

# St. Louis Language Immersion School

The mission of the St. Louis Language Immersion School, an innovative, diverse, socially-conscious, public charter school, is to develop empathetic, high-achieving, bilingual, globally-minded students by providing a rigorous academic foundation that fosters critical thinking and problem solving.

## Entry Plan for Executive Director Meghan Hill St. Louis Language Immersion School First 90 Days - Updated July 16, 2018

#### Background and Rationale

At this point in SLLIS' history, sustainability will be of the utmost importance. The University of Missouri - St. Louis is SLLIS' charter sponsor, and SLLIS is due for charter renewal in 2018. However, renewal of SLLIS' charter is not guaranteed. With UMSL's review and pending charter approval or denial in Fall of 2018, the 2018-2019 school year will be a crucial one in the history of the organization. SLLIS' key areas for growth, especially that of student performance, must be urgently addressed in order for a sustainable future to be possible.

The Executive Director will play a large role in shaping the future of SLLIS and planning for organizational stability and sustainability. I am honored to have been selected as the Executive Director at the St. Louis Language Immersion School, and I look forward to working with all stakeholders to ensure our students are receiving the best possible education. As a former SLLIS teacher and principal, I come into the role of Executive Director with a great deal of institutional knowledge; however, it will be extremely important for me to work with stakeholders at all levels as I transition into this role. I intend to listen to, learn from, and collaborate with all SLLIS stakeholders to ensure we are moving in the right direction.

This entry plan describes specific activities that I will engage in not only to work side by side with the board, the community, the parents, the staff, and the students, but also to work to improve the areas that SLLIS most urgently needs to address. Below I have noted six objectives for my first 90 days in this position. The areas that most urgently require my attention include relationships, charter renewal, the instructional program, student recruitment, team building, and communication. As I transition into the leadership role in this organization, I intend to listen and learn in my new role in the SLLIS community, all the while prioritizing these main areas for improvement at SLLIS.

#### **Plan Organization**

This Entry Plan is separated into four phases: Pre-Entry, First 30 Days, First 60 Days, and First 90 Days. Each phase of the plan includes specific activities designed to meet the six entry plan objectives listed below.

### Entry Plan Objectives

- 1. **Relationships.** Get to know SLLIS, its board, and its stakeholders as the new leader of the organization. Listen to them and learn from them so that their input can become part of the vision for SLLIS' future.
- 2. <u>Charter renewal.</u> Continue to work closely with SLLIS' sponsor, UMSL, with a goal of obtaining the renewal of SLLIS' charter with the Missouri State Board of Education in the fall of 2018.
- 3. Instructional program. Oversee and support the implementation of the Gomez and Gomez Dual Language Enrichment model at SLLIS; support the implementation of related curricular items.
- 4. **Recruitment.** Streamline recruitment strategies to complete enrollment for 2018-2019 and to open enrollment for 2019-2020.
- 5. **Team Building.** Recruit and hire excellent instructional leaders. Ensure stability in transition in Central Office. Set all staff up for success in 18-19.
- 6. <u>Communication</u>. Work with stakeholders to develop a set of communication protocols that will enhance district-wide, building, and classroom communication all SLLIS community members.

## Pre-Entry Activities April 16 through May 31, 2018

Objective Category	Activity	Progress
Relationships	Meet with current SLLIS staff regarding leadership transition	
	Meet with SLLIS Council and new PTO Officers	
	Begin individual board member meetings	
Charter Renewal	Continue monthly meetings with UMSL	
	Plan Gomez and Gomez staff training schedule	
Instructional Program	Oversee development of 18-19 schedule to support dual language model	
	Develop and implement recruitment strategy with Standing Partnership	
Recruitment	Streamline and update SLLIS enrollment process	
	Organize and lead tours for potential families	
	Identify and announce Marine and Papin principals	
Team Building	Develop Curriculum Liaison Position job description, interview potential candidates, announce Curriculum Liaisons	
	Develop English Language Arts Coach Position, identify and announce English Language Arts Coaches	
	Meet with LDR consultants to begin transitions in Central Office (finance, accounting, special education)	
	Develop and execute monthly Facebook Live structure	
Communication	Provide clear, timely communication to SLLIS community regarding organizational changes and 18-19 staffing information	

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### Phase I: First 30 Days June 1 through June 30, 2018

Objective Category	Activity	Progress
Relationships	Continue individual meetings with board members	
Charter Renewal	Provide student achievement data to UMSL	
	Continue regular meetings with UMSL	
Instructional Program	Facilitate development of implementation plan for new curriculum materials (Benchmark, Second Step, MySci)	
	Facilitate development of implementation plan for Gomez and Gomez framework	
	Finalize staff training schedule for back to school period and communicate it to staff	
	Oversee development of SLLIS School Improvement Plan	
	Organize and lead summer campus visits for potential families	
Recruitment	Meet with Standing Partnership to develop longer term marketing plan	
	Examine current marketing and recruitment strategy and determine next steps	
	Develop Operations Assistant job description; hold interviews	
Team Building	Oversee staffing of open positions at both campuses	
	Continue transition work with LDR (finance, accounting, special education)	
Communication	Provide summer communication to all SLLIS families	
Communication	Send welcome packages and list of events to new families	
	Finalize staff and family handbook drafts for Board approval	

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### Phase II: First 60 Days July 1 through July 31, 2018

Objective Category	Activity	Progress
Relationships	Continue individual meetings with board members	
Charter Renewal	Provide drilldown data to UMSL by subgroup; provide any other data requested by UMSL	
Instructional Program	Develop three year staff training plan for Gomez and Gomez and new curricula	
	Approve School Improvement Plan; share it with staff and community	
	Facilitate organization of staff development plan aligned to the School Improvement Plan	
	Review recruitment process and develop a year-long recruitment plan	
Recruitment	Continue to organize and lead summer campus visits for potential families	
Tagan Duilding	Begin weekly meetings with Central Office and Instructional Leadership staff and consultants	
Team Building	Continue to oversee staffing of open positions at both campuses	
Communication	Begin to engage stakeholders in developing SLLIS Communication Protocols	
	Provide back to school communication for all SLLIS staff	
	Provide back to school communication for all SLLIS families	

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## Phase III: First 90 Days August 1 through August 31, 2018

Objective Category	Activity	Progress
Deletienskins	Resume monthly Facebook Live structure	
Relationships	Resume monthly SLLIS Council meetings	
	Identify Welfare representatives for each campus and begin monthly Staff Welfare meetings	
Charter Renewal	Collect any available MAP data from DESE; organize data and share with UMSL	
	Oversee initial implementation of Gomez and Gomez model and report to stakeholders on progress	
Instructional Program	Oversee implementation of new curriculum materials and report to stakeholders on progress	
	Begin classroom walkthroughs on both campuses	
Recruitment	Prepare enrollment materials for 19-20 school year for launch on October 1	
	Develop specific recruitment goals for 19-20	
	Welcome staff back to campus for 18-19 school year	
Team Building	Clarify SLLIS organizational and reporting structure for all staff	
	Implement onboarding for new staff	
Communication	Present SLLIS Communication Protocols to Board of Directors	
	Begin implementation of SLLIS Communication Protocols	
	Distribute Staff and Family handbooks	

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#### Next Steps

Throughout the first 90 days, the Executive Director will report monthly to the board on the success of the entry plan and whether each objective has been met. After the first 90 days the Board and the Executive Director will review all information gathered and will use it to inform SLLIS' five year strategic plan.