

**Twin Cities International Schools
School Board Meeting**

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 4:00 pm at TCIS.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa
Parent Representative Abdirazak Botan
Teacher Representative Heidi Tesfaye
Teacher Representative Mr. Cyprian Marubi
Teacher Representative Ms. Marian Aden

ABSENT: Community Representative Abdi Elmi and Community Representative Mohamed Mumin

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

ALSO PRESENT: Board Clerk Ms. Justine Vavra, Ms. Kelli Smith, Pillsbury Representative Larry McKenzie and Accountant Mr. Abdulkadir Salah

1.0 Call to Order

The Chair acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.
Mr. Warsame opened the meeting at 4:07 pm.

2.0 Open Agenda

Chair 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 September 16, 2021

Ms. Marian motioned for the September 16, 2021 minutes to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of September 16, 2021

No Business Arising from the Minutes of September 16, 2021

6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 July – September 2021 YTD Report

Mr. Abdulkadir presented the July- September 2021 YTD Report.

Mr. Cyprian motioned for the July- September 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: 553, 5-8 463 = 1016
2. PUC GOAL UPDATE: Parent Teacher Conferences were held on October 7 & 8th. Attendance between in-person and virtual meetings was at 83%
3. COVID numbers for positivity rate at TCIS have been running at 1% or less of our student and staff population since the beginning of the year. We continue to closely follow the guidance set forth by the MN Dept of Health and MN Dept of Education and consult with the City of Mpls. Public Health Dept when cases arise. TCIS reports all known positive cases to the state through the Redcap reporting system and mitigation strategies are still in place in various formats throughout the building. We appreciate the willingness of our families to communicate health issues for their children, provide test results or doctor notes, and their understanding and patience when we are sending students home with symptoms or for close contact quarantine.
4. TCIS students and staff participated in Unity Day to bring awareness to anti-bullying by wearing orange on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 as well as teachers using their social emotional learning time to teach about anti-bullying strategies.
5. Our Qtr 1 is ending on Friday, 10/29/2021.
6. PUC GOAL UPDATE: Baseline MAP data for Reading and Math (see charts)
7. PUC Onsite visit for annual monitoring was earlier today from 9-11am. Mr. McKenzie visited classrooms and met with administration.
8. Coming up for November -- TCIS gymnasium will be used as a polling place for elections on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021. There will be no school for students on that day. Report Cards will be available in the parentvue app on Thursday, Nov. 4th, 2021. Parents will receive a phone tree notice and may request a paper copy be sent home if needed.

Ms. Heidi 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 October 2021

- 9.1.1 410 Family Medical Leave**
- 9.1.2 413 Harassment and Violence**
- 9.1.3 417 Chemical Use and Abuse**
- 9.1.4 691 Inclusive Education Plan**
- 9.1.5 792 Telemedicine**
- 9.1.6 206 Capital Assets**

Mr. Cyprian motioned for Policies 410, 412, 417, 691, 792 and 206 to be approved as a first reading. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.2 Final Policy Readings for the month of October 2021

9.2.1 100A Complain Process

9.2.2 401 Equal Employment Opportunities

9.2.3 414 Mandate Reporting of Child Neglect

9.2.4 420 Students and Employees with AIDS and Other Communicable Diseases and Infections Conditions

Ms. Heidi motioned for Policies 100A, 401, 414 and 420 to be approved as a final reading. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.3 Contract Goals Review

Academic and Non-Academic Goals

Both the academic and non-academic goals were presented during the director's report.

10.0 Adjournment

Mr. Cyprian motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 4:54 pm. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.