

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

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 10:30am, at the International Education Center, 277 12th Ave. N, Room #126, Minneapolis, MN, 55401

MEMBERS PRESENT: Treasurer Mr. Faysal Ali, Community Representative Mr. Abdisamad Ibrahim, Community Representative Mr. Abdirizak Hassan, Teacher Representative Ms. Wesam Shaker, and Teacher Representative Ms. Shannon Pepper.

ABSENT: Chair Ms. Marian Aden, Teacher Representative Mr. Ibrahim Aden,

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ex-Officio Member Mr. Abdirashid Warsame

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Justie Vavra, Accountant Mr. Abdulkadir Salah, J. Kou Vang and Craig Kronholm.

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Faysal opened the meeting at 10:32 am. Mr. Faysal acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2.0 Open Agenda

Mr. Faysal acknowledged the Open Meeting.

3.0 Approve Agenda

Mr. Abdirizak 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 January 21, 2017

Ms. Shannon motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2017 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of January 21, 2017

No Business Arising from the Minutes of January 21, 2017.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 July 2016-January 2017 YTD Report

Mr. Abdulkadir presented the July 2016- January 2017 YTD Report.

Many of the items that are over budget are technology, and because this is front loaded this is ok and will eventually balance out into the needs of the budget.

Ms. Shannon motioned for the July 2016-January 2017 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 reported:

1. Student Enrollment is 617.
2. Ms. Marian, Mr. Abdirashid and Ms. Kelli met with Mr. Larry and Ms. Lexi from PUC for our mid-year review on Wed. Feb. 1st. We updated them on our goal progress thus far. They took a tour of the building and commented on how the culture of what we are trying to accomplish for character and goal setting really comes across in our bulletin board displays and Camel Code.
3. TIES students took MAP Tests for reading and math in the middle of January. Based on our PUC goals, TIES is performing just below the targets for NWEA Growth – 47.9% of students met their Fall to Winter growth target for Math and 48.8% of students met their Fall to Winter growth target for Reading.
4. ACCESS for ELs tests will begin next week for the domains of Reading and Listening and then Writing will take place at the end of the month. Speaking and the Kindergarten ACCESS will take place in March.
5. After school program will began again on Feb. 7th and we are excited to be working with some volunteers from Mindset (located on Washington Ave.) who will be teaching a coding class to about 10 students for the next 4 weeks.
6. Parent Teacher Conferences for the winter were held on Thursday, Feb. 2 from 2-8 pm and on Friday, Feb. 3 from 8-12pm. We will have final participation numbers at the March board meeting.
7. We are about ½ way through our staff observation cycles for the year. We are seeing some talented and innovative teachers around our building.
8. February is ‘I Love to Read’ month and this year our theme is “Reading with the Book Stars”. WE had a kick off assembly on Thursday, Feb. 2 and the students were treated to staff members dressing up as famous characters from literature and having a fluency contest. We have event happening throughout the month and will have a closing assembly where our characters challenge some students in the fluency contest on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017.

Mr. Abdirizak motioned for 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 February 2017

9.1.1 208 Development Adoption and Implementation of Policies

9.1.2 514 Bullying Prohibition

9.1.3 516 Student Medication

Ms. Shannon motioned for Policies 208, 514, and 516 to be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.2 Final Policy Readings for the month of February 2017

9.2.1 205 Open and Closed Meeting Policy

9.2.2 502 Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student’s Person

9.2.3 506 Discipline

Ms. Shannon motioned for Policies 205, 502, and 506 to be approved as final readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.3 ABC Formation- Affiliated Building Corporation

Two gentlemen from JB Company Mr. J.Kou Vang and Mr. Craig Kronholm attended the meeting to share about a partnership opportunity to support the school in the desire to own the school building. This company has over fifteen years of experience working with Charter Schools with this goal. According to MN statues, Charter Schools cannot own their own building but ABC Formation exists to buy, finance, renovate/build and own the building to lease back to the school to get around this MN statue. ABC benefits the school itself as the stakeholder is the school. The school board will appoint 3 members each year to be on the ABC board which will go out and get financing. The school does not need to put out any money up front as this bond is based on 100% financing.

There is a need to make some decisions as to begin this process or not because in three years the current lease will run out and negotiation typically takes 3-4 years, so the time to start this conversation is now. The projected timeline would be to begin this summer and finish for Fall of 2018. The hope is to take the next step to run numbers and discover if this is an opportunity as this company will allow us to start the negotiation process. The school is currently on prime real estate because the majority of the students live in Minneapolis area, and because we already exist here the school is grandfathered into this location and we do not want to give this up. The Directors need a motion from the school board to start this process of working with Craig A. Kepler from Lindquist Law Firm to form the ABC Company. The board will continue to discuss this opportunity and make some decisions in upcoming meetings.

Mr. Abdirazak motioned that the director to work with Craig A. Kepler for the formation of ABC company. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.4 Board Goals

9.4.1 Academic Goals- The School Director reported the update on the positive meeting with PUC.

9.4.2 Non-Academic Goals- the School Director reported the success of Parent-Teacher Conferences on February 2nd and 3rd, which meets a non-academic goal.

10.0 Adjournment

Mr. Abdisamad motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 11:25 am. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.