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Twin Cities International Schools
Emergency School Board Meeting
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Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Thursday March 10, 2022 at 3:30 pm on Google Meet

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa
Parent Representative Abdirizak Botan
Teacher Representative Heidi Tesfaye
Teacher Representative Mr. Cyprian Marubi
Teacher Representative Ms. Marian Aden
Community Representative Abdi Elmi

ABSENT: 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, Patti Kronk and Kelli Wilson Smith

1.0 Call to Order
Ms. Marian opened the meeting at 3:39 pm. Ms. Marian acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked all for attending the meeting.

2.0 Open Agenda
Ms. Marian acknowledged the Open Meeting.

3.0 Approve Agenda
Mr. Abdi Elmi motioned for the Agenda to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

4.0 Mask Mandate Discussion
Mr. Abdi and Ms. Kelli shared current data around masking, showing that masking is becoming optional in a lot of different places, including Minneapolis and St. Paul public schools. Board members shared some thoughts about waiting until after Ramadan or spring break as a more natural time with the least amount of risk for spreading sickness. After discussing that masking will be hard to enforce because it is not mandated at so many places the families will go and that families still have the choice to wear masks, and this was put up to a vote:
TCIS effective Monday 3/14 is lifting its mask mandate and will move to a voluntary choice masking policy with the caveat that 3% or more of the school body (staff and students) reaches COVID positive that the school would remask for a period of 10 days.

Mr. Cyprian motioned to approve making masking optional. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

5.0 Adjournment
Ms. Marian motioned for the meeting to adjourn, noting the time at 4:00 pm. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.