

**Public Session August 20, 2017 Board Meeting
St. Louis Language Immersion Schools
Board Meeting—4011 Papin, St. Louis, MO
Time: 6:00 PM**

Call To Order

The meeting is called to order at PM. 6:00 Roll is called.
Sarah Tsige, Lori Marusic, Judy Fisher, Christina Foster, Vince Schoemehl, Ed O'Neil are present.

Adoption of Agenda

Ed O'Neil moved to adopt the agenda, Sarah Tsige seconded.

Approve Minutes

Lori Marusic moved to approve the minutes from the July 29, 2017 meeting, Ed O'Neil seconded.

Presentation of 2017-2018 activities by Language & Culture Teachers Leaders

Teachers Ms. Coumba Gueye (TFP), Ms. Ana Lopez (TSP), and Mr. Fan Yang (TCP) introduced their Language and Culture Program. Moon fest is an in-class celebration at the Chinese School. Out of school celebration will be the Chinese New Year a Sat. in Feb. This will be the 5th year it is run by parents. The French out of school program is the Winter Concert. The students will sing songs in the target language and do skills learned in gym. For the in-school program, the students will discover different Franco-phone countries. Each grade will choose a country and present information, native dance and song. The Spanish in school program (Dec.) will be a celebration of winter. Each grade performs a song and open a piñata. The out of school program will be the Cinco De Mayo parade. Two new events for all schools at SLLIS will be storytelling and Taste of the World which includes an academic and cultural event. The topic is "Growing Together."

New Business

Financial Report

- Paul Greenwood presented information regarding the past two months. Rev \$133,000 above budget. Maintenance was done on Marin site. Surplus \$57,065 Cash on hand \$798,176.00 Enrollment 712.
- We are in a good place and on strong financial footing.
- The state is paying at an increased level compared to last year.
- Goal is to preserve last year's budget.
- Approve July and August 2017 Check Register
- Motion to approve by Ed O'Neil, seconded by Sarah Tsige
- Approve Special Education Local Compliance Plan
- We are using the state's model to for second education.
- Lori Marusic moved to adopt, Ed O'Neil seconded.

- Amend SLLIS Articles of Incorporation to “St. Louis Language Immersions School, Inc.”
- Moved to approve by Sarah Tsige, Lori Marusic seconded.

Reports

Board Chair

- Academic Excellence Committee has been founded consisting of John Heskett, chair; Lori Marusic, Judy Fisher. Minutes will be kept. Purpose is to support the Superintendent.
- Finance committee is comprised of Ed O’Neil, Dave Snell and Sarah Tsige.
- The Facilities committee is Vince (and everyone on the board). It includes Maggie White and Laura Tully both parents. We are in the process of evaluating two different properties. We hope to make a public announcement sometime in February. We will have to pay double rent for 2 months as we move. There will be about 6 months of construction to consider.

Superintendent (see written report)

- Recognition of specific parents and staff who helped with the early dismissal due to the Stockley verdict.
- Enrollment overview. No one stand out reason as to why families leave SLLIS.
- MAP scores analysis is included in the Board packet. Conclusion: we are doing ok (Spanish ok in Communication Arts). Far too many students are below basic. More English was included in the content of the Spanish School as well as after school English classes. Mr. B did a tremendous job in developing relationships and helping teachers that had a direct effect on learning.
- Also included is the English Language Arts comparison. We know our current situation in using English software to help students is not ideal
- Oct 4th will be the next PTO. About 70 parents attended the last meeting.
- Diversity Partnership initial report is included in the Board packet. We are continuing our partnership this year. They will be back in Feb. to work with teachers. It will be more social interaction based. Our strengths were outlined and well as areas of growth. They were pleased that the majority of teachers wanted more training. We do need to make sure we are interacting fairly with all parents at all socio-economic levels and those from children of at-risk backgrounds. There were 68 out of 90 respondents. The Diversity Awareness Partnership believe this represents a strong percentage of teachers who took the survey. SLLIS needs to be more outwardly intentional about our work with diversity.

Operations Overview

- Fire inspection this week.
- We received reimbursement from Hazelwood and Normandy for homeless transportation.

- Staff will receive SafeSchools online training this year.
- We received reimbursements from the state for breakfast and lunch meals.

Public Comment

No one signed up for public comment