

**Twin Cities International Schools
School Board Meeting**

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 4:00 pm, at the International Education Center, 277 12th Ave. N, Room #200, Minneapolis, MN, 55401

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa, Teacher Representative Ms. Ceri Everett, Teacher Representative Mr. Cyprian Marubi, Parent Representative Abdirizak Botan, Community Member Mohamud Mumin, and Teacher Representative Marian Aden

ABSENT: Parent Representative Mr. Mohamed Osman and Parent Representative Jama Warsame

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ex-Officio Member Mr. Abdirashid Warsame and Mr. Faysal Ali

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Justie Vavra, Business Officer Mr. Mohamed Egal, Guest Mr. Hassan Hade, Auditor Ms. Michelle Hoffman, and Accountant Mr. Abdulkadir Salah

1.0 Call to Order

Ms. Ceri opened the meeting at 4:08. Ms. Ceri acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2.0 Open Agenda

Ms. Ceri acknowledged the Open Meeting.

3.0 Approve Agenda

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

4.0 Treasurer's Report

4.1 Audit Report

Our guest presented the Audit Report.

Ms. Ceri motioned for the Audit Report to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

4.2 July-December 2019 YTD Report

The board members looked over the July- December 2019 YTD Report.

Ms. Ceri motioned for the July- December 2019 YTD report to be received. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 Minutes from the Previous Meetings

5.1 Minutes from the Previous Meetings of December 14, 2019

Ms. Ceri motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2019 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

6.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of December 14, 2019

No Business Arising from the Minutes of December 14, 2019.

7.0 Authorizer's Report

Item Tabled

8.0 Director's Report

Mr. Abdirashid and Mr. Faysal reported:

5-8

- ✓ NWEA testing is next week (reading and math)
- ✓ Enrollment for 5-8 = 426
- ✓ Student Council is going on a field trip to BizTown where they will simulate running a small business. For the last month they worked on lessons preparing them!
- ✓ The first round of teacher evaluations are completed and feedback has been given.
- ✓ A career field trip to Como Zoo and Roller Garden has been set for one of our Monday's off.
- ✓ Each homeroom has announced their January student of the month. A celebration breakfast will occur at the end of the month.
- ✓ Conferences are coming up Feb 6th & 7th.

K-4

- ✓ Enrollment for K-4 @ 573
- ✓ Trimester I Report cards went home with students on Friday, Dec. 6th, 2019. They are also available in the ParentVUE app.
- ✓ TCIS had theme days in November. Teachers immersed students in themes by grade levels for two days of learning and background building around the themes. Kinder - Fall Theme, 1st Gr - Around the World (Continents), 2nd Gr - Mystery, 3rd Gr - Restaurant, 4th Gr. - Jurassic Park.
- ✓ Climb Theater was here to perform an anti-bullying / friendship play for all students in late November.
- ✓ On Dec. 5th, 12 students from all grades K-4th, selected by their teachers, went to Target Field to help with TC Bear Mascot Tryouts. They learned about baseball, got a tour of the stadium, participated in activities with TC Bear and even met former player, Justin Morneau.

Ms. Marian motions for the Directors Report to be approved. 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 January 2020

- 9.1.1 **102 Equal Educational Employment & Opportunity**
- 9.1.2 **402 Disability Nondiscrimination**
- 9.1.3 **406 Public and Private Personnel Data**
- 9.1.4 **609 Religion**
- 9.1.5 **725 General Records Retention**
- 9.1.6 **521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination**
- 9.1.7 **522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination**

Ms. Ceri motioned for Policies 102, 402, 406, 609, 725, 521, and 522 to be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.2 Final Policy Readings for the month of January 2020

9.1.1 **410 Family Medical Leave**

9.1.2 **413 Harassment and Violence**

9.1.3 **418 Drug Free Workplace/Drug Free School**

9.1.4 **419 Tobacco Free Environment**

Mr. Mumin motioned for Policies 410, 413, 418, and 419 to be approved as final readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.3 Board Goals

These goals were addressed in the Director's Report.

10.0 Adjournment

Ms. Ceri motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 5:04 pm. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.