Oak Park Education Foundation's Update to District 97 Board

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Agenda

■ OPEF Accomplishments in 2010-11

■ Plans for 2011-12

Working with D97 board

OPEF Programs

OPEF Programs, continued

Science Alliance (formerly Global Village)

Science Alliance

- Now in its 21st year
- New name, new plan
- Argonne Labs, EPA, Rehab Institute, etc.
- Projects include:
 - Surgery on a mango
 - Live snakes & turtles from Shedd
 - Ride stationary bikes to make smoothies

OPEF Programs, continued

Art Start

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- Now in its 15th year
- Projects include:
 - Masks exploring cultures around the world at Longfellow
 - Learning shapes, numbers, opposites with movement at Mann
 - Mosaic math at Holmes

• 2011-2012: Socially engaged visual art project with 6th graders

OPEF Programs, continued

Geared Up

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- Now in its 4th year
- In all 3rd grades: great fit for simple machines
- "There were many aha! Moments when a student built a machine and figured out how it works and why it is useful."
- LEGO Landmarks in 2nd grades

OPEF Programs, continued

Vex Robotics

Vex Robotics

- Now in its 7th year
- 86 students, JV and Varsity
- 8 teams reached the regional quarterfinals
- 3 alums won 1st place in science competition

OPEF Programs, continued

Architecture Adventure

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- Now in its 6th year
- Engaging new art teachers and classroom teachers
- Projects included:
 - 5th grade Mural at Beye
 - K skyscrapers at Irving
 - 5th grade Chicago field trip at Hatch
 - 3rd and 4th grade Sketch Up at Lincoln

OPEF Programs, continued

B.A.S.E. Camp

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- Now in its 2nd year
- Expanded from 130 campers to 362
- Projects included:
 - Fibonacci Mural under the "L" at Forest/Home
 - Medical Dissection & Illustration
 - Architecture, Robotics, Geared Up and more

Accomplishments

Oak Park Education Foundation Programs by Grade 2010-2011

	Science Alliance	Archi- tecture Adventure	Art Start	Geared Up	Vex	BASE Camp	Totals by Grade
Pre-K		41					41
К			127			32	159
1			178			37	215
2	22	46	310	22		99	499
3	152	91		423		59	725
4	264	174				53	491
5	360	426				51	837
6	138	57	3		39	28	265
7		1	11		29	3	44
8		38	2		18		58
Totals by Program	936	874	631	445	86	362	3,334

Accomplishments

- Revamping Science Alliance
 - Ensuring programs are fresh
 - Improving equity
- Expansion of B.A.S.E. Camp
 - Filling a need in the community
 - Raising \$ to support programs during the school year
- Increase in Volunteers
 - 2,300+ hours, \$72,000 value

Oak Park Education Foundation Strategy Map

Vision

Every child that emerges from D97 has the ability, creativity and inspiration to shape the future, and that every Oak Park resident is a valued member of the learning community that champions public education.

Mission

To fund, through non-tax revenues, innovative or experimental enrichment programs that reach the greatest number of District 97 students.

Values

OPEF develops and supports programs that:

- stimulate each student's intellect and encourage the development of each child's potential
- involve children in creative and innovative activities using non-traditional program delivery
- · reach the greatest number of D97 students
- · demonstrate that learning is valuable and enjoyable

Market Differentiators

Relationship with District 97

Access to all Classrooms

Enrichment of the core curriculum

A variety of innovative program models

Community experts broadly applying knowledge

Strategic Objectives

Provide programming that enriches the core curriculum

Promote innovative programming and nontraditional means of delivery

Draw upon skills/talent of the community

Maintain financial independence

Reach the greatest number of D97 students

Critical Processes

Program development and delivery

Communication

Fund Raising

Knowledge of curriculum

Relationship with District 97

Collaboration with community experts

Key Performance Indicators

Number of students reached

Program evaluation

Dollars raised

Budget

Board member participation

Expert participation

Plans for 2011-2012

Plans for 2011-2012

Strategy task force

New Vex Robotics curriculum

Revamping our program audits

OPEF's next big thing

What do we need from you?

OPEF and District 97 - What do we need from you?

- Continuing participation on the OPEF Board
 - Dr. Roberts
 - Peter Barber
 - Lisa Schwartz
- Sending volunteers our way
- Helping us be a part of the fabric of the District