

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

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at 10:30am, at the International Education Center, 277 12th Ave. N, Room #120, Minneapolis, MN, 55401

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mr. Abdikarim Mohamed, Secretary Ms. Bethany Forsberg, Treasurer Mr. Abdirashid Warsame, Community Representative Member Mr. Abdisamad Ibrahim, Teacher Member Mr. Ibrahim Aden and Teacher Member Ms. Wesam Shaker.

ABSENT: Teacher Member Ms. Christena Ulvin, Community Representative Member Mr. Osman Mohamed.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Randal Eckart, Director of Twin Cities International Elementary School. Authorizer Representatives Mr. George Lillquist, Mr. Tom Henderlite and Mr. Fred Bartling.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Ali Muse, Ms. Patti Kronk.

1.0 Welcome and Member Contact Detail Confirmation

Chair opened the meeting at 10:40a.m. The Chair acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2.0 Approve Agenda

Ms. Bethany motioned for the Agenda to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried. No corrections were noted.

3.0 Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on September 10, 2011

Ms. Bethany motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2011 to be approved. The motion was seconded to endorse the meeting minutes of September 10, 2011 and the motion carried. No corrections were noted.

4.0 Treasurer's Report (10 min).

The Chair tabled Item #4 for November 12, 2011.

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Authorizer's Report

Mr. George, Concordia University Authorizer Representative Reported:

- a. The Representatives were happy to be here.
- b. The History of the Schools presented was interesting and enlightening.
- c. Requested that Concordia University have a stronger presence on Twin Cities

International Elementary School's website with the addition of the names and contact information (i.e. email address, phone number) for Mr. Lonny Maly and Mr. George Lillquist.

- d. Requested Twin Cities International Elementary School's Board Meeting
Agendas be updated on the website, as to assist parents and community members with school news/information.
- e. Asked to revisit Twin Cities International Elementary School's goals again in
March/April of 2012.
- f. Stated Concordia University does not want to be a central office for the Elementary School and Middle School. Remarked that this will be a learning year for Concordia University with the new rules set forth by the Minnesota Department of Education. Noted that they will work through these concerns with both schools.
- g. Concordia congratulated Twin Cities International Elementary School for achieving AYP in Reading and Math.
- h. Mr. Fred asked to be informed of special events taking place at Twin Cities International Elementary School. Dr. Randal stated that all events are listed on the school calendar located on the school's website.

5.2 Director's Report

Dr. Eckart reported:

- a. Discussed upcoming After School Programs to begin November 15, 2011-December 20, 2011, short winter break, and the programs to resume January 24, 2012-April 26, 2012. Program days are Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00pm-5:30pm. Programs available for 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students. Two (2) Administrators will be present during the After School Programs.
- b. The 2010/2011 Annual Report was delivered to the Minnesota Department of Education as well as Concordia University.
- c. Twin Cities International Elementary School achieved AYP in both Math and Reading. Clarified that the Math test was new this year for the State of Minnesota and that Twin Cities International Elementary School's scores held well. Noted that the Reading test will be new as of the upcoming 2012-2013 school year.
- d. Staff were notified of the AYP results.
- e. Discussed Academic Goals for 2011-2012 as noted on page 24 and 25 of the 2010-2011 Annual Report. 2010-2011 Annual Report distributed.
- f. The school currently has a 95% student attendance rate.
- g. Enrollment still strong at 570.
- h. Only 5% referred for more than 1 disciplinary issue within the year. Dr. Randal explained the process for disciplinary concerns/issues.
- i. Discussed access to computers is limited for parents to view information regarding the school. Further stated that the verbal communication with parents is excellent.

Mr. Abdirashid Warsame motioned that the Director's Report be received. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

6.0 Discussion

No Discussion.

7.0 Action Items

7.1 Board Officer's Nominations:

- a. Mr. Abdikarim welcomed Ms. Marian Aden. Ms. Marian expressed her desire regarding the open Teacher Member Board Position. Mr. Ibrahim Aden motioned to appoint Ms. Marian as a new Board Teacher Member. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

7.2 Resolution Adopting Settlement Agreement:

- b. Dr. Randal discussed the settlement agreement, stating the lawsuit was resolved. Explained the past employee felt this was a wrongful termination, but the action was based on budget cuts. A monetary payment was agreed to, as not to further expenses and staff time. Previous employee has signed a release against Twin Cities International Elementary School. Ms. Bethany motioned to adopt the settlement agreement. Motion seconded, motion carried.

7.3 Review and Update Policies:

- c. Ms. Bethany motioned to have 1st Readings (521, 526, and 806) move to 2nd Readings, 2nd Readings (402, 616 and 522) move to Final Readings, and Final Readings (418, 419 and 501) be adopted. The motion was seconded, motion carried.

8.0 Old Business

No old business at this time.

11.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Bethany motioned that the meeting adjourn, noting the time at 11:37am. The motion carried. The next scheduled meeting will be November 12, 2011 at 10:30am (Saturday).