

Public Session November 16, 2016 Board Meeting
St. Louis Language Immersion Schools
Board Meeting – 4011 Papin, St. Louis, MO
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

- The meeting is called to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll is called. Board members Tim Cline, Ed O'Neal, Vince Schoemehl and Dave Snell are present. Aliah Holman arrived at 6:01 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

- Tim Cline moves to adopt the agenda for this Board meeting except for approval of the September board minutes which are tabled until the next meeting. The motion is seconded by Ed O'Neal and passes unanimously on voice vote.

TIS Improvement Plan

- TIS HOS Rob Biesendorfer presents on the TIS School Improvement Plan. TIS is seeking to improve attendance, culture and performance.

October 13, 2016 Minutes

- Ed O'Neal moves to approve the October 13, 2016 minutes. The motion is seconded by Aliah Holman and passes unanimously on voice vote.

Recruitment Presentation

- Enrollment coordinator Nesrine Kelly presents on recruitment efforts, including new enrollment tracking initiatives, advertising and open houses. Vince Schoemehl notes that there is a concerted effort to track enrollment earlier.

FY 16-17 Budget Amendment

- COO Carlton Brooks presents on the proposed budget amendment and the underlying YTD financial results. Revenue has been slightly lower than expect and expenses higher, thus requiring a budget amendment to align with actual 2016-17 circumstances. The budget amendment reduces projected revenue by +/- 0.4% and increases projected expenditures by about 2.1%. The budget amendment projects a net loss of \$176,058. The budget amendment was crafted to be very conservative and realistic.
- Tim Cline moves to approve the budget amendment presented. The motion is seconded by Aliah Holman and passes unanimously on voice vote.

Board Chair Report

- Vince Schoemehl, Board Chair, gives Chair's report. Dr. Werner and Vince Schoemehl met and discussed very specific academic performance goals for the school – would like the goals to be very aggressive. Vince Schoemehl also met recently with former Board member Manny Silva to discuss facilities options for the future. Manny Silva has agreed

to co-chair a new building task force. Looking to form the task force in January. Vince Schoemehl also has a new potential Board member on the radar.

President's Report

- Dr. Werner gives the President's report. Discusses the UMSL annual report at a high level; daily attendance figures; annual audit; local and national teacher advertising; teacher certification review; standardizing policies and procedures.
- Dr. Werner also discusses the possible SLLIS reorganization – the proposed reorg is grounded in how best to achieve academic excellence with our language immersion model. Dr. Werner, the Board and the administration will be seeking feedback from stakeholders and will be presenting concrete plans with concrete timelines so that the discussion regarding the proposed reorg can be productive and successful. There will be upcoming parent and staff meetings after Thanksgiving to discuss the proposed reorg.

COO Report

- COO Carlton Brooks presents on the YTD financial results; annual audit; Pulaski Bank being acquired by Busey Bank; HR insurance and benefits committee; new facilities tracking system.

Consent Agenda

- Dave Snell moves to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion is seconded by Tim Cline and passes unanimously on voice vote.

Public Comment

- TFS parent provides public comment relating to school curriculum. Inquires how SLLIS assesses how children are ready to advance to the next grade. Vince Schoemehl notes that Dr. Werner will provide a response.
- TSS parent discusses initiatives of schools to not give out of school suspensions to children past 3rd grade.
- TSS parent discusses the chess club.
- TCS parent discusses head lice issue that has been occurring at TCS. Also discusses confusion regarding fundraising for school trips – would like to see more explicit instructions on what we can and cannot do.
- TCS parent thanks the TCS staff for their efforts in the classroom, which have been excellent in the face of volatility. Also expresses thanks to Dr. Werner and the Board.
- TSS parent also thanks TSS staff for their efforts and says the school set her child up for success at a non-SLLIS middle school.

Motion to Enter Executive Session

- Aliah Holman moves to enter executive session at 7:28 p.m. Tim Cline seconds the motion, which passes on a roll call vote with all members voting yes. Board leaves open session at 7:28 p.m.

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, Aliah Holman, Dave Snell 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.