

TWIN CITIES INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Regular Board Meeting
January 10th, 2009 10:30 a.m.
International Education Center, Room 120

Board Members Present:

Abdirashid Warsame; Mandee Rickard, secretary; Abdisamad Ibrahim, Kristin Kjolsing; treasurer, Jessica Wrobleski, Ibrahim Adan, Wesam Shaker, Mahmoud Kalif Ahmed

Board Members Absent:

Abdikarim Mohamed; chair

Ex-Officio:

Tom Black, Mohamed Adan

Guests:

Abdullah Mohamed, Ali Muse

Call of Order:

- 10:36 am.
- Ibrahim is acting as board chair by the request of Abdikarim due to his absence.

Agenda:

- Abdisamad moved a motion to approve the agenda, Mandee second it, motion carried.

Review Minutes from Previous Meeting:

- Mandee moved a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Abdirashid second it, motion carried.

Business Manager Report/Treasurer's Report:

- Our budget is currently tracking at 45% and we are half way through the fiscal year.
- Abdisamad moved a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Abdirashid second it, motion carried.

Year-to-Date Spending:

The year-to-date spending was as follows:

Total Revenue: \$ 3,141,980

Total Expenditures: \$ 3,286,432

General Fund Profit (Loss): (\$144,453)

Food Service Revenue: \$ 173,017

Food Service Expenditures: \$ 164,849

Food Service Fund Profit (Loss): \$ 8,168

New Business:

- A. Larson Allen's Audit Report has been received but the presentation was tabled. A representative of Larson Allen will present at the next board meeting in February.
- B. Sponsor's Report
 - Tom Black attended our meeting. Mark was unable to attend due to classes resuming on Monday. Mr. Black reported that Century College is uncomfortable with school board stipends due to the economy in MN. Century is also not convinced it is legal and ethical. They urge the board not to take action.
 - Mr. Black also stated that enrollment at Century College is increasing.
- C. Director's Report
 - The NWEA reading test will take place in January for all grades. The math test will be administered in February.
 - There is no school on January 19th, 2009 due to Martin Luther King Day.
 - On January 23rd, 2009, staff development time has been set aside. Staff will be working with Viewpoint and literacy goals for SFA.
 - On February 26th and February 27th, 2009, conferences will be held.
 - Homework Help Tutoring has begun. The Cedar Riverside site has 63 students attending. The site at 2101 Washington Court has 18 students attending. The next site is at Phillips Community Center and we believe there will be about 60 students participating. It is expected that parents stay with their children while attending tutoring.
 - The After School Program is suspended in January.
 - All 3 schools have started creating the 2009-2010 school year calendar.
 - The Governor's budget will be presented at the end of January. The budget will affect all schools, especially charter schools. Lease aid and funding formulas could change. First grade preparedness dollars will be depleted after this year, which will definitely affect the budget.
 - Abdismad requested that the curriculum director should report to the board on student progress at the next meeting.

Discussion Items:

- A. State legislation, financial shortcomings and how it will impact our school:
Randal stated that we are not sure what the impact will be, but it's coming. It is too early to know what we will have to change and what will remain the same. We should watch the legislation closely and then discuss it at the committee level. We want to have the least impact on students and achievements when we make changes to the budget. Abdirashid added that he hopes the fund balanced is not touched when we make changes to the budget.
- B. Second readings of policy 516 and 532:
The policy committee has not met because of winter break. Please send any suggestions you may have to the policy committee.
- C. Update board goals:

Everyone on the board has completed phase 1 & 2 training. We will watch for phase 3 & 4 trainings to be scheduled. The homework help is up and running. Abdikarim, Mandee, and Kristen will be attending an Officer's Training in February. Mandee and Tom Black will work together to bring Century College students to TIES.

Action Items:

- A. Resignation of Kelley Booth:
Kelley Booth has resigned at the TIES School Board Clerk effective immediately.
Abdirashid moved a motion to fill the clerk position with a qualified individual. Kristen second it, motion carried.
- B. Revisit board budget:
Kristin motioned to revisit the board budget. Jessica second it, motion carried.
Abdirashid motioned to return the \$35,000 board budget to the general fund balance.
Mahmoud Kalif Ahmed second it, motion carried.

Old Business:

- None

Adjournment:

- Abdirashid moved a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mahmoud second it, motion carried. 12:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: Saturday, February 14th, 2009 @ 10:30 a.m.