

Oak Park and River Forest High School

District 200

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TO: PEG Committee

FROM: Dr. Steven Isoye

DATE: June 14, 2016

RE: Policies for First Reading

Background:

The following policy changes are recommended by the administration:

Action and Policy	Explanation
Policy 6:40, Curriculum Development	The District’s attorney recommended amending the policy as presented by the IASB.
Policy 7:220, Bus Conduct	The District’s attorney recommends that the best reading of the statute is that the provisions of SB 100 do in fact apply to bus suspensions and that the IASB policy reflects a good faith reading of the statute and is the most legally conservative reading.
Policy 7:300, Extra Curricular Activities	IASB recommended amending this policy’s Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to legislation and subscriber feedback. This policy’s purpose is to establish basic requirements for students to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular athletic activities.
Policy 7:310, Restrictions on Publications	IASB changes to this policy reflect rapid technology changes. A section was also added regarding <u>Bullying and Cyberbullying</u> in response to School Code.
Policy 7:325, Student Fund-raising Activities	The policy is RENAMED to align with the State and national lunch programs’ use of fundraising without a hyphen. The recommendation is for Option A and door-to-door solicitations are prohibited OR B - , and door-to-door solicitations are discouraged. The District’s current practice/policy regarding door-to-door solicitations is that they are discouraged.
Policy 8:10, Connection with Community	IASB added new subheads: The text within the Public Relations subhead is amended to: 1. Clarify the superintendent and board president’s roles in the introductory paragraph, “The Board President is the official spokesperson for the School Board. The Superintendent is the District’s chief spokesperson and. The Superintendent or designee shall plan and implement a District public relations program that will:” 2. Shorten text at number 7 to “Keep the news media provided with accurate information accurately informed.” 3. Add a new number 8, which reads “8. Coordinate with the District Safety Coordinator to provide accurate and timely information to the appropriate individuals during an emergency.” 4. Clarify the text in numbers one and two of the paragraph, “The public relations program should include:

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	<p>1. Regular news releases concerning District programs, policies, and activities, that will be sent activities, and special event management for distribution by, for example, posting on the District website or sending to the news media.</p> <p>2. News conferences and interviews, as requested or needed. The Board President and Superintendent will coordinate their respective media relations efforts. Individuals may speak for the District only with prior approval from the Superintendent.”</p> <p>The Community Engagement subhead is a new option for boards that complete the work necessary to develop and implement a community engagement initiative.</p>
Policy 8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property	<p>IASB recommends amending the policy because of recent updates discussed in 5:50, <i>Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition</i>. The policy’s optional provision for number 3 adds the exception for guns on school campus and now reads as follows:</p> <p>; however, An individual licensed to carry a concealed firearm under the Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act is permitted to: (a) carry a concealed firearm within a vehicle into a parking area controlled by a school or the District and may store a firearm or ammunition concealed in a case within a locked vehicle or locked container out of plain view within the vehicle in the parking area, and/or (b) carry a concealed firearm in the immediate area surrounding his or her vehicle in a parking area controlled by a school or the District for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving a firearm within the vehicle’s trunk.</p>

Next Step:

Move to recommend the policies as listed to the Board of Education for approval for first reading.