

Public Session October 13, 2016 Board Meeting
St. Louis Language Immersion Schools
Board Meeting – 4011 Papin, St. Louis, MO
Time: 6:00 p.m.

The meeting is called to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll is called. Board members Tim Cline, Ed O’Neal and Vince Schoemehl are present.

Adoption of Agenda

Ed O’Neal moves to adopt the agenda for this Board meeting. The motion is seconded by Tim Cline and passes unanimously on voice vote.

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Item is tabled until the November meeting.

Public Comment

TSS parent provides public comment about the positive work being done at the facilities, but notes that the parents still desire a more appropriate facility for the middle school.

Dave Snell as Board Member

Tim Cline moves to elect Dave Snell as a Board Member. The motion is seconded by Ed O’Neal and passes unanimously on voice vote.

President’s Report

Dr. Werner notes that she will be launching an initiative to look into facilities options for SLLIS at the end of its lease terms. Vince Schoemehl says the Board intends to set up a task force with respect to investigating new facilities. Further, Vince Schoemehl has been feeling out the market for possible buildings or building sites.

Dr. Werner notes that SLLIS is operating at a 773 student enrollment. Vince Schoemehl notes that SLLIS has not lost as many students as a percentage this year from the beginning of the year until now – would like to see the exact percentage numbers compared to previous years.

Dr. Werner presents on 2016 MAP analysis, which has been posted to the website. Dr. Werner analyzed the scores across schools and subgroups (e.g. race, income, IEP disability). TCS generally outperforms in math, while TFS generally outperforms in communication arts. TSS has the fewest number of students performing at below basic in communication arts, despite the fact that it has the largest number of students. Dr. Werner and instructors will be examining why these differences exist and how the positives can be shared across the schools and grades.

Dr. Werner presents on the financial picture. Plant operations are far exceeding budgeted line items in SLLIS’s continuing commitment to building safety. Dr. Werner will be presenting a budget amendment at the November meeting. The projected operating deficit is \$150,000, though the budget amendment will re-align the budget to produce a balanced budget at the end

of the fiscal year. Ed O'Neal stresses that while expenses have been challenging (in particular facilities), there is a decent amount of upside potential with respect to revenues. Ed also stresses the positive results with respect to low attrition between August and October. The reduction in attrition is also an upside with respect to revenues.

Dr. Werner provides an update on her three focuses areas outlined at the last meeting. Each school is working on its own school improvement plans. The schools are also focusing on increasing instructional time and attendance. SLLIS is taking major steps to bring various essential functions in house. Finally, SLLIS is continuing to develop and adopt policies and procedures.

Operations Report

COO Carlton Brooks reports on operations. With respect to facilities, SLLIS will be issuing an RFP for cleaning services and is looking into adding ADA compliant curb cuts at Papin. The annual audit is ongoing. Free and reduced lunch numbers are down slightly from the prior month. SLLIS recently hired a part-time Operations Assistant.

Consent Agenda

Ed O'Neal moves to adopt the consent agenda items (which include September 2016 check register and the SLLIS animals policy). The motion is seconded by Tim Cline and passes unanimously on voice vote.

Motion to Enter Executive Session

Tim Cline moves to enter executive session at 6:43 pm. Ed O'Neal seconds the motion, which passes on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes. Board leaves open session at 6:43 pm.

Return to Public Session

The Board returned to public session at 8:10 pm. A roll call was taken and Tim Cline, Ed O'Neal and Vince Schoemehl were present. Tim Cline moves to adjourn at 8:11 pm. Ed O'Neal seconds the motion, which passes on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes. Board leaves open session at 8:11 pm.

Approved:

Date: