

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

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 10:30am, at the International Education Center, 277 12th Ave. N, Room #120, Minneapolis, MN, 55401

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mr. Abdikarim Mohamed, Treasurer Mr. Abdirashid Warsame, Teacher Representative Member Ms. Marian Aden, Community Representative Member Mr. Osman Mohamed, Teacher Representative Member Ms. Christena Ulvin, and Community Representative Member Mr. Abdisamad Ibrahim.

ABSENT: Secretary Ms. Bethany Forsberg, Teacher Representative Member Ms. Wesam Shaker, Teacher Representative Member Mr. Ibrahim Aden, Ex-Officio Member Dr. Randal Eckart, Director of Twin Cities International Elementary School and Mr. Abdirizak Hassan

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Authorizer Representative Mr. Tom Henderlite and Authorizer Representative Mr. George Lillquist.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Kelli Wilson, Ms. Patti Kronk and Mr. Ali Muse.

1.0 Welcome and Member Contact Detail Confirmation

Chair opened the meeting at 10:42a.m. The Chair acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2.0 Approve Agenda

Ms. Christena motioned for the Agenda to be approved with the following corrections; add b. - "Appoint Temporary Check Signer" and c. - "Approval of the 2012/2013 School Calendar" to #7 Action Item(s). The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

3.0 Minutes from the previous regular Board Meeting held on February 11, 2012.

Ms. Christena motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2012 to be approved with the following correction to - 6.2 "Expansion of Twin Cities International Elementary School" – spelling of Lonn Maly. The motion was seconded to endorse the meeting minutes of February 11, 2012 and the motion carried.

4.0 Treasurer's Report (10 min).

a. **July, 2011-February, 2012 (Distributed)**

The Chair welcomed Mr. Abdirashid Warsame to present the Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Abdirashid reviewed each line item in detail, further noted the benchmark of 67% for projected revenue and expenditure. Total Revenue received was 56% and Expenditure was 60%. The Revenue received was 11% less than projected. Mr. Abdirashid noted that the total Revenues & Expenditures by Program are below the projected budget of 67% and the Fund Balance is tracking at 33%. He stated that the year-to-date revenue is

\$3,702,920 while tracking at 56%. This is 11% less than the projected budget. The year-to-date expenditures are \$4,064,870 while tracking at 60%; this is 7% below projected amount.

This budget is based on a student enrollment of 570, actual student enrollment is 603.

Mr. Osman motioned that the Treasurer's Report be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Authorizer's Report

Mr. George, Concordia University Authorizer Representative Reported:

- a. Final Twin Cities International Elementary School's goals to be reviewed in August versus June.
- b. Inquired if the Pledge of Allegiance has been initiated, and if it was being recited weekly by Twin Cities International Elementary School's Administration.
- c. Mr. George and Mr. Tom to discuss the expansion of Twin Cities International Elementary School with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). This will be done to ensure the law is being followed, as Concordia University wants the expansion school to be successful.
- d. Recommended Twin Cities International Elementary School consult with attorneys regarding the expansion.
- e. Mr. Tom requested acronyms be spelled out, with descriptions; i.e. SIOP, etc.
- f. Add staff/student/parent survey to be distributed once per year to Twin Cities International Elementary School's goals.

5.2 Director's Report

Ms. Kelli reported:

- a. Update on Dr. Randal's health, explaining he will be on leave for 8 to 12 weeks. Possibly available for phone consultation in early to mid April.
- b. Ms. Kelli Wilson and Mr. Ali Muse to share Dr. Randal's responsibilities in his absence.
- c. Discussed MN Association of Charter Schools Endowment Fund to be received by March 15, 2012 from mining proceeds. Currently the amount is \$14.00/student, which will increase to \$28.00/student next year.
- d. Minnesota Department of Education will notify school districts of the Accountability System that will be utilized in lieu of the AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) System on Wednesday, February 15, 2012.
- e. Presented strand data regarding testing scores per teacher, with the ability to identify student weaknesses. Teachers will target these areas.
- f. Twin Cities International Elementary School was above the line of achievement within the University of Minnesota's Race, Poverty and ESL (English as a Second Language) Report. Twin Cities International Elementary School is above the state's data in all three of these factors.
- g. Continuously enrolled Twin Cities International Elementary School students performed 5-7 points higher in testing scores if enrolled from Kindergarten on.

- h. US Department of Education/National Charter School Resource Center have asked Twin Cities International Elementary School (1 of 4 schools) to be a presenter regarding ELL (English Language Learners). This will be a 30 minute webinar presentation.
- i. The state's average MCA testing scores dropped by 9%. Twin Cities International Elementary School's drop in scores was only 7.8%. The drop in scores can potentially be contributed to the change in format of the test from paper based to computer based.
- j. Two principals from Iowa contacted Twin Cities International Elementary School requesting the ability to spend a day touring the school, stating they have read various articles regarding the success of Twin Cities International Elementary School.

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

6.0 Discussion

6.1 Annual Meeting

- a. Twin Cities International Elementary Schools Annual Meeting is June 9, 2012. 2:00pm – Minnesota International Middle School, 3:00pm - Twin Cities International Elementary School, 5:00pm – Election. Further details will be discussed at the April 14, 2012 Board Meeting.

6.2 Calendar Committee

- b. Ms. Marian presented the 2012/2013 School Calendar (distributed); dates have changed for Access Testing. 2012/2013 School Calendar will be updated to reflect corrected dates. Ms. Christena motioned to accept the 2012/2013 School Calendar, noting testing dates will change. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

7.0 Action Items

- a. Ms. Christena motioned to have 2nd Readings 208, 601 and 603 to Final Readings. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.
- b. The Chair appointed Mr. Ali Muse to be added as another check signer to assist in Dr. Randal's absence. Ms. Christena motioned to have Mr. Ali Muse added as an additional check signer, the motion was seconded and the motion carried.

8.0 Old Business

No old business at this time.

9.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Christena motioned that the meeting adjourn; noting the time at 12.20pm, the motion was seconded. The motion carried. The next scheduled meeting will be April 14, 2012 at 10:30am (Saturday).