

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

**Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 10:30am, at the International Education Center, 277 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Room #120, Minneapolis, MN, 55401**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Treasurer Mr. Abdirashid Warsame, Teacher Representative Member Ms. Julia Monke, Community Representative Member Mr. Abdisamad Ibrahim, Community Representative Member Mr. Osman Mohamed, Teacher Representative Member Ms. Wesam Shaker.

**ABSENT:** Chair Mr. Abdikarim Mohamed, Teacher Representative Member Mr. Ibrahim Aden, Teacher Representative Ms. Marian Aden.

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ex-Officio Member Dr. Randal Eckart, Director of Twin Cities International Elementary School, Authorizer Representative Mr. George Lillquist and Authorizer Mr. Tom Henderlite.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Patti Kronk, Mr. Ali Muse, Ms. Christel Watson.

### **1.0 Welcome and Member Contact Detail Confirmation**

Mr. Abdirashid Warsame acting as Board Chair in Mr. Abdikarim Mohamed's absence, Mr. Abdirashid opened the meeting at 10:35am. Mr. Abdirashid acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting. Mr. Abdirashid also acknowledged the Open Meeting.

### **2.0 Approve Agenda**

Ms. Julia Monke 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 October 13, 2012.**

Mr. Osman motioned for the Board Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2012 to be approved. The motion was seconded to endorse the meeting minutes of October 13, 2012 and the motion carried.

### **4.0 Treasurer's Report (10 min).**

#### **a. July, 2011, October, 2012**

Mr. Abdirashid tabled the Treasurer's Report until the next Board Meeting December 8, 2012 due to the absence of accounting.

### **5.0 New Business:**

#### **5.1 Authorizer's Report**

Mr. George, Concordia University Authorizer Representative Reported:

- a. Has received two (2) conflicting emails regarding the status of the supplemental affidavit for expansion. The first email stating 2 committee members still need to give approval and the second email stating Concordia University has accepted the supplemental affidavit and has forwarded the application to the Minnesota Department of Education.
- b. Mr. Tom believes the supplemental affidavit for expansion will be approved based on TIES high test scores and financial stability.
- c. Mr. George stated he will push for a quick approval from the Minnesota Department of Education, as he is aware of the short timetable. Mr. George also expressed that Mr. Charlie would be an excellent contact person for questions regarding the supplemental affidavit.
- d. Discussed the upcoming December 31, 2012 end due date for the audit. Asking if the audit would be done in time for the December 8, 2012 Board Meeting, if so, the audit could be approved at that meeting.
- e. Mr. George asked Dr. Randal if he would be available to provide a tour to 9 University of Minnesota students on December 11<sup>th</sup>, stating it would be helpful if the students were able to observe within the classrooms. Mr. George also asked Dr. Randal if he could discuss the following two items to students; Standards Mapping and Individual Data Tracking.

Ms. Wesam motioned the Authorizer's Report be received. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

## **5.2 Director's Report**

Dr. Randall Reported:

- a. Supplemental Affidavit for expansion has been submitted to Concordia University, TIES is awaiting approval from Concordia University.
- b. Will discuss any additional questions with Mr. Charlie, once approval has been received by Minnesota Department of Education.
- c. Rental property is still being looked at for the expansion site with the assistance of Wellington Management. Currently various options are being looked at and reviewed. Various sites either haven't met the needs of the school, or could be too expensive due to restructuring/building out. An existing school would be the ultimate choice, but a site like this hasn't been found as of yet.
- d. NWEA testing begins Monday, November 12, 2012.
- e. Trimester 1 ends November 21, 2012 followed by conferences November 29-30, 2012. Science projects will be on display during conferences.
- f. Current ADM is 604.
- g. Minnesota Department of Education had a webinar explaining the identifying of "Quality Charter Schools" under the sanction "No Child Left Behind". Minnesota Department of Education will classify these quality schools as "Exceptional Charter Schools", these schools will be rewarded with Federal financial assistance. This financial assistance would be sent in three disbursements over the year.

Ms. Julia motioned the Director's Report be received. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

## **6.0 Discussion/Action Items**

### **a. Nominate Board Members**

Mr. Abdirashid motioned to nominate Ms. Julia Monke to the open Board Secretary position. The motion was seconded and the motion carried. Ms. Julia accepted the appointment.

### **b. Nominate Board Positions**

Mr. Abdirashid motioned to nominate Ms. Christel Watson as a Teacher Representative Member to the Board. The motion was seconded and the motion carried. Ms. Christel accepted the appointment.

Dr. Randal discussed what is needed for the Policy Committee in detail. Policy Committee not decided as of yet and tabled until the next Board Meeting December 8, 2012.

## **7.0 Old Business**

No Old Business at this time.

## **8.0 Adjournment**

Mr. Abdirashid thanked all Board Members and Concordia for participation in Board Meetings.

Mr. Osman moved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:24pm. The motion was seconded, the motion carried.