

**Twin Cities International Schools
School Board Meeting**

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Thursday September 22, 2022 at 4:00 PM on Google Meet

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Teacher Representative Mr. Cyprian Marubi, Community Representative Mr. Mohamed Mumin

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ex-Officio Members Mr. Abdirashid Warsame and Mr. Ismail Ahmed

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Mohamed Egah, and Board Clerk Ms. Patti Kronk

1.0 Call to Order

Board Chair opened the meeting at 4:04 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 June 2, 2022

Ms. Heidi Tesfaye motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2022 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of June 2, 2022

No Business Arising from the Minutes of June 2, 2022

6.0 Treasurer's Report

7.1 July 2022-August 2022 YTD Report

Mr. Mohamed presented the July 2022- August 2022 YTD Report.

Mr. Abdi motioned for the July 2022-August 2022 YTD report to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

7.0 Authorizer's Report

Item Tabled

8.0 Director's Report

Mr. Abdirashid reported:

1. Welcome back to the 2022-23 SY. We are glad to have you all back and kick-off of the new school year.
2. Staff Welcome back and workshop went well and it started August 16, 2022.
3. We have a lot of exciting things already happening in the school. Notably, 5th graders being in the 1st floor and having grades K-5 in the same floor level.
4. Open house August 25, 2022 was well attended and we had almost 90% of our students start school August 30, 2022. Our first Middle School Parent Academy (Saturday, September 17, 2022) was well attended and parents had very good questions and excited to listen to our presentation (almost 70 families were presented). This Saturday September 24, 2022, we will host parents for the Elementary School Parent Academy (K-5) from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.
5. Enrollment Status: Elementary School - Grades K-5 (**623**) & Middle School - Grades 6-8 (**319**). Total TCIS K-8 (**942 students**).
6. Transportation: We are still experiencing bus issues: driver shortages. We have remedied some of the routes by combining them and adding an extra van.
7. Assessment: Our MAP Reading test began on Tuesday & Wednesday this week. And MAP Math will be taken next week Monday & Tuesday. These will be for Grades 1-8 as KG do not test in the fall.
8. Next week Wednesday September 28, will be a half-day (early dismissal) to give the instruction team time to meet and reflect on the beginning of the school year and plan for the rest of the quarter. This is according to our plan to have several half-days on Wednesdays to let teacher-teams in their PLCs to work together.
9. We had a visit from the Metro Blue-Line Engineers and Community relation person. This is in regards with their METRO Blue Line Extension. The adopted route in North Minneapolis is West Broadway Avenue. They are looking at additional route options in two sections: **1) how to get to West Broadway Avenue from Target Field Station and 2) light rail on 21st Avenue North and or West Broadway Avenue from approximately Lyndale Avenue North to Irving Avenue North (See flyer).**

Ms. Marian motioned for the Director's Notes 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 September 2022

9.1.1 **100A Complaint Process**

9.1.2 **401 Equal Employment Opportunities**

9.1.3 **414 Mandate Reporting of Child Neglect**

9.1.4 **420 Students and Employees with AIDS and Other Communicable Diseases and**

Infections Conditions

Ms. Heidi motioned for Policies 100A, 401, 414 and 420 to be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.2 Contract Goals Review

Addressed in Director's report.

9.3 Staff Retention and Recruitment Budget

Mr. Abdirashid discussed the Staff Retention and Recruitment Budget of \$325,000.

Mr. Abdirazak motioned for the Staff Retention and Recruitment Budget to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

10.0 Adjournment

Mr. Abdi motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 4:45 p.m. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.