

Oak Park and River Forest High School District 200

Thursday, August 23, 2007 Board Briefs

Board Actions

- Approved the following Consent Items: · Open Minutes of June 19, 21, 28, July 12, 17 and August 15, 2007; · Closed Session Minutes of June 19, 21, 28, July 12, 17 and August 15, 2007, as presented; · destruction of the closed session tapes of January 2006, as presented; · Financial Reports; · Ratification and Confirmation of the execution of certain vouchers for September 2007; · Disbursement list of vendors dated August 23, 2007; · An additional 1.5 FTE to provide Buildings and Grounds with additional building coverage for a one-year trial basis; · Policy 51143-3, Deletion of Student Discipline Pertaining to Psychostimulant Medication; · Amendment of Policy 5114-A, Hazing, · Policy 5200, School Choice, for First Reading; · Purchase of a cargo van from Northwest Ford, in the Amount of \$17,379; and · appointment of Kimberly Werner to a two-year term as a member of Citizens' Council;
- Accepted with gratitude the donation of a book to O.P.R.F.H.S. titled *Grace Abounding, The Core Knowledge Anthology of African-American Literature, Music and Art* from Abrams and Abrams Law Firm;
- Approved the public display of the District 200 Tentative Budget for FY '08 for 30 days beginning August 24, 2007; and
- Approved the District Goals for the 2007-08 school year, as follows:
 1. Improve academic achievement for all students with an emphasis on minority and special education students.
 2. Improve school climate among students and staff by
 - a. improving the transition of incoming freshmen from elementary/middle school to high school;
 - b. improving the transition of incoming transfer students from non-community based elementary, middle, and high schools;
 - c. increasing the participation of students in co-curricular programs (activity, athletic, intramural);
 - d. assessing the effectiveness of school initiatives (academic and co-curricular), making recommendations for change, and implementing changes;
 - e. increasing student and parent personal efficacy within the school;
 3. Expand the recruitment and employment of personnel system, and increase the number of minority faculty.
 4. Develop and implement a new organizational structure.

Reports

Dr. Weninger welcomed Don Vogel, the new interim principal. He also reported on 1) the new teacher orientation/induction and mentoring program; 2) the District Leadership Team Retreat; 3) Institute Day; and 4) a faculty meeting concerning the organizational structure and principles/vision/objectives and proposed District goals. Dr. Weninger thanked both the Villages of Oak Park and River Forest for their continued support in providing School Resource Officers to the high school. He also thanked staff for working diligently through the enrollment, residency, and registration process, noting that the process would continue to be reviewed for legality and efficiency, and most of all improvement.

Mr. Vogel thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to serve the district as interim principal. He reported that O.P.R.F.H.S. began a Transfer Student Program on Monday to assist them in their transition to the high school (39 of the 90 students eligible attended). Mr. Vogel reported on 1) a preview program for freshmen followed by an activity fair; 2) a letter written by the parent of a disabled student who participated in the summer musical noting that the child's experience was appreciated and beneficial; 3) the Girls' Golf Team won their first meet; 4) The Field museum thanked O.P.R.F.H.S. for its continued support of its internship program and that one O.P.R.F.H.S. student had participated; 5) O.P.R.F.H.S. was notified that an O.P.R.F.H.S. student received a score of 36—a perfect score.

Mr. Vogel also presented the College Transcript Summary. Mr. Prale presented the 2007 AP Exam Scores Report.

The Board Members reported on their various Board committee and liaison representative responsibilities.

Personnel

Certified Personnel

Appointments	Richard Deptuch , Assistant Principal for Student Services (Interim)
Call Backs For 2007-08 School Year	Lana Geselbracht , Engaged Learning and Tech Prep Coordinator (70%) Eugene McCormack , Mathematics Teacher (30%) – First Semester

Non-Certified Personnel

Appointments	Courtney Breen , Assistant Athletic Director, effective 08/08/07
Interim Leadership Appointments	Mary Ann Gini , Division Head for Media Services Peter Hostrawser , Division Head for Business Education Richard Perna , Assistant Principal for Student Health and Safety
Intern Leadership Appointment	Carolyn Ojikutu , Assistant Principal for Student Services
Resignations	Katherine Schmidt , Special Education TA, effective 08/13/07

**The next Board of Education Meeting will be
Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.**