

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

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 1:30pm, at the International Education Center, 277 12th Ave. N, Room #126, Minneapolis, MN, 55401

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Ms. Marian Aden, Community Representative Mr. Abdisamad Ibrahim, Teacher Representative Ms. Jean Zivkovich, Treasurer Mr. Faysal Ali, and Accountant Mr. Abdulkadir Salah

ABSENT: Teacher Representative Ibrahim Aden, Teacher Representative Wesam Shaker, and Community Representative Abdirizak Hassan

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Ellie Langlas, Ms. Kelli Smith, and Mr. Abdullah Mohamed

1.0 Call to Order

Chair opened the meeting at 1:39pm. The Chair acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2.0 Open Agenda

Chair acknowledged the Open Meeting.

3.0 Approve Agenda

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

4.0 Minutes from the Previous Meeting of April 9, 2016

Ms. Jean motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2016 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of April 9, 2016

Mr. Abdirashid reported there was no significant change in academic achievement in kindergarten classes with twenty-two students during the 2015-16 school year, so kindergarten will increase class size to twenty-five students per classroom for the 2016-17 school year in order to increase budget.

Ms. Kelli presented other potential changes in programming to reduce spending, yet maintain high academic expectations. Administration will continue to look at the impact on programming to make financial decisions affecting classroom teaching.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 July 2015-April 2016 YTD Report

Mr. Abdulkadir presented the July 2015- April 2016 YTD Report.

Mr. Faysal motioned for the July 2015-April 2016 YTD report to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

7.0 Authorizer's Report

Item Tabled

8.0 Director's Report

Mr. Abdirashid and Ms. Kelli reported:

1. Enrollment at 603 as of last Monday.
2. MCAs are completed. Students work diligently throughout their testing. Preliminary results are available to share with students, teachers, and families but not in a public forum until they are made official and the embargo is lifted in the summer.
3. Student & Staff surveys have been completed and parent surveys were completed at the Annual Meeting earlier today. They will be sent for data processing on Monday and we should have results by May 23, 2016.
4. MAP testing for Kindergarten and 1st Grade was completed last week and Students in grades 2-4 will take their tests over the next 2 weeks.
5. We are working on finishing the Strategic Plan focus groups and will be able to give the board a summary of information collected at the June board meeting and discuss next steps.
6. We are currently planning KDG graduation for Tues. June 7 and Field Day for Mon. June 6. There are only 17 days of school left this year!
7. Special acknowledgement to Ms. Monica and the students who collect Teracycle – they collected \$400 from their efforts and donated that to the Children's Hospital of MN.

Mr. Abdisamad motioned for the Director's Report to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.0 Other Reports, Discussion, and Action Items

9.1 Policy Readings for the Month of May 2016

9.1.1 612 Title I Parent Involvement

9.1.2 616 School District Accountability

Mr. Faysal motioned for Policies 612 and 616 to be approved as final readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.1.3 801 Equal Access to School Facilities

9.1.4 806 Crisis Management

Ms. Jean motioned for Policies 801 and 806 to be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.2 Approval of Newly Elected Board Members

Ms. Marian presented the election results stating that sixty-four people participated in the voting at the Annual Meeting. Ms. Marian reported that Ms. Shannon won the teacher Representative election, Mr. Abdisamad won the Community Representative election, and Mr. Faysal won the Parent Representative election.

Ms. Jean motioned for the Newly Elected Board Members to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.3 Approval of Lease Aid

Mr. Abdirashid read the Lease Aid Application aloud to the board members. All board members signed the application.

Mr. Faysal motioned for the Lease Aid Application to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.4 Approval of New Audit Firm

Mr. Abdirashid presented the New Audit Firm TDHCD.

Mr. Faysal motioned for the New Audit Firm effective July 1, 2016 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.5 Advisory Council Meeting Update

Mr. Abdirashid reported that members of the Advisory Council recently participated in focus groups. Mr. Faysal shared he was present at the meeting and felt the meeting went well with high participation from members.

9.6 Update on Contract Goals

Addressed in Director's Report.

10.0 Adjournment

Mr. Abdisamad motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 2:43pm. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be: June 4, 2016 at 10:30am in Room 126.