

**Twin Cities International Elementary Schools
School Board Meeting**

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, September 14 at 9:00 am, at the International Education Center, 277 12th Ave. N, Room #220, Minneapolis, MN, 55401

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa, Teacher Representative Ms. Marian Aden,
Teacher Representative Mr. Cyprian Marubi, and Teacher Representative Ceri Everett,

ABSENT: Community Representative Mr. Abdirizak Hassan, Parent Representative Mr. Mohamed Osman, Parent Representative Mr. Mohamoud Mohamed

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

ALSO PRESENT: Board Clerk Ms. Justie Vavra, Pillsbury Rep Emily Edstrom Moore and Accountant Mr. Abdulkadir Salah

1.0 Call to Order

The Chair acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.
Mr. Mohamoud Mohamed opened the meeting at 9:08 am.

2.0 Open Agenda

Chair acknowledged the Open Meeting.

3.0 Approve Agenda

Ms. Marian 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 June 12, 2019

Ms. Ceri motioned for the June 12, 2019 minutes to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motioned carried.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of June 12, 2019

No Business Arising from the Minutes of June 12, 2019

6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 July – August 2019 YTD Report

Mr. Abdulkadir presented the July- August 2019 YTD Report.

Mr. Cyprian motioned for the July- August 2019 YTD report to be received. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

7.0 Authorizer's Report

Ms. Emily was here from Pillsbury and talked about the quality school review process (QSR) which is something Pillsbury does every 3-5 years to check in with each school to decide if the partnership will be renewed. This is an opportunity for our school to evaluate effectiveness and

an opportunity to set new goals and priorities. There is a QSR application due November 1 and then site visits in November and December, and then recommendations will be presented in April.

Ms. Ceri motioned for the Authorizer’s report to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

8.0 Director’s Report

Mr. Abdirashid reported:

- Total Enrollment: 1035 (as of 8:30am Fri. 9/13/19) K-4 585 and 5-8 450
- The school year got off to a great start with a full workshop for staff.
- The elementary school will be working on improving student academics through a focus on the Marzano Art and Science of Teaching elements and its instructional coaching and observation plan which has aligned to the Marzano elements along with its continued development of the PLC process.
- The middle school will be working on improving student academics through its PLC process and standards based grading system.
- We will also be focusing on the use of PBIS and ENVoY strategies to assist with student behavior needs this year in addition to providing counselor services for the first time this year at all grades.
- Based on our comprehensive needs assessment and student data we will be looking at new reading/English Language Arts curriculum (K-8) this year in preparation for adoption next year. We have assembled a team of teachers for the committee and are working on getting some parents on our committee as well. Our first meeting will be on Thurs. 9/26/19 @3pm in the TCIS 1st floor media center.
- MAP baseline testing as well as all the required EL placement testing has been taking place the past two weeks and should finish up next week. In addition, at the elementary school, baseline reading fluency, DIBELS, and high-frequency words, DOLCH, baseline assessments were completed last week.
- **PUC Goals Updates:** Summary Data from 2018-2019: According to MDE, there was little to no progress as a state in closing the achievement gap or increasing proficiency scores from the 2018-2019 school year. Statewide, reading and math scores dropped as well as consistent attendance rates.

TCIS summary numbers:

	Statewide	K-8 District	K-4 School	5-8 School
Math	53.85%	41.00%	57.14%	32.63%
Reading	58.28%	43.29%	35.71%	47.22%
Science	50.7%	20.4%	Not Applicable	20.4%
ACCESS	40.13%	47.25%	53.18%	34.04%
Attendance	85.35%	96.05%	Not Available	96.05%

Demographics	Statewide	K-8 District
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Race - Black	11.2%	99.9%
EL	8.4%	48.0%
SpEd	16.2%	5.5%
Free & Reduced	36.4%	>90%

Our team has put together the full "state of the schools" data presentation and will be sharing the information with each school in the upcoming weeks as part of our annual data retreat. More specific work will be done with certain grade levels and subjects on a smaller scale. All of the information that will be presented during those data retreats will be included in the annual report which will be presented to the board for approval at the November board meeting. Board members are welcome to join the K-4 school this coming Wed. 9/18/19 @ 1:45pm in the 1st floor cafeteria for their meeting and data retreat work.

- Parent/Teacher conferences will be coming up on Thurs. Oct. 3, 2019 from 2-8pm and Fri. Oct. 4, 2019 from 8-12.
- Picture Day will be on Wed. Oct 9, for 5-8 grades and Thurs. Oct.10 for K-4 grades.

Our PUC contract renewal is this year and we are beginning to work on that process.

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

9.0 Other Reports, Discussion, and Action Items

9.1 Policy Review Process Conversation

The board had a discussion regarding how to best stay on top of policy review. We could assign policies to people to make sure they are reading through them. We could assign a month to each person. We could create a policy committee that would look through them closely and report back. There are too many policies for 2 people to take on at this point so we need to edit and remove. For the next meeting we will all look through the new ones and come up with a plan as to how to best review as a team. Mr. Warsame will send out an email to the board asking for interested people for this committee.

9.2 Contract Goals Review

Academic and Non-Academic Goals

Both the academic and non-academic goals were presented during the director's report.

10.0 Adjournment

Ms. Ceri motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 10:01 am. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.