



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: CLAIM – Committee for Legislative Action, Intervention and Monitoring

Date of the meeting: November 19, 2015

Names of the District 97 board liaisons: Amy Felton and Rupa Datta

Names of the District 97 administrative representatives (if applicable): Chris Jасulca, Felicia Starks-Turner and Carol Kelley

Brief summary/key outcomes of the meeting: Post-legislative forum activities: Mary Anderson is drafting a letter to Governor Rauner regarding the need to get the state budget passed as well as the need to improve/increase funding for education in Illinois. Theresa Jurgus is going to draft a letter to the editor or One View from CLAIM thanking legislators for coming to the November 2 forum and also provide some key take-aways from the event – once finalized, it will be sent to the Wednesday Journal.

Finance and Equity/Excellence work groups shared their respective “belief” sheets and proposed top legislative priorities.

Next steps: CLAIM will present its annual report at the December 1, 2015 board meeting. Rick Boultinghouse and Amy Felton are reviewing applications to appoint two new members to CLAIM with the resignation of Anne Warden and Brandon Bell.

Questions/feedback for the District 97 board: CLAIM is interested in how it can be helpful to the board in its referendum planning process.

Date of the next meeting: Next CLAIM meeting is scheduled for December 17 – Therese O’Neill will be joining the meeting to discuss referendum planning and finances. Ralph Martire, Executive Director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, is scheduled to attend the meeting on January 21. January 21, 2016, to present on State and local education funding

Supplemental documentation (e.g., agenda, reports, etc.) from the meeting (attached): Agenda attached. Please also see link below to the document the finance work group is reading along with a letter written in the Wednesday Journal from one of our community partners pertaining to the legislators forum.

[For Each and Every Child](#) A Strategy for Education Equity and Excellence

<http://www.oakpark.com/News/Articles/11-10-2015/School-funding-reform-is-the-first-step->

[toward-equity/](#)

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