

**OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL**  
**201 North Scoville Avenue**  
**Oak Park, IL 60302**

**Policy Evaluation and Goals Committee**  
**January 19, 2016**

A Policy Evaluation and Goals Committee meeting was held on January 19, 2016. Chair Spivy called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. in the Board Room. Committee members present were Jennifer Cassell, Dr. Steven Gevinson, and Sara Spivy. Also present were Dr. Steven T. Isoye, Superintendent; David Ruhland, Director of Human Resources; Philip M. Prale, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Nathaniel L. Rouse, Principal; Sheila Hardin, Faculty Senate Executive Committee Chair; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.

**Visitors:** OPRFHS staff Milanne Bancroft; community members Robert Block and John Bowbin.

**Public Comments**

Robert Block, a 20-year resident of Oak Park, is the parent of 3 OPRFHS graduates. One of the great things about the high school is the use of the tennis courts. He asked that the Board of Education consider changing or revoking the rule that prohibits the teaching of private lessons on the courts in the summer. He was unaware what the liability difference would be from someone receiving private lessons versus playing individually. The courts are not used a great deal during the summer, except for Saturday and Sunday mornings, and lessons or drills would not interfere with resident use during the summer. A restriction could be that lessons could not begin until after 12:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings and the tennis pro would have to be licensed by the school board. Any fees to the tennis pro would be passed on to the users.

John Bowbin, resident of Oak Park and tennis professional, is licensed through the Tennis Association and trained by USTA. In years past, he taught without incident on the OPRFHS courts and most times he and his pupils were the only ones on the court. After having taught on the courts for ten years, he was told he could no longer use them without given any explanation. He reiterated that the courts were unused, locked, puddled and in a state of neglect. He also asked for a policy change.

**Minutes**

The Ms. Cassell moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015, PEG meeting as presented; seconded by Dr. Gevinson. A voice vote resulted in motion carried.

**Policies for First Reading**

The PEG committee unanimously recommended moving forward to the full Board of Education Policy 7:185, Teen Dating Violence Prohibited, for approval of first reading at its regular January meeting; with the following changes:

- Provide the name of complaint manager, i.e., David Ruhland.
- Correct titles.
- With regard to staff education, include working with the PD committee and having gender discussions.
- Para 5 should include the method by which students will be notified of this policy, i.e., Student Handbook, Huskie Email, etc.
- Change the policy title to include students who are not teenagers, include all students, in the first para.

## **Goals**

Dr. Isoye aligned the work of the administration to the goals of the strategic plan, the description of the work thus far, and its status (green = accomplished, yellow = in progress, red = behind in progress). The PEG Committee unanimously recommended that the mid-year report on goals be moved forward to the full Board of Education as an informational item at its regular January meeting. One member noted that the District was on track with its work overall. Dr. Isoye highlighted that PTAC was an opportunity to engage stakeholders in things planned for the future. The transgender in-service was an opportunity for the staff to learn and it was tied to the goal of equity. Another opportunity for public engagement was the long-term facilities survey, focus groups, etc.

## **Superintendent Evaluation Instrument**

The PEG Committee is exploring what instruments other school districts use for the evaluation of their superintendents and determining if the one used at OPRFHS might be modified. One suggestion was to look at professional development opportunities as part of the assessment process. This report will not be moved to the full Board of Education and stay in committee.

## **New Topics**

- 1) The policy on concussions and head injuries, Policy 7:305, as Dr. Gevinson felt it was inadequate. Committee members were asked to send questions about this in advance.
- 2) Policy on student/teacher communication and different methods between teachers and students that would be on OPRFHS servers, as it would provide more protection for students and teachers. 1:1 messaging or use of school email is rudimentary at this point.
- 3) Update on PTAC and Restorative Justice. The next step will be to determine who will serve on the committee with anticipated kickoff in February.

## **Adjournment**

Dr. Gevinson moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m., seconded by Ms. Cassell. A voice vote resulted in motion carried.

Submitted by  
Gail Kalmerton  
Clerk of the Board