

**Twin Cities International Schools  
School Board Meeting**

**Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, March 25, 2021 at 4:00 pm on Google Meet.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa  
Parent Representative Abdirizak Botan  
Teacher Representative Heidi Tesfaye  
Teacher Representative Ms. Marian Aden  
Community Representative Mohamed Mumin  
Community Representative Abdi Elmi

**ABSENT:**

Teacher Representative Mr. Cyprian Marubi

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ex-Officio Members Mr. Abdirashid Warsame and Mr. Ismail Ahmed

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Kelli Smith, Board Clerk Ms. Justine Vavra and Accountant Mr. Abdulkadir Salah

**1.0 Call to Order**

Mr. Warsame opened the meeting at 4:04 pm. Mr. Warsame acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

**2.0 Open Agenda**

Mr. Warsame acknowledged the Open Meeting.

**3.0 Approve Agenda**

Ms. Marian motioned for the Agenda to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

**4.0 Minutes from the Previous Meetings**

**4.1 Minutes from the Previous Meetings of February 18, 2021**

Ms. Heidi motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2021 to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

**5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of February 18, 2021**

No Business Arising from the Minutes of February 18, 2021.

**6.0 Treasurer's Report**

**6.1 July 2020-February 2021 YTD Report**

Mr. Abdulkadir presented the July 2020- February 2021 YTD Report.

Mr. Abdirizak motioned for the July 2020-February 2021 YTD report to be received. 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 K-4: 593, 5-8: 476, Total=1069
2. This week, March 22-26 was taken as a distance learning week for all students due to the need of many staff and families who planned to travel over the Spring Break the week prior.
3. Trimester III will resume its normal instructional model plan of in-person learning on Monday, March 29. After another round of parent enrollment surveys, we have added an additional 24% of students into the building for in-person learning. Currently, approx. 69% of all students are electing to be in the in-person instructional model. In order to accommodate both smaller class size for physical distancing and parent requests for in-person and distance learning, TCIS has added two additional class sections at the 2nd and 4th grades to meet those needs. However, due to staffing and class sizes with physical distancing recommendations there is very little room for additional enrollment this school year.
4. ACCESS testing for students who opted to remain on distance learning took place in the building on Tuesday of this past week for parents willing to bring/have their students come to the building for in-person testing. ACCESS testing should finish up next week with any new to in-person learning students who need to take the assessment.
5. TCIS is opting to delay MCA testing until the week of April 26th for Reading, May 3 for Math, and May 10 & 11 for Science due to the state considering a waiver for spring testing and extended the testing window through May 21. This will allow maximum learning to take place this spring prior to testing. An opportunity will be given for those in distance learning to take the test in the building on additional testing days the week of May 17.
6. TCIS is working on gathering data to plan for its summer school program. Currently we are considering a combination of in-person and distance learning options for students based on academic needs and available staffing. Summer School Planning -- we have surveyed our staff to determine the interest for in-person or distance learning summer school options. It appears that the K-4 has a mix of both options, whereas the middle school is looking mostly at distance learning options. We are currently planning an "invite-only" summer school program for in-person learning and then a more comprehensive approach for any other students through the use of distance learning.
7. TCIS is monitoring the situation in Minneapolis with the Derek Chauvin trial and is prepared to move everyone to a distance learning model as quickly as overnight, should it be necessary, in the case of civil unrest and concern for the safety of our school community.

8. PUC GOAL: TCIS is holding another round of virtual conferences beginning the week of March 29th with parents. TRI II report cards were made available in the parent portal of Synergy this past Monday.

Mr. Abdirizak motioned for the Directors Report to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

## **9.0 Other Reports, Discussion, and Action Items**

### **9.1 First Policy Readings for the month of March 2021**

**9.1.1 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records and Public Notice and Juvenile Justice System Request for Information**

**9.1.2 526 Hazing Prohibition**

**9.1.3 601 School District Curriculum and Instructional Goals**

**9.1.4 616 School District Accountability**

**9.1.5 906 Community Notification of Predatory Offender**

MOTION THAT POLICIES 515, 526, 601, 616, AND 906 BE APPROVED AS FIRST READINGS.

Mr. Abdi motioned for Policies 515, 526, 601, 616 and 906 to be approved as first readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

### **9.2 Final Policy Readings for the month of March 2021**

**9.2.1 520 Student Surveys and Public Notice Form**

**9.2.2 524 Internet Acceptable Use Policy**

**9.2.3 725 General Records Retention**

Ms. Heidi motioned for Policies 520, 524, and 725 to be approved as final readings. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

### **9.3 Board Goals**

9.3.1 Academic Goals- this was addressed in the Director's Report

9.3.2 Non-Academic Goals- this was addressed in the Director's Report

### **9.4 2021-2022 School Year Calendar**

Mr. Abdirizak motioned for the 2020-2021 District Calendar to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

### **9.5 MIMCS Building Company Board Member Changes**

Mr. Abdi Elmi motioned to accept the resignation of Mohamed Mohamud and confirm the appointment of Mohamud Osman as the new board member of the MIMCS Building Company. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

## **10.0 Adjournment**

Mr. Abdirizak motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 5:09 pm. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.