

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

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, September 17 at 4:00 pm on Google Meet

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa
Teacher Representative Ms. Marian Aden
Teacher Representative Mr. Cyprian Marubi
Parent Representative Abdirizak Botan
Community Representative Mohamed Mumin

ABSENT: Teacher Representative Ceri Everett

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ex-Officio Members Mr. Abdirashid Warsame, Ms. Kelli Smith and Mr. Ismail Ahmed

ALSO PRESENT: Prospective Board Member Abdi Elmi, Board Clerk Ms. Justie Vavra, and Accountant Mr. Abdulkadir Salah

1.0 Call to Order

The Chair acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting and opened the meeting at 4:09 pm.

2.0 Open Agenda

Chair acknowledged the Open Meeting.

3.0 Approve Agenda

Mr. Abdirizak Botan 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 August 3, 2020 and August 11, 2020

Ms. Marian motioned for the August 3, 2020 and August 11, 2020 minutes to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motioned carried.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of August 3, 2020 and August 11, 2020

No Business Arising from the Minutes of August 11, 2020

6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 July – August 2020 YTD Report

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

Mr. Cyprian motioned for the July- August 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

Mr. Abdirashid, Ms. Kelli, and Mr. Ismail reported

1. Enrollment as of 9/14/2020

- Total: 1079
- K-4 Total: 602
- 5-8 Total:477
- Max enrollment: 1170

-As of 9/16 -- slightly over 95% (k-4) and 98% (5-8) of students have consistent daily log on for distance learning. Seeing a drop in number of "live" students in the afternoon so we are doing some parent outreach around daily schedules this week and next.

2. Professional Development

- October 15th - day off for staff, no PD
- October 27 & 28 - Marzano Coaching for Teacher Effectiveness - Virtual (12 Coaches and Administrators)

3. Child Care

- 1 student - 2nd grader

4. Fall Conferences & Testing

- Conferences - postponed until further planning around logistics and platforms can be determined
- Opening live office hours for all teachers and EAs 2x per week - Tuesdays 2:00-2:30pm and Fridays 10:00-10:30pm.
- MAP Testing postponed until the week of Oct. 19th, 2020 to allow for additional training for staff, parents and students on procedures for remote testing.

5. Building Cleaning and usage

- Disinfect Spraying - 9/19 & 9/20 -- should last until winter break

6. Playground Art Project

TCIS will be working on a Playground Art Project this fall (pending the weather)

Here is a summary of the goals of the project:

- Painting parts of the playground so the students can play-create during recess
- Expand the playground space so students can learn through play
- To enhance fine and gross motor skills
- Artworks to include an academic component as well as fun environment
- Artworks to reflect culturally appropriate designs
- Students can independently navigate the play area with less conflict — safe and fun environment
- Physical distancing needs taken into account for play areas
- Incorporate community (stakeholders) involvement

Parents, students and teachers will be participating in creating the actual artworks with assistance and design from our Artist in Residence, Abdi Roble, TCIS Board Member, Parent, and Curator from Soomaal House of Art, Mohamed Mumin, as well as local artists Zahra Muse

and Kaamil Haider. We will keep you posted as we move forward with this project. There will be several opportunities for students and staff to get involved along the way.

7. Website: The school's website will be revamped to reflect the schools' work and to make it more parent/family friendly.

8. Family/Student Handbook: A new version of the family/student hand book will be available soon on the website and electronically for students.

9. Strategic Plan: Our 5 year strategic plan 2015-2020 is coming up for restructuring/revising. We are going to start working on a new district strategic plan that will include input from students, staff, teachers, parents, and stakeholders.

Ms. Marian motioned 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 September 2020

9.1.1 214 Out of State Travel by School Board Members

9.1.2 414 Mandate Reporting of Child Neglect

9.1.3 416 Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy

9.1.4 726 Group Health Coverage Purchasing

Ms. Marian motioned that policies 214, 214, 416, and 726 be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded and the motion was carried.

9.2 Contract Goals Review

Academic and Non-Academic Goals

Both the academic and non-academic goals were presented during the director's report in items #4 and #6.

9.3 ABC Building Company

Mr. Mohamed Mumin motioned to receive the resignation of Faisal Deri and approve the appointment of Faysal Ali as the new board member of ABC Building Company.

10.0 Adjournment

Mr. Abdirizak Botan motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 5:11 pm. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.