

*Oak Park and River Forest High School
District 200
201 North Scoville Avenue • Oak Park, IL 60302-2296*

DATE: July 12, 2012

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Superintendent

SUBJECT: Appointment of Citizens' Council Members for 2012-2013

ACTION

NEW MEMBERS

It is recommended that the attached list of names be appointed by the Board of Education as new members of Citizens' Council to a two-year term beginning in September 2012:

Motion: Move to appoint Citizens' Council Membership for 2012-2013, as presented.

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**Oak Park River Forest High School Citizen's Council
2012-2013 Membership Roster**

First Name	Last Name	Phone	Address	Email address
First Term/First Year				
John	Allen	708-289-8280	515 River Oaks Dr, RF 05	jcaiv@comcast.net
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Second Term/Second Year

Jamil	Bou-Saab	312-467-0123	1023 S. Home, OP 04	jbousaab@terraengineering.com
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*Canning & Pyrce are co-Chairs

**Lipo and Brand-White are co-Secretaries

**Oak Park River Forest High School
Citizen's Council 2012-2013
First Term/First Year
Member Bios**

John Allen

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Thank you for the invitation to apply to be a member of the OPRF Citizen's Council. I appreciate the opportunity to continue my service for our high school. As you already know, I have spent four years serving on the high school board and I hope that experience will allow me to be a significant contributor to the discussions held during the Citizen's Council meetings. I understand the time investment and am willing to continue to serve in whatever capacity will best serve this institution.

John C. Allen, IV, is the Inspector General for the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. John leads a wide variety of programs and professionals housed within the Office of Inspector General, the independent program integrity director of Illinois' Medicaid and Child Support Services programs. With a total budget of \$19 million, the Office of Inspector General saved a record \$99.9 million dollars for the State of Illinois in 2009.

In 2004, John worked for Illinois' Child Support Services, where he improved the administrative process and adjudication services. John became active with the Illinois State Bar Association's Family Law Section Council in order to foster a better understanding of Illinois' administrative processes and develop constructive relationships among private attorneys and Child Support Services. He has presented to the Illinois Health Care Association as well as several Continuing Legal Education courses sponsored by the Illinois State Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association and law firms.

John practiced law in Virginia for ten years, first as a prosecutor and later as a private practice attorney. He holds a BS from Hampton University in English/Technical Writing, and a JD from the Wake Forest University School of Law. He has enjoyed serving on the Boards of Directors for several organizations over the years, including the Oak Park and River Forest High School, Center for Child and Family Services, and Habitat for Humanity.

Jean Davidson Meister

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I am writing to express my interest in joining the OPRF Citizen's Council. I would like to be a link to community in order to relay concerns and communicate the many outstanding programs and activities at our high school.

I have been a resident of River Forest since 1995, and am the mother of two daughters who are OPRF graduates and a son who will be a junior this fall. I served as a parent representative on the committee to interview candidates for OPRF Special Education Division Head in 2010, and have worked in support of District 200 and District 90 tax referendums. I served as an officer of the Willard School PTO in River Forest.

I also have been very involved in mental health advocacy both locally and nationally. I have served since 2007 as a director of The Balanced Mind Foundation, a not-for-profit that offers education and connection to parents raising children with mood disorders. More than 30,000 parents use our free resources each month.

Within our local community, I lead the Fred Parent Support Group, which serves parents of children, teens and young adults with mental illness, autism and severe behavior disorders. I co-founded Fred in 2007 to share resources and reduce the isolation suffered by families raising children with severe emotional disorders. Fred meets monthly and serves more than 45 families in Oak Park and River Forest. I also serve on the Youth and Family Behavioral Health Consortium, led by Lisa DeVivo of the Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park.

Professionally, I work for the Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership, where I am project manager for MacArthur Foundation-funded publications intended to help youths and parents understand and avoid the juvenile justice system, and writer for other ICMHP publications. I also work with an ICMHP committee that is developing a competency to stand trial statute for juveniles in Illinois. Previously, I worked for 14 years as a writer and editor at the Chicago Tribune, where I served as Chicago Bureau Chief, and as Higher Education writer at the Los Angeles Times.

Cathy Flowers

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Cathy has over 31 years' experience in the financial services and nonprofit industries in the areas of leadership, relationship management, learning and development, project management and fund development. She is currently a Vice President at BNY Mellon, Corporate Trust as a senior relationship manager. She serves as the co-chair of BNY Mellon's Women's Network Initiative (WIN) and the co-chair of the IMPACT diversity and inclusion affinity network. She previously held PTO and A.P.P.L.E. board positions at Longfellow and Hatch elementary schools. She is also a board member of The Voice of One youth community organization and the Director of Youth School at her church. Cathy has a passion for working with youth.

She has two children, Tiffany Hudson (graduate of ISU Masters Program), and Jeremy Gaines (incoming freshman at OPRF), and she resides in Oak Park, IL.

Interest in Citizens Council

I am interested in becoming a member of the Citizens Council because I feel it will allow an opportunity for me provide input to some of the issues being addressed at OPRF; add value and most importantly, make a difference in the lives of our youth as they prepare for the next season of their lives.

Barbara Gondela

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I have a son, Jackson Haack, who just completed his freshman year. I have been a teaching assistant with D97 for the past three years. I am very passionate about the future of all students. Yes, I would be available to attend monthly meetings.

