

**Twin Cities International Schools
School Board Meeting**

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Thursday December 15, 2022 at 4:00pm, on Google Meet

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

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

1.0 Call to Order

Board Chair opened the meeting at 4:02 PM. Mr. Warsame acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2.0 Open Agenda

Board Chair acknowledged the Open Meeting.

3.0 Approve Agenda

Mr. Abdi motioned for the agenda to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

4.0 Minutes from the Previous Meeting of November 17, 2022

Mr. Cyprian motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2022 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of November 17, 2022

No Business Arising from the Minutes of November 17, 2022

6.0 Treasurer's Report

7.1 July 2022-November 2022 YTD Report

Item Tabled

7.0 Authorizer's Report

Item Tabled

8.0 Director's Report

Mr. Abdirashid reported:

1. Enrollment Status: **943** Students (**K-5: 620; 6-8: 323**)
2. TCIS Parent Advisory Committee has been formed and starting to meet to deliberate on parent engagement and participation issues. It is comprised of 12 parents.

3. The school had Thanksgiving break a week after the November Board meeting. This reset the energy and the mood of the staff & students.
4. Winter is here – and MN storms will always interfere with the school’s schedule. We are always rescheduling and re-planning meetings, bell schedules, and field trips.
5. The Staff is looking forward to the Winter break. We will have a calendar change for when Winter Break will start for staff and students. Students’ last day of school is Friday, December 16th, 2022. Winter break begins on Monday, December 19th, 2022, and extends to January 6th, 2023. School resumes for Staff and Students on Monday, January 9th, 2023.
6. School Lockdown: On Thursday, December 8th, 2022, we had a false scare when the MPD received a prank call about a shooting at the school. After a thorough combing of the school, the police cleared the building and we resumed school. Parents were notified about the incident and the students were given an opportunity to talk about the incident with their teachers and the school counselor and the social worker.
7. Any other Business:

Academic & Non-Academic Goals Achieved

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 December 2022

9.1.1 426 Nepotism in Charter Schools

9.1.2 521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination

MOTION THAT POLICIES 426, AND 521 BE APPROVED AS FIRST READINGS.

Mr. Abdirazak motioned for Policies 426 and 521 to be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.2 Final Policy Readings for the month of December 2022

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 FINAL READINGS.

Mr. Abdirazak motioned for Policies 145, 506, 514 and 703 to be approved as final readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.3 Contract Goals Review

Addressed in Director’s Report.

10.0 Adjournment

Mr. Cyprian motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 4:32 p.m. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.