

# TWIN CITIES INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 10:30 a.m.

## School Board Meeting Minutes

### **Board members Present:**

Abdikarim Mohamed, Chair; Kristin Kjolsing, Treasurer; Jessica Wrobleski, Abdirashid Warsame, Abdisamad Ibrahim, Mohamoud Khalif, Wesam Shaker, Ibrahim Aden.

### **Board members Absent:**

Mandee Rickard, Secretary.

### **Ex-Official members present:**

Tom Black, Sponsor Authorizer From Century College, Mr. Randal Eckart, TIES Director

#### **1. Open Meeting.**

Mr. Abdikarim, the Chair, opened the meeting at 10:34 AM. He asked everyone to introduce himself/herself so that the new Century College representative Ms. Pakou Vang could know the Board members.

#### **2. Approve Agenda.**

Kristin K. Moved a motion to approve today's agenda .Abdisamad seconds. Motion carries.

#### **3. Review minutes from previous meeting (3 min).**

Mr. Abdisamad moved a motion to approve the previous minutes. Ms. Jessica seconds Motion carries.

#### **4. Business Manager Report (15 min).**

Tabled

#### **5. New Business.**

##### **a. Sponsors Remarks (10 min).**

Mr. Tom Black stated that he attended the MAC Quarterly meetings. He shared with them many of their experiences. He also said that he obtained a copy of the Charter Law which he is studying it. He mentioned a 20% increase in enrollment at Century College. Mr. Black concluded his remarks with keen interest of monitoring the general enrollment of the three sister schools they sponsor. On the other hand, Pakou Vang stated that Dr. Felsheim's replacement is done and although they had a change of leadership, they are happy with the general performance of the Century College.

## **b. Director's Report (10 min)**

The Director talked about the student achievement program in general. He explained that all student data is kept on a computer based program. The data will be available to teachers and will be accessible so they can easily share this information with the parents at the next week's conferences. Input from parents and teachers will also be added to the learning plans. He mentioned a new strategy for tutoring program during prep time. At this time all Educational Assistants will group together in their grade level and tutor students, while volunteer parents support the prep teachers and lunch supervision. He mentioned that 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers attended training on Common Assessments. He added that the staff development provided on Wednesdays and teachers are mentored on daily bases. He also said that new Educational Assistant trainings will be ongoing on a weekly basis. The Director also informed the Board that we are being supervised and trained in preparation of monitoring by MDE for special education. He mentioned that on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, the school will have a star Scholar Assembly from 8:30 - 9:30am, to honor Students with excellent behavior and improved academics.

## **C. Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction Report**

Ms. Kelli Wilson stated that the school made tremendous progress in Reading and we received safe harbor in Math last year. She also said that due to the adoption of the new math curriculum, teacher's training on Wednesdays each week and teamwork lead us to a 3 point jump in last year's scores. The school also increased 16 points in reading in last year testing.

Ms. Wilson displayed the data result of last year AYP and MAP testing including AMAO with a power point presentation and explained how all the data information in every score is been interpreted. She also stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> grade level made a good progress on last year MAP testing. Ms. Wilson informed the Board that all the data about AYP and MAP testing is available to teachers and can be accessed any time. However, she stated that the state has not yet received the ELL's standards, and the Kindergarten through Second grade component factor among the challenges that faces various schools in the District and hence affect the result in testing in general. She finally concluded her remarks that we are pleased on the overall progress we are making thus far and thanked the Board members and teachers for their hard work. Mr. Abdirashid thanked Ms. Wilson for her presentation.

6. Discussion

a. Policy committee (1 min).

- (i) 401 - Equal Employment Opportunity.
  - (ii) 214 - Out - Of - State Travel by School Board Members.
- The Chairman moved on and gave chance for members to read.

b. Write/update Board Goals 2009-2010

The Chairman requested the board goals to be written and updated.

Mr. Abdirashid asked if we are writing new goals or we are updating the previous goals. Ms. Kristin clarified that we only updating the previous goals and not creating new ones. Then the Chairman stated that we will have a goal chart attached to the board minutes at every board meeting.

The Board also discussed the upcoming trainings for Board members. Ms. Kristin stated that the upcoming training will be held on Tuesday January12, 2010. Mr. Abdirashid was concerned on board training during daytime since that will affect the school progress . Ms. Kristin informed the Board that there are both evening and morning sessions, and Board members can go to the evening session on the same date. Mr. Tom Black asked what the cost of attending the training is and Ms. Kristin informed that it is \$55.00 per person. Mr. Abdirashid also asked who will be responsible of registering the members and Ms. Kristin volunteered herself and took the names of those who are interested to go to the training.

7. Action Items (10 min).

NO Action Items.

8. Old Business.

NO Old Business.

9. Adjournment.

Mr. Kristin moves a motion to adjourn the meeting .Mr. Mohamud seconds. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 am.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for 10:30 AM, Saturday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 2009.