

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

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 10:30am, at the International Education Center, 277 12th Ave. N, Room #120, Minneapolis, MN, 55401

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Ms. Marian Aden, Treasurer Mr. Faysal Ali, Teacher Representative Members Ms. Christel Watson, Teacher Representative Ms. Wesam Shaker and Teacher Representative Mr. Ibrahim Aden.

ABSENT: Community Representative Member Mr. Abdisamad Ibrahim, Teacher.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ex-Officio Member Mr. Abdirashid Warsame, Director of Twin Cities International Elementary School and Authorizer Representative Mr. George Lillquist.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Kelli Smith, Mr. Mohamed Egeh, Mr. Abdulkadir Salah, Mr. Ali Muse, Mr. Lucas Bogle and Ms. Patti Kronk.

1.0 Welcome and Member Contact Detail Confirmation

Chair opened the meeting at 10:33am. The Chair acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2.0 Open Agenda

Chair acknowledged the Open Meeting, no public questions or comments were posed to the Board.

3.0 Approve Agenda

Ms. Christel motioned for the Agenda to be approved with the following addition 7.1.8 External User Access Recertification. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

4.0 Minutes from the previous regular Board Meeting held on February 21, 2015.

Ms. Christel motioned that the Minutes of February 21, 2015 be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 Treasurer's Report

5.1 July 2014-February 2015 YTD Report

The Chair welcomed Mr. Mohamed to present the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Mohamed introduced Mr. Abdulkadir, the Accountant for Twin Cities International Elementary School. Mr. Mohamed reviewed each line item in detail, further noted the benchmark of 67% for projected revenue and expenditure. Total Revenue received was \$3,891,795 while tracking at 55%. Revenue received is 12% lower than projection. The year-to-date Expenditures

are \$4,546,514 while tracking at 61%, which is 6% below projected amount. Mr. Mohamed noted that the Fund Balance is 32%. Budget based on 590 ADM.

Ms. Christel motioned that the Treasurer's Report July 2014-February 2015 YTD be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

6.0 New Business:

6.1 Authorizer's Report

Mr. George, Concordia University Authorizer Representative Reported:

- a. Explained the status of the eight (8) schools Concordia University authorizes; 1 approved by MDE, 3 to have a new authorizer by the end of August, 2015, 3 in the process of being considered – possibly by Winter Break 2016. Possibly 1 school in danger of being closed.
- b. Further explaining the reasoning behind Concordia University discontinuing authorization.

6.2 Director's Report

Mr. Abdirashid Reported:

- a. Just finished Trimester II, Trimester III begins on Monday.
- b. We have had 3 lockdown drills so far this year and have 2 more scheduled. We have 3 remaining fire drills and the state-wide tornado drill left this year.
- c. TIES and MIMS have discussed adopting a new math curriculum this year. Despite the uncertainty of new math standards for MN, we feel that we cannot wait for the State to decide if they will adopt new standards this year or the next legislative session due to the current K-6 program being out of print. The curriculum people from each school are narrowing down some of the math series available based on a goal of having a K-8 alignment and a curriculum that is already aligned to the MN State Standards and Common Core components as well as curriculum philosophies and ones we have reviewed in the past. We have asked staff for grade level representatives and are asking the Board for a representative and also the TIES Advisory Council to provide a few representatives from the stakeholder groups. We will ask for names after Spring Break and set a meeting schedule. We expect there to be about 3-4 meetings lasting from 1-2 hours each.
- d. TIES MCA dates are coming up in April – Reading on April 22-24 and math on April 29-May 1. Both assessments are online this year.
- e. We continue to have approx. 80 students attending Saturday School which will run through April 25th. We will not be hosting a Spring Break Academy this year. The Saturday School program has taken the place of that program in the budget and we believe we will see more growth due to the addition of several dates rather than a 4-day intense program.

- f. On Thursday, March 5th we had our closing to “I Love to Read” Month’s “Book Blizzard”. It was a very successful event and students and adults had a great time.
- g. Terrific Trait Program at school – this year we have initiated a new program to assist with behavior called the Terrific Trait program. Each Trimester the entire school focuses on a specific trait (Teamwork, Empathy and Self Control). Students get Trait cards to turn in to the Dean’s office and cards are drawn each Friday for prizes. We have an assembly to close out the previous trait by putting all cards back into the drawing and select several students for larger prizes. We also introduce the new trait at the assembly. So far, we have received positive feedback from both students and staff about the trait program.
- h. TIES is starting a Student Athlete program called “Rising Stars”. This program will run two days a week for students in grades 3 and 4, both boys and girls. This program will run after school from 5:00-6:30pm and parents will need to provide transportation.
- i. Directors from TIES and MIMS met with Keith, the building owner on March 10, 2015 to discuss terms for the lease renewal. A 5 year lease was negotiated.
- j. Pillsbury update - Pillsbury has not yet sent in the paperwork, TIES to continue to follow-up on Monday.

Mr. Ibrahim motioned that the Director’s Report be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

6.3 Technology Report

Mr. Lucus Bogle introduced himself giving a brief description of his current and previous experience. Discussing how technology has improved education, further explaining 21st Century skills students will need moving forward and equipment changes that are needed to make this happen. Presented a video which included the beginning of technology through current times. Brought Board Members up-to-date on current technology changes taking place at Twin Cities International Elementary School; to include a new infrastructure via Cisco, with greater capacity to incorporate the needs of the school/students. Further noting that all purchased equipment is moveable if need be.

7.0 Other Reports, Discussions and Action Items

7.1 Policy Readings for the Month of January, 2015

7.1.1. **524 Internet Acceptable Use**

7.1.2. **526 Hazing Prohibition**

7.1.3. **531 The Pledge of Allegiance**

7.1.4. **407 Employee Right to Know-Exposure to Hazardous Substances**

7.1.5. 601 School District Curriculum and Instruction

7.1.6. 609 Religion

7.1.7. 616 School District Accountability

Mr. Ibrahim motioned that Policies 524, 526, 531 and 407 be approved as final readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Ibrahim motioned that Policies 601, 609, and 616 be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

7.1.8. External User Access Recertification

The Minnesota Department of Education has announced that the release of the new External User Access Recertification System. The new system provides superintendents and directors access to secure systems for the Local Education System. In order for the district to have access to this system Twin Cities International Elementary School's Board of Directors must designate an identified local official to assign responsibilities and to authorize external access.

Ms. Christel motioned that Mr. Abdirashid, Director of Twin Cities International Elementary School be the Designated Authority to have access to the External User Recertification System. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

7.2 Building Lease Approval

Mr. Faysal discussed the Building Lease stating the Lease is now a five year lease and will end in 2020.

Mr. Faysal motioned that the Building Lease Renewal be approved. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

8.0 Old Business

No old business to discuss.

9.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Christel motioned that the meeting adjourn, noting the time was 11:58pm. The motion carried. The next scheduled meeting will be Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 10:30am.