will attend the March directors meeting as our authorizer liaison.
7. Our EL students are getting ready to do the ACCESS for EL Testing. Friday January 27th, 2023 was a professional development day for staff. All staff participated in Assessment & Data Training. Testing will be conducted the week of February 13th & Feb 20th; and March 1.
8. Any other Business:

Academic & Non-Academic Goals Achieved

9. Succession Plan

Mr. Abdirashid discussed the Succession Plan.

MOTION THAT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT BE RECEIVED.

Mr. Cyprian 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 February 2023

9.1.1 501 Weapons Policy

9.1.2 532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Team Policy

9.1.3 535 Meal Charge Policy

9.1.4 603 Curriculum Development Policy

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

Ms. Heidi motioned for Policies 501, 532, 535 and 603 to be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.2 Final Policy Readings for the month of January 2023

9.2.1 491 Credit Card Usage Policy

9.2.2 522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination Policy

9.2.3 524 Internet Acceptable

9.2.4 533 Wellness Policy

MOTION THAT POLICIES 491, 522, 524 AND 533 BE APPROVED AS FINAL READINGS.

Mr. Cyprian motioned for Policies 491, 522, 524 and 533 to be approved as final readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

10.0 Board Goals

Academic and Non-Academic Goals

10.1 e-Learning Days Proposal 2023-2024

MOTION THAT THE e-LEARNING DAYS PROPOSAL 2023-2024 BE APPROVED.

Ms. Heidi motioned that the e-Learning Days Proposal 2023-2024 be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

10.2 2022-2023 Calendar Revisions

Revising the Board approved calendar to include the following days as no student days; 12/19 (half day staff/no students), 12/20, 1/3, 1/5 and 1/6 (extended winter break due to absences and illness. 2/3 (winter weather day) 3/23 and 3/24 (extended spring break).

MOTION THAT THE 2022-2023 CALENDAR REVISIONS BE APPROVED.

Mr. Abdirizak motioned for the 2022-2023 Calendar Revision be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

11.0 Adjournment

Mr. Cyprian motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 4:20 p.m. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.