

**Oak Park and River Forest High School
District 200
Board Briefs
Thursday, December 8, 2011**

**Board
Actions**

Approved the following action items:

- Consent Items (Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated December 8, 2011);
- School Calendar for 2012-13;
- Trust Agreement with M&I;
- 2012 Summer School Dates;
- Contract with Sylvan; and
- Personnel Recommendations, as amended, including approval of the separation agreement for Rudy Velazquez due to retirement.

Reports

Mr. Rouse outlined recommendations implemented or contemplated by the Modified Closed Campus (MCC) Task Force: 1) seating for 27 will be added to the upstairs art gallery area for study (which has been ordered); 2) seating and greenery for the Student Center; 3) the Little Theatre is available to all students during the lunch periods; 4) Room 276A, a computer lab, will be open for drop-in use during lunch periods; and 5) opening the mall to freshman and sophomore students on nice weather days, perhaps revitalizing the pavilion discussion from past years. In addition, student feedback was solicited during lunch periods with plans to continue this monthly during second semester. As a result of that feedback, a suggestion box was placed in the cafeterias to allow student feedback. Mr. Rouse also shared the following discipline statistics for the entire school for the period of August 23 to December 12 as compared to the same time last year: Tardies Down 21%; Unexcused absences Down 38%, Failing grades Down 34%; and Discipline occurrences Down 33%.

Dr. Isoye reported that 1) administrators and board members attended the IASB/ IASA/IASBO Joint Conference; 2) he will submit the recommendations of the Advisory Leadership Team (ALT) to the Board of Education at its regular January meeting; 3) Courageous Conversations about Race discussions continue; 4) The Scholarship Committee continues to look for ways to support students and work with donors to fund scholarships; 5) he serves on an Illinois team that would provide feedback to the national committee on the work for the next generation of science standards; and 6) representatives from OPRFHS, other districts, and the ISBE attended the Bill and Melinda Gates-sponsored workshop on school finance in Illinois.

Mike Carioscio presented a technology plan update.

Personnel

New Hires

Jason Johnson, Cafeteria Monitor, effective 11/30/11

**Student
Workers**

Emma Binns, Stage Crew Technician, effective 11/01/11
Philip Rheinheimer, State Crew Technician, effective 11/01/11

Resignation

Matthew Milkovich, In-School Suspension, effective 11/28/11

Retirement

Lynda Puckett, CPA, effective 06/20/12
Rudy Velazquez, Custodian, effective 12/08/11

**The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be Wednesday, December 21, 2011
6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session
Board Room**