

**Twin Cities International Schools
School Board Meeting**

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 9:00am, at the International Education Center, 277 12th Ave. N, Room #126, Minneapolis, MN, 55401

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa, Teacher Representative Ms. Ceri Everett, Teacher Representative Mr. Cyprian Marubi, and Community Member Mohamed Mumin

ABSENT: Teacher Representative Ms. Marian Aden, Parent Representative Jama Warsame, and Parent Representative Mr. Mohamed Osman

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Kelli Smith, Board Clerk, Ms. Justie Vavra and Accountant Mr. Abdulkadir Salah

1.0 Call to Order

Chair opened the meeting at 9:07 am. The Chair acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2.0 Open Agenda

Chair acknowledged the Open Meeting.

3.0 Approve Agenda

Mr. Marurbi motioned for the Agenda to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

4.0 Minutes from the Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes from the Previous Meetings of October 12, 2019

Mr. Marubi motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2019 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of October 12, 2019

No Business Arising from the Minutes of October 12, 2019.

6.0 Audit's Report

Item Tabled

7.0 Treasurer's Report

7.1 July-November 2019 YTD Report

Mr. Abdulkadir noted the July- November 2019 YTD Report.

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

8.0 Authorizer's Report

Item Tabled

Mr. Abdirashid talked about the tentative QSR Visit Schedule and shared about the QSR (Quality School Review) process. Pillsbury will bring 3-4 people from their office and another

administrator from another school with them and do a thorough 2 day review of the school including a tour, interviews, and more.

9.0 Director's Report

Mr. Abdirashid reported:

Elementary Updates:

1. Enrollment for K-4 @ 573
2. Trimester I Report cards went home with students on Friday, Dec. 6th, 2019. They are also available in the ParentVUE app.
3. 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.
4. Climb Theater was here to perform an anti-bullying / friendship play for all students in late November.
5. 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.

Middle School Updates:

1. Trimester 1 Awards were this Friday 12/13
2. Winter MAP testing starts January 13-17
3. January 16 Student Council will go to Junior Achievement BizTown field trip to run their own business
4. 5-8 boys' and girls' basketball have had numerous games and have practice Monday-Thursday after school, you are always welcome to attend.

Mr. Mumin motioned for Directors Report to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

10.0 Other Reports, Discussion, and Action Items

10.1 TCIS Annual Report

Ms. Kelli shared the Annual Report. This report is available on the TCIS website for public view.

Ms. Ceri motioned to approve the Annual Report. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

10.2 First Policy Readings for the month of December 2019

10.2.1 **410 Family Medical Leave**

10.2.2 **413 Harassment and Violence**

10.2.3 **418 Drug Free Workplace/Drug Free School**

10.2.4 **419 Tobacco Free Environment**

Ms. Ceri motioned for Policies 410, 413, 418, and 419 to be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

10.3 Final Policy Readings for the month of December 2019

10.3.1 **414 Mandate Report of Child Neglect and Physical or Sexual Abuse**

10.3.2 **620 Credit for Learning**

10.3.3 **722 Public Data Requests and Form**

10.3.4 **903 Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites**

Mr. Mumin motioned for Policies 414, 620, 722, and 903 to be approved as final readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

10.4 Board Training Plan

The board brainstormed and discussed having the board training in early March. The board also talked about meeting Thursdays at 4:00 instead of Saturday mornings. The board agreed to move the meetings to Thursdays moving forward.

The dates will be:

Thursday January 9, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Thursday February 13, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Thursday March 12, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Thursday April 9, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Thursday May 14, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Thursday June 4, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Board Chair Mr. Warsame nominated Abdirizak Botan as Parent Member to join the school board. Ms. Ceri motioned to have Mr. Botan join the school board. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

10.5 Policy Review Calendar

11.0 Adjournment

Ms. Ceri motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 10:14am. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.