

Oak Park and River Forest High School, District 200
Board Briefs
Thursday, February 26, 2015

Actions

Approval of the following items:

- Consent Items as follows:
 - Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated February 26, 2015
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Monthly Financials
 - From Jim Heininger, 6 strands of holiday lights were donated to the OPRFHS Theatre Department
 - PTAB Resolution
 - Sabbatical Application
 - Agreement with Triton OPRFHS 2015-17
- Personnel Recommendations, including New Hires, Resignation, and Leaves of Absence
- Amendment of Policy 5:185, Family and Medical Leave, and Policy 7:270, Administering Medicines to Students
- Open and Closed Session Minutes of January 29 and February 17, 2015 and a declaration that the closed session audiotapes of July 2013 be destroyed.
- Tabled the District Registration Fee for SY 2015-16 until the March 16 Special Board of Education meeting.
- IMF Fee for SY 2015-16

Reports

Dr. Isoye reported 1) the 2015 Scholarship Cup recipients were Mia Andreoli, Yohana Ansari-Thomas, Taylor Arends, Ryan Blankemeier, Andrew Borgdorff, Patrick Gardner, Catherine Houle, Megan Jones, Louis Kissinger, Madeline Miller, Samuel Pochyly, Amit Russell, Michael Russo, Fiona Ryan, Erin Sullivan, and Rose Taylor; 2) 70 students attended OPRF's 15th Annual Black Professional Day, an in-school field trip where they had the opportunity to hear presentations from 16 different professionals; 3) 70 students in our Model United Nations club recently competed against 1,000 students in Model United Nations of the University of Chicago. Ella Dixon, for representing Côte d'Ivoire on the Economic Community of West African States, and Dan Jenks and Ryan Borgdorff, for representing Bangladesh on the Organization for Islamic Cooperation earned first place in their committees; 4) Ella Dixon was named the Excellence in Philanthropy 2014 Outstanding Young Philanthropist by the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation; 5) Carolyn Santos received The Abolition Institute's Aichana Abeid Boilil Award for her efforts to eliminate slavery in Mauritania; 6) The 2013-2014 Tabula Yearbook won first place for enrollment over 2,500 from the American Scholastic Press Association; 7) Maddie Miller won a Golden Key ranking, which is regional, in the Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards competition and her work will now be considered for the national competition; 8) the following students took first places at the Illinois Music Education Association All-State Music Conference: Fiona Ryan for bass clarinet, Evan Thompson for piano, and Gabe Girson a bass in the All-State Chorus. In addition, as a top jazz director in the state, Anthony Svejda was selected to direct the All-State Jazz Band, one of the highest guest directing honors; 9) The team of Sarah Luepker, Max Gugel-Dawson, Anastasiia Seriuikova, and Margaret Hillengas won first place in the high school division at the Snow Days Chicago snow sculpture competition at Navy Pier with assistance by OPRF carpenter and professional snow sculptor Peter Hermann and OPRF art teachers Pennie Ebsen and Tracy VanDuinen; 10) Briana A. Williams captured the sectional Speech team championship in oratorical declamation with Melody Hobson's TED Talk "Color Blind or Color Brave?" This qualified her to participate in the state competition in last weekend; 11) Sophia Carlin recently placed third out of 200 Chicago-area students in a regional Shakespeare monologue competition, her second year in a row to finish in the top three; 12) Special Olympics Basketball team Erik Cox, Matt Cox, Kobe Crawford, Kameron Curtis, Mike Gardner, Mattie Kotlowitz, and Brandon Schneider won their district division and will play in the state tournament next month. In addition, Ben Neumann placed first for skills and will compete at state; 13) Boys Swimming captured its first sectional championship since 2003 last weekend. The following swimmers will compete at state: Josh Fluharty, Jack Giradot, Will McNeil, Max Razzino, Riley Silber, and Thomas Wolfe; 14) Orchesis

dance troupe's Jayne Kernodle piece was one of the 10 selected from across the state to be performed at the Illinois High School Dance Festival Showcase in May; 15) Wrestlers Walter "Isaiah" White and Matt Rundell won the individual state championships in their respective weight classes. The wrestling team, which will compete in the Illinois High School Association Dual Team State Tournament in Bloomington.

Updates were given from the PEG Committee on the Superintendent's Evaluation and Goals, the Math Division, and the Triton/College Partnership, as well as an update on the work for a pool site.

Personnel

New Hires

Fred Preuss, Director of Buildings and Grounds, effective 03/02/15
Michael Mowinski, After-school Tutoring Center Monitor, effective 02/06/15
Frank Papastratakos, Security Officer, effective 01/30/15
Patricia Montoro, Security Officer, effective 01/30/15

Resignation

Cathleen Martin, History Teacher, effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year

Leaves of Absence

Linda Burns, History Teacher, effective 2nd year leave of absence for the 2015-16 school year
Eleanor Crawford, History Teacher, effective 2nd year leave of absence for the 2015-16 school year

**The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be
Thursday, March 26, 2015
6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session
Board Room**