

Oak Park River Forest High School Board
June 22, 2017
Mary Haley, Observer

Present: Jackie Moore -President, Sara Dixon Spivy -Vice-President, Tom Cofsky, Jennifer Cassell, Fred Arkin, Matt Baron and Craig Iseli

Dr. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:40.

The board recognized the Girls' Softball team, which took 1st place in the Illinois Class 4A tournament and finished third ranked in the country.

Consent Items: All items were passed unanimously.

Action Items: Principal Rouse spoke about the memorandum of understanding with EOS. The client (OPRFHS) determines which EOS services to use to implement the recommendation from last year. The administration will evaluate and report the results of the implementations back to the board throughout the 2017-2018 school year.

Dr. Rouse also spoke about changes in the student handbook. Changes in dress code were developed with input from students. In compliance with Senate Bill 100, each teacher will discuss the code of conduct as it applies to his/her classroom.

Mr. Iseli asked about how the Hanover Proposal will help the district implement the strategic plan. Amy Hill, Director of Assessment and Research, explained that Hanover Research will provide research on topics as needed by the district as it implements the plan. For example, information might be needed on how to develop tools to assess the effectiveness of communications.

All items were passed unanimously.

Discussion Items: Mr. Rouse and Dr. Lincoln Chandler presented an overview of the student discipline report for the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year. The overview focused on what were the nature of the infractions, which students were involved and how did the high school respond. As in the past, the majority of the infractions (81%) were for tardies and missed detentions. 15 % were for Level 2 and Level 3 infractions that include active defiance or gross misconduct. Black students who make up 23% of the student population accounted for 48% of the infractions. Sophomores and juniors have more infractions than freshmen and seniors. During the second semester there were 167 in school suspensions and 32 out of school suspensions. Most infractions earn restricted lunch or a detention.

Dr. Pruitt-Adams, Superintendent, and Karin Sullivan, Director of Communications, asked the board on behalf of the IMAGINE OPRF group what parameters the board wished to set as the group goes forward. The board declined to set parameters.

Dr. Pruitt-Adams and Ms. Sullivan also reported to the board that ICI , a construction management team, will be assisting the IMAGINE group in its work. The advantage of working with ICI is that it can provide true costs and schedules for the proposals, work with the architects and develop a realistic plan about the order in which proposals should be implemented.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20.