



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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DISTRICT 97 BOARD MEMBER LIAISON REPORT

This report was created and submitted by board members who serve as liaisons to board committees, administrative committees or community organizations. It is a brief summary of the committee or organization's most recent meeting. It does not serve as or represent official minutes of that meeting.

Name of the committee/organization: OPRF Community Council

Date of the meeting: April 13, 2017

Names of the District 97 board liaisons: Graham Brisben

Names of the District 97 administrative representatives (if applicable): N/A

Brief summary/key outcomes of the meeting:

Chairperson Wendy Daniels opened by expressing condolences to Superintendent Pruitt-Adams on the recent loss of her grandson.

Next, Lou Corsino, Nominating Committee Chair told the group that he was organizing membership for next school year and advised that current members are expected to continue unless they indicate otherwise. He is also looking to identify new members from both communities.

The Superintendent's Report was delivered by Phil Prale. Prale's highlights:

- As a result of the municipal elections on 4/4/17, the D200 board will be welcoming three new members. Jeff Weisglass was thanked for his service.
- SATs were taken on 4/5/17, and the Triton "Accuplacer" test was taken on 4/11/17
- A "Time to Talk" event will be held on 4/25/17 for parents interested in learning how the school will be addressing issues of sexual misconduct
- The "Imagine OPRF" long-term facilities committee received "scores" of applications
- The strategic plan continues to be a work in progress
- D200 has a national teacher of the year candidate in PE instructor Linda Carlson

Board member Steve Gevinson gave the board report. Highlights:

- Gevinson is one of the departing board members whose term will end on 5/2/17 and he thanked Community Council members for their work
- The board will be getting an upcoming report on the Climate, Culture, and Behavior (CCB) initiative

The remainder of the meeting was a presentation from Principal Nate Rouse and assistant principals Jason Dennis and Jennifer Hoffman on the Equal Opportunity Schools (EOS) program, which is designed to increase the participation and performance of students of color in AP classes.

EOS is a program involving 117 schools across the country. It began at OPRF by gathering a census of students in AP classes and identifying under-represented groups. The school also conducted a survey of students

identified as eligible for AP classes but currently not taking any. According to Rouse, when asked why they were not taking AP courses, students provided reasons that included “nobody asked me to,” “it might hurt my GPA,” and “nobody in those classes look like me.” The research also attempted to identify “trusted adults” for kids who would benefit from encouragement to take AP courses.

For the 2016-17 school year, OPRF identified 244 students whom administrators felt should be encouraged to take AP classes, and of that number 166 have enrolled in such courses.

During a robust Q&A with council members, discussion focused on the idea of increasing diversity in honors classes as well.

Next steps: None.

Questions/feedback for the District 97 board: None.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday, May 11, 2017

Supplemental documentation (e.g., agenda, reports, etc.) from the meeting (attached):

1. Meeting agenda

Report submitted by (include name and date): Graham Brisben, 041417



Oak Park and River Forest High School

Community Council Agenda:

April 13, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Staff Cafeteria

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of March 9, 2017 minutes
- III. Vote on Slate for 2017-2018
Lou Corsino, Nominating Committee Chair
- IV. Superintendent's Report
- V. District 200 School Board Report
- VI. Community Council member announcements and updates
- VII. Special Joint Presentation to Parents for Student Success & Community Council - Meeting Topics:
Update on EOS program (Equal Opportunity Schools)
Report on Student Achievement
Nate Rouse, Principal; Jason Dennis, Assistant Principal for Instruction; Jennifer Hoffman, Assistant Principal for Student Services
- VIII. Adjourn

Community Council Officers

Karin Danganan (Lead Co-Chair)

Wendy Daniels (Co-Chair)

Lori Coplan (Co-Secretary)

Markus Sleuwen (Co-Secretary)