Board Actions

Approval of the following items:

- Consent Items
  - Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated October 26, 2017
  - Donations and Gifts
  - Course Proposal for 2018-19
  - Personnel Recommendations including New Hires, Lateral Hires, Resignations, and Leaves of Absences
- Policies for Second Reading
  1. Policy 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure
  2. Policy 6:80, Teaching about Controversial Issues
  3. Policy 6:210, Instructional Materials
  4. Policy 7:20, Harassment of Students – Prohibited
  5. Policy 7:725, Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment
  6. Policy 8:70, Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
- Open and Closed Session Minutes September 28, October 2, and 17, 2017 and a declaration that the closed session audiotapes of February 2016 be destroyed
- Failed to Approve the Renewal of Medical and Dental Insurance

Reports

Dr. Pruitt announced:
1) Last year’s Tabula, which is sponsored by English teacher Dan Ganschow and art teacher Valerie White, won the American Scholastic Press Association Award for most outstanding high school yearbook for 2017.

Football players Terrance Roundy and Trevon Brown were the back-to-back winners of the Chicago Tribune’s High School Athlete of the Month. Terrance won for September and Trevon for October. In recognition, Country Financial, the program’s sponsor, gave two donations of $500 to OPRF.

OPRF’s Healthy Youth Peer Educators, or HYPE, club partnered with Oak Park Township to conduct a “Sticker Shock” campaign. Prior to Homecoming weekend, HYPE students put stickers on over 1,000 alcohol bottles at Pete’s in Oak Park and Jewel in River Forest to remind parents, older siblings and friends, and other adults that it’s illegal to provide alcohol to people under 21.

For the third straight year, OPRF Food Service participated in the Illinois Great Apple Crunch, which aims to get all students in Illinois to enjoy a local apple on the same day. OPRF provides breakfast and lunch to all D97 schools, and with the two districts combined, we handed out 3,000 local apples on Oct. 12.

November 14 Intersection of race and Education and November 15 first Community Comm

Discussion items included an update on the Strategic Plan, the Board of Education Calendar of Reports, Community Recreation Center Potential Funding, and the PTO Diversity Council 97. Informational reports were given on Interventions, Summer School, First Quarter Variance, the Levy Timeline, FOIA requests, and Student Council activities.

Personnel Report

New Hires

- Jameel Carter, Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective November 1, 2017
- Christopher Carton, Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective November 1, 2017
- Heather VanDelft, Paraprofessional – Teacher’s Aide, effective October 30, 2017
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- Annalise Walksler, Cosmetology Co-Sponsor, effective October 30, 2017
- Lauren Velazquez, Debate – Assistant Coach, effective October 30, 2017
Lateral Hires  Judith Trigueros, Safety & Support Officer – Full Time – Interim, effective October 23, 2017

Resignation  Craig Ackerman, Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective September 12, 2017

Leave of Absence  Jonathan Adelman, Paraprofessional – Teacher’s Aide, effective January 8-June 2, 2018
Alex Krick, Paraprofessional – Teacher’s Aide, effective January 8-June 2, 2018
Eric Rutter, Paraprofessional – Teacher’s Aide, effective January 8-June 2, 2018
William Fillyaw, Paraprofessional – Teacher’s Aide, effective January 8-June 2, 2018
Sara Venhorst, Counseling, effective July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be
Thursday, November 16, 2017
6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session
Board Room