



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 Citizen's Council

Date of the meeting: January 12, 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: The meeting opened with approval of the prior meeting's minutes, followed by the Superintendent's Report. Superintendent Pruitt-Adams reported that

- The first working session to address the strategic plan and vision was held the night prior. A stakeholder input process is being used, and announcements are going out to invite citizens to various listening tour events over the next several weeks (see attachment). One of the key goals of the "'14-'19' strategic plan is to improve equity. An example was cited of outreach efforts to encourage minority students to consider/participate in AP and STEM classes.
- In the aftermath of the failed November referendum, D200 is organizing a committee to take a comprehensive look at facilities needs, including the pool. The committee will consist of 25 people. A select number of committee participants will be chosen in equal numbers from both the "pro-pool" and "anti-pool" groups that had been involved in the referendum campaign. Then, the remaining seats on the committee filled out by individuals who apply to serve. A postcard will be sent to each home in Oak Park and River Forest inviting citizens to apply.
- A student advisory group has been organized to address issues of sexual harassment and misconduct at OPRF. This is in response to some recent issues/events at the school. In addition, staff is receiving professional development training on Title IX to improve reporting procedures, and the board is reviewing new policies in this area. Parent and community training will also be offered. The overall goal is to set a new tone and culture as it relates to sexual harassment and misconduct at OPRF.

Dr. Pruitt-Adams was congratulated on her permanent appointment as Superintendent.

Next, the Council discussed revisions to its by-laws, and then discussed the formation of an equity committee (see attachment). The process for nominations of Council leadership was also discussed.

It was noted that the "Citizen's Council" would be undergoing a name change in the near future to "Community Council." The reason for the change is that the term "Citizen's Council" had been used in the past, and in other parts of the country, for groups and gatherings with discriminatory intentions.

The final hour of the meeting consisted of Chief School Business Officer Tod Altenburg presenting an overview of the facilities work that took place last summer, and is planned for this summer. Dr. Altenburg also provided a brief overview of the district's finances.

Next steps: None.

Questions/feedback for the District 97 board: None.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday, February 9, 2017

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

1. Superintendent's Listening Tour announcement flyer
2. "Supporting and Integrating Equity Work" schematic

Report submitted by (include name and date): Graham Brisben, 011817

Oak Park and River Forest High School invites you to attend the
SUPERINTENDENT'S LISTENING TOUR



*Dr. Pruitt-Adams with Huskie,
welcoming new freshmen to their first
day of high school.*

*What is OPRF doing well?
How could we improve?*

Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams,
new superintendent
of District 200,
invites all
community members
to attend a session and
share your thoughts!



Free babysitting provided.

TOUR DATES

Enjoy a complimentary light meal
during the first half-hour,
followed by dialogue.

RSVP to Karin Sullivan
708.434.3691
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Mon., Jan. 23, 2017 · RSVP by Jan. 20
Beye Elementary School
230 N. Cuyler Ave., Oak Park
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Date and Time to be Determined
Hatch Elementary School
1000 N. Ridgeland Ave., Oak Park

Mon., Feb. 6, 2017 · RSVP by Jan. 30
Roosevelt Middle School
7560 Oak Ave., River Forest
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wed., March 15, 2017 · RSVP by March 8
Irving Elementary School
1125 S. Cuyler Ave., Oak Park
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sat., March 18, 2017 · RSVP by March 11
Roosevelt Middle School
7560 Oak Ave., River Forest
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Supporting and Integrating Equity Work

