

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

**Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 4:00 pm via  
Google Meet**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa  
Community Representative Abdi Elmi  
Teacher Representative Heidi Tesfaye  
Teacher Representative Mr. Cyprian Marubi  
Teacher Representative Ms. Marian Aden  
Community Representative Mohamed Mumin

**ABSENT:**

Parent Representative Abdirizak Botan

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Kelli Smith, Board Clerk Ms. Justine Vavra and Business Manager Mr.  
Mohamed Egah

**1.0 Call to Order**

Chair opened the meeting at 4:06 pm. 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**

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 March 25, 2021**

Ms. Heidi motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2021 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

**5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of March 25, 2021**

No Business Arising from the Minutes of March 25, 2021.

**6.0 Treasurer's Report**

**6.1 2021-2022 Preliminary budget and enrollment projection approval**

Mohamed Egah presented the preliminary budget.

Mr. Cyprian motioned for the preliminary budget and enrollment projection to be received. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

### **6.2 2019-2020 Tax Return of the Organization Exempt Form 990 filing**

This document was shared and will be emailed out to board members as well.

Mr. Elmi motioned for the Tax Return of the Organization Exempt Form 900 filing to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

### **6.3 July 2020-March 2021 YTD Report**

We will send out the YTD Report to board members for them to look through.

Item Tabled

### **7.0 Authorizer's Report**

Item Tabled

### **8.0 Director's Report**

Mr. Abdirashid and Ms. Kelli reported:

1. Enrollment K-4 -596, 5-8 -475, Total as of 4/19/21: **1071**

2. TCIS has moved into a 14-day restart under the guidance of the MDH and MDE COVID-19 protocols beginning on Friday, April 16, 2021. TCIS will operate remotely in a distance learning instructional model through Friday, April 30, 2021. The TCIS Administrative team will re-evaluate contributing factors on Wednesday, April 28th and make a transition decision at that time. If we cannot safely transition back to in-person learning on May 3, 2021, then our next target date will be Monday, May 17th, 2021. We have a number of factors that impacted this decision and will impact our decision for May 3rd:

- Increasing numbers of COVID-19 positive cases within the school students and staff
- Rising 14-day positive county and city case rates and increasing occurrences of the B.1.1.7 variant amongst children across the state and country,
- Lack of bus drivers to provide consistent transportation for students to and from school, and
- Concerns for community safety surrounding the Daunte Wright killing and the closing arguments to the Derek Chauvin trial. (verdict may or may not have been released at the time of our meeting)

3. With the change in instructional models, 3rd-8th grade will plan for MCA testing on the following schedule provided we are back to in-person learning the week of May 3rd: *(if not, we will run this schedule the week of May 17th if possible)*

- **MCA Reading -- Tues & Wed May 4 & 5** and **MCA Math - Thurs & Fri May 6 & 7** for in-person students,
- **MCA Science -- Mon & Tues May 10 & 11 for Grades 5 & 8** in person students (possibly DL students also)

- **MCA Reading** -- Distance learning students, Dates TBD (*most likely the week of May 17th*) -- Done in one setting with small breaks
- **MCA Math** -- Distance learning students, Dates TBD (*most likely the week of May 17th*) -- Done in one setting with small breaks

4. At this time there can be no decisions made for planning either Kindergarten Graduation or 8th Grade Recognition celebrations. We will continue to monitor how health and safety factors impact the school year going forward. Those events are on our minds but it is too early to make those decisions.

5. Due to the restart and current class sizes with staffing, we will not be offering another enrollment change opportunity for the 2020-21 school year. Parents wishing to make an enrollment change should call the main school phone and be asked to be put on a waiting list. We do not want to over-crowd in person classes due to physical distancing needs and concerns around the spread and exposure of OVID-19 and its variants. We also can not overload distance learning classes or students will not receive the quality of education and direct teacher support that we have provided in our current staffing and instructional model.

Ms. Marian motioned for the Director's Report to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

## **9.0 Other Reports, Discussion, and Action Items**

### **9.1 Annual General Meeting Election Candidates and Board Assurances**

Item Tabled - We will postpone the School Board Elections and the Annual Meeting to August 26, 2021 which is Open House at TCIS.

### **9.2 First Policy Readings for the month of April 2021**

#### **9.2.1 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults**

#### **9.2.2 609 Religion**

#### **9.2.3 721 Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources**

#### **9.2.4 806 Crisis Management**

Mr. Elmi motioned for Policies 415, 609, 721 and 806 to be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

### **9.3 Final Policy Readings for the month of April 2021**

#### **9.3.1 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records and Public Notice and Juvenile Justice System Request for Information**

#### **9.3.2 526 Hazing Prohibition**

#### **9.3.3 601 School District Curriculum and Instructional Goals**

#### **9.3.4 616 School District Accountability**

#### **9.3.5 906 Community Notification of Predatory Offender**

Ms. Heidi motioned for Policies 515, 526, 601, 616, and 906 to be approved as final readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

### **9.4 Board Goals**

9.4.1 Academic Goals - noted in Director's Report

9.4.2 Non-Academic Goals - noted in Director' Report

**10.0 Adjournment**

Ms. Marian motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 4:49 pm. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.