

**Twin Cities International Schools  
School Board Meeting**

**Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 4:00 pm on Google Meet**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:** Teacher Representative Heidi Tesfaye and Community Representative Mohamed Mumin

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Kelli Smith and Board Clerk Ms. Justine Vavra

**1.0 Call to Order**

Mr. Warsame opened the meeting at 4:02. 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 16, 2021**

Mr. Abdirazak motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2021 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

**5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of December 16, 2021**

The board discussed meeting online rather than in person for school board meetings due to COVID. Mr. Abdi and Ms. Kelli shared that as long as the camera is turned on, there is clearance to meet online moving forward. It is also important that everything is published and documented and that email addresses are posted online to serve as some sort of “location” for the meeting.

**6.0 Treasurer’s Report**

**4.1 July-December 2021 YTD Report**

Mr. Abdirashid presented the July- December 2021 YTD Report.

There was a discussion about transportation costs and how to determine when to stop providing transportation for just a few students who may live very far away. This is an ongoing uncertainty

to consider the value of having those students at TCIS vs the cost of transportation. TCIS wants all students to be able to come so as a school, we often err on that side of making it work. There will also be COVID funds coming in soon and Kelli mentioned she will be in a meeting next week to discuss this further.

Mr. Cyprian motioned for the July- December 2021 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. Ismail reported:

Director's Notes 1/20/22

1. Enrollment K-4: 551, 5-8: 455 TOTAL: 1006
2. TCIS Administration along with input from Mr. Shirwa made the decision to move its instructional programming to online learning due to increasing numbers of COVID positive cases within the school and in the greater community. TCIS moved to online learning on Monday, Jan. 10th, 2022. Based on recent information on community spread and medical models of infection rates, TCIS is extending its online learning 1 week and now expects to return to in-person learning on Monday, Feb. 7, 2022.
3. PUC GOALS: Unfortunately, due to the move to online learning, MAP Testing has been postponed until February. Academic progress updates will be provided at the Feb. board meeting, pending completion of testing. Parent Teacher Conferences in February are also being postponed until March 2022.
4. Qtr 2 ends on Friday, 1/28/22. Report Cards will be available for families on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022 and will only be available in parentvue unless requested by the parent to have sent home.

Mr. Cyprian 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 January 2022**

- 9.1.1 **491 Credit Card Usage**
- 9.1.2 **522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination**
- 9.1.3 **524 Internet Acceptable Use Policy**
- 9.1.4 **533 Wellness**

Mr. Abdi motioned for Policies 491, 522, 524 and 533 to be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

### **9.2 Final Policy Readings for the month of January 2022**

- 9.2.1 **406B Employee Administration Record Retention**
- 9.2.2 **426 Nepotism in Charter Schools**
- 9.3.3 **521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination**

Mr. Cyprian motioned for Policies 406B, 426 and 521 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 TCIS 21-22 Calendar Modifications**

Ms. Kelli shared some dates that are getting shifted due to unexpected changes coming with online learning. The date of conferences and other items are shifting to make accommodations for this time of learning online. See attached calendar for more information.

Ms. Marian motioned for the TCIS 2021-2022 calendar modifications to be approved. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

### **9.5 Updated CDC/MDH COVID Quarantine Guidance**

Ms. Kelli shared that there are new guidelines put out by the CDC and MDH and that schools are given the authority to decide how to implement the new ideas. The document attached shares more details and the board was asked to give feedback on the questions of how long students should quarantine if they are unvaccinated. The board agreed with the proposed thoughts and approved the new guidelines.

Mr. Cyprian motioned for the updated CDC/MDH COVID quarantine guidance to be approved. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

### **10.0 Adjournment**

Mr. Abdirizak motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 4:54 pm. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.