

**Twin Cities International Schools
School Board Meeting**

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 4:00 pm on Google Meet

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa
Teacher Representative Ms. Marian Aden
Community Representative Abdi Elmi / Abdi Guled
Teacher Representative Heidi Tesfaye

ABSENT:

Community Representative Mohamed Mumin
Teacher Representative Mr. Cyprian Marubi
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, Prospective Board Member Heidi Tesfaye, and Accountant Mr. Abdulkadir Salah

1.0 Call to Order

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

2.0 Open Agenda

Mr. Warsame acknowledged the Open Meeting.

3.0 Approve Agenda

Ms. Marian approved the Agenda. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

4.0 Minutes from the Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes from the Previous Meetings of December 17, 2020

Mr. Abdi motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2020 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 No Business Arising from the Minutes of December 17, 2020.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

4.1 July-December 2020 YTD Report

Mr. Abdulkadir presented the July- December 2020 YTD Report.

Mr. Elmi motioned for the July- December 2020 YTD report to be received. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

7.0 Authorizer's Report

Item Tabled

8.0 Director's Report

Ms. Kelli and Mr. Ismaill reported:
Director's Notes 1/21/21

1. Enrollment - 1069
2. Instructional Model – In-Person or Parent Selected Distance Learning
 - 45% of TCIS parents opted to return to in-person learning/school-model
 - Approx. 60-70 students per grade – 3 in-person classes and 2-3 DL classes per grade K-4
 - Trying to lower in-person classes to under 20-21 even though we are considered in-person
 - K-4 increased class size for DL teachers – offering stipends over 32 students or the option for instructional coaches to take a class along with coaching job responsibilities for additional stipends.
 - Trying to hire 2-3 additional DL & Long-call Sub teachers for remainder of the school year to help with class size at K-4
 - 5-8 teachers and K-4 specialist teachers are still serving the same number of students they are always serving
 - K-2 in-person begins Mon. 1-25-2021, 3-5 begins Mon. Feb. 8, 2021, and Grade 6 begins Mon. Feb. 22, 2021. Still waiting to hear about 14-county case rate numbers and plans/guidance about secondary schools
3. Proceeding with ACCESS test scheduling until further notice from Federal Gov't.
4. PUC Goal Update: 92% of Elementary Parents participated in a virtual or phone conference in December.

Mr. Elmi 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 2021

9.1.1 505 Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees

9.1.2 514 Bullying Prohibition

9.1.3 522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination

9.1.4 534 Early Entrance Policy

Ms. Marian motioned for Policies 505, 514, 522, and 534 to be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.2 Final Policy Readings for the month of January 2021

9.2.1 490 Suspected Misconduct Policy

9.2.2 506 Discipline

9.2.3 902 Use of School Facilities

Mr. Elmi motioned for Policies 490, 506, and 902 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.

9.4 New School Board Member

Ms. Marian motioned for the board to receive Heidi Tesfaye as a new board member. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

10.0 Adjournment

Mr. Elmi motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 4:50 pm. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.