

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

**Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, February 8, 2014 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. Faysal Ali, Secretary Ms. Julia Monke, Teacher Representative Ms. Marian Aden, Community Representative Mr. Abdisamad Ibrahim, Teacher Representative Ms. Wesam Shaker, Teacher Representative Mr. Ibrahim Aden, Teacher Representative Ms. Christel Watson and Community Member Mr. Abdulkadir Salah

ABSENT: None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ex-Officio Member Dr. Randal Eckart, Director of Twin Cities International Elementary School and Authorizer Representative Mr. Charles Opp

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Mohamed Egeh and Mr. Ali Muse

1.0 Welcome

Chair opened the meeting at 10:36am and acknowledged a quorum was present.

2.0 Approve Agenda

Mr. Abdisamad motioned for the Agenda to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

3.0 Minutes from the previous regular Board Meeting held on January 11, 2014.

Mr. Faysal motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2014 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

4.0 Treasurer's Report

4.1 July 2013 to February 2014

Mr. Egeh presented the July 1-February 2014 YTD report.

Ms. Julia motioned to accept the July-February YTD budget as presented. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

4.2 2013-2014 Revised Budget

The Finance Committee met to revise the budget prior to the Board Meeting. Mr. Charles Opp noted he was impressed with the revisions made to the budget.

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Authorizer's Report

Mr. Charles Opp, Concordia University Authorizer Representative Reported:

- a. Impressed with positive leadership at TIES.
- b. Recommended to begin process of board elections that will take place at the Annual Meeting in May. Mr. Charles Opp will send election information to the board.

5.2 Director's Report

Dr. Randal Reported:

- a. Upcoming Food Audit in late February. Staff Development hours have been used for training and informing staff on proper food delivery.
- b. Recent events at TIES: Reading Olympics have commenced for I Love to Read Month, field trips, OLPA testing for 3rd and 4th grade students to prepare for MCA test, and WIDA ACCESS testing for EL students.
- c. Formatting contract to include elements of the World's Best Workforce to write goals with the Advisory Committee.

6.0 Discussion

6.1 Board Goals

Ms. Julia reported on School Board Training for new and existing members. Ms. Julia will contact MIMS to coordinate times for TIES and MIMS staff to receive training together, if possible.

6.2 Advisory Committee

Mr. Faysal reported progress on the creation of the Advisory Committee. He will continue to research existing committee plans and report findings and progress at the March Board Meeting.

6.3 Possibility of extending this school year's calendar to compensate for the number of snow/cold days taken off during the winter months

Mr. Randal reported that TIES is still in compliance with the number of days in a school calendar as required by MDE.

6.4 Provide voluntary school days during Spring Break for those 3rd and 4th grade students not making adequate academic progress

Mr. Randal reported that TIES will meet the number of instructional school hours required by MDE, without an increase of school days. All Board Members present were made aware that an extension of school hours will be additional to the already met requirement of instructional hours.

6.5 Policies

- a. Policies 413, 414, and 514 were discussed for Annual Review.

7.0 Action Items

7.1 Approve the 2013-2014 Revised Budget

Mr. Faysal motioned to approve the 2013-2014 Revised Budget. Roll was called and all members present approved the motion.

7.2 Approve possible extension of 2013-2014 school year calendar to compensate for the number of snow/cold days taken off during the winter months

Ms. Marian motioned to not extend the 2013-2014 school year calendar to compensate for the number of snow/cold days taken off during the winter month. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

7.3 Provide voluntary school days during Spring Break for those 3rd and 4th grade students not making adequate academic progress

Mr. Faysal motioned to approve TIES to provide voluntary school days during Spring Break for those 3rd and 4th grade students not making adequate academic progress. The motion seconded, and the motion carried.

7.4 Policies

- a. Policy 413: Ms. Julia motioned to approve Policy 413 for Annual Review. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.
- b. Policy 414: Ms. Julia motioned to approve Policy 414 for Annual Review. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.
- c. Policy 514: Ms. Julia motioned to approve Policy 514 for Annual Review. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

8.0 Old Business

No old business at this time.

9.0 Adjournment

Ms. Christel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 pm. The motion was seconded, the motion carried.