Deborah Hill

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Practicing Attorney (1981-Present)
BS (Business Administration) and JD: University of Illinois

As a solo practitioner, I have represented, among other clients, the Chicago Public Schools, for over 16 years in connection with real estate matters. In this capacity, my frequent contact with principals of public high schools has led to a better understanding of some of the issues facing educators.

In addition to my private practice, I provide pro bono legal services to the elderly in the near west suburbs under the auspices of the Center for Disability and Elder Law.

Parent of one child (Jacob) - Sophomore OPRF

Served on Board and Executive Committee of Alcuin Montessori School (Oak Park, IL) [2001-2007]

Citizens' Council

I would like to serve on the Citizens' Council for the following reasons:

- 1) I have always been interested in exploring better ways to support my son's learning, while contributing to an environment in his learning community that supports all students in their achievements.
- 2) The Citizens' Council has tackled important issues in the past (e.g. last year's drug education initiative). I look forward to being a part of a group that examines difficult issues and works to educate and promote change.

Janet Lorch

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I have a current senior and an incoming freshman. I'm also involved with D97 School Leadership Team at Julian and was a member of the Middle Level, Special Education and World Language Advisory District Committees. I'm an assistant professor in the college of education at National Louis University and I currently train teachers in CPS to go into their lowest performing schools. I have a daughter entering with an IEP who is also hispanic, so I do think I would bring some expertise and diversity to the group.

Lynde O'Brien

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Lynde O'Brien and her husband David moved to Oak Park fifteen years ago from San Francisco where Lynde was an active volunteer for the Adult Literacy program, Project Learn to Read. She has three sons, currently 9, 12 and 14 who attend Horace Mann Elementary, Percy Julian Middle School and OPRFHS.

Lynde's past community involvement started with joining the Hephzibah Children's Association Auxiliary Board in 2001, where she launched the (then) annual KiddieLand Event Fundraiser. She has held several leadership positions including Volunteer Chairperson, Vice President and then President of the Auxiliary Board. She also Co-Chaired the Heart of Gold Ball on two occasions and was responsible for bringing a new level of sponsorship and underwriting to the event. Lynde and Dave - who founded the annual charity Hephzibah Golf Outing now in it's 11th year - were recognized with the Heart of Gold Award in 2002. Lynde remains passionately committed to the work that Hephzibah does and is so proud that her 14 year old son, Jack will be a Hephzibah Daycare Volunteer beginning this summer.

Lynde was a volunteer Sunday School Teacher at St. Giles for six years until she returned to full time work in 2007. She is currently Director of Electronic Media Strategy for Health Care Service Corporation (Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma). She continues to relish time spent in the Elementary School classroom of her youngest son, where she has been an active event volunteer and past Art Mom. Lynde just completed her second year on the Percy Julian PTO Board as Volunteer Coordinator.

Statement of Interest: I am eager to support and further the mission of the Citizens' Council by doing my part to raise awareness of OPRFHS issues and needs. I hope to contribute to future efforts to find solutions to those concerns, but also feel strongly that it is often simply transparency and awareness that are needed. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to "listen and learn" in order to better understand the inner workings of OPRFHS and to contribute to the Council's goals of fostering community understanding. Ultimately, I hope to become a more informed advocate for the great work that the educators, the Board of Education, and the community do on behalf of the students at OPRFHS!

Kelly O'Connor

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I have four children, Shane just graduated from OPRF, Lela a Junior, Paige a Freshman and Cullen is a 5th grader at Ascension.

I work part time for an Architect/Build firm in Park Ridge and also have a Culinary Arts Degree. I have lived in Oak Park for 15 years.

I have always been interested and involved with, not only my own children's education but the betterment for all children. I believe an open and supportive connection between parents and school administration is one way to strive for that.

Cathaleen Roach

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Cathaleen Roach is a married River Forest resident and mother of two sons. Her eldest son, Francis, graduates from OPRFHS in June and her younger son, Neil, is a sophomore at OPRFHS. Additionally, Cathaleen and her six siblings each graduated from OPRFHS, as she likes to say, "in another century."

Consequently, Cathaleen has an abiding love and respect for OPRFHS, and she believes it to be the single most important aspect of the OP & RF communities. She is most grateful to be considered for a position on the Citizen's Council. She sees the Citizen's Council as a key asset in information sharing and support for the high school.

Cathaleen is a licensed attorney, and has taught full or part-time in Chicago area for 15 of the last 20 years. Currently, she teaches a "boot camp" law class for 3rd year law students at The John Marshall Law School. She has published and lectured extensively and is particularly interested in minority and at-risk student success. Her most widely-cited publication explores her long-time interest in academic success programs for at-risk law students and is titled, "A River Runs Through It: Tapping Into the Informational Stream to Move Students from Isolation to Autonomy," 36 ARIZ. L. REV. 667 (1994).

She received her Masters in Gerontology from Concordia University in 2009.

Lori Watkins Owens

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As a longstanding member of the greater Oak Park and River Forest community, I believe I have a good familiarity with District 200 and can work to further the Citizen's Council mission of encouraging community and parent awareness and understanding of school needs and issues. I also believe that my former experience as a member of the District 90 School Board prepares me to work effectively with the District 200 Board, Superintendent and administration. I am able to work collaboratively and would enjoy an opportunity to provide constructive advisory input on topics, which are of importance to Oak Park and River Forest High School.