

Oak Park Elementary School District 97
970 Madison Street, Oak Park, IL – Meeting Room
Committee for Legislative Action, Intervention and Monitoring (C.L.A.I.M.)
Regular Meeting
July 19, 2012, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairwoman Warden called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

In Attendance: Anne Warden, Greg Smith, Rupa Datta, Brandon Bell, Sanford Greenberg, Jim Gates, Jim O'Connor, John Moss, Wiley Samuels, Margaret Kell, Carol Threlkeld and Lou Anne Johannesson (secretary)

Not in Attendance: Meredith Schacht, Jassen Strokosch, Ray Johnson, Carollina Song

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments

3. Action Items

a. Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2012

Warden made motion to approve June minutes. Member Smith seconded the motion.

Ayes: Smith, Bell, Kell, Greenburg, Datta, O'Connor, Gates, Greenberg, Samuels

Nays: None

Motion passed.

4. Sub-Committee Reporting

a. K.I.D.S.

Chairwoman Warden announced that Member Song was not present to give a report and skipped K.I.D.S. sub-committee report. Disbanding the sub-committee was put on hold.

No report was presented.

b. Data

Member Datta reported on a meeting she had with Superintendent Roberts. The subject was data sharing between D97 and D200. She distributed a booklet compiled by D97's attorneys regarding the laws governing student records. She reported that newly enacted Illinois state laws governing student records exceed those of the federal government. Member Datta reported that Dr. Roberts suggested that the committee invite Dr. Felicia Starks-Turner, the district's record custodian, and the law firm engaged by the district to come to C.L.A.I.M. at a future date to discuss the sharing of student data. Member Datta discussed unit districts having an advantage over non-unit districts, because the elementary and high schools are united, therefore no problems occur in sharing data. She suggested that C.L.A.I.M. draft language for the legislature to consider an exemption for non-unified school districts. She stated that Dr. Roberts said the district is interested in sharing data specific to altering instruction practices. There is a pending

plan by the Board to include language regarding data sharing in the District's Parent handbook; "open invitation to Parents to look at records that would be shared" Member Datta reported that Dr. Roberts would like the sub-committee to inform the local legislator how difficult data sharing would be under current regulations. Member Moss suggested sharing the suggestions and recommendations of the district's attorney's after the committee meets with them, with the legislators. Member Gates volunteered to look into the background and origination of the new state laws governing student records. He also volunteered to reach out to Ed-RED regarding the subject.

c. Work Plan

Member Strokosch was not present to make a presentation. Chairwoman Warden reminded the committee that a work plan should go to the Board by September. Member Gates suggested that October would be more realistic.

d. Finance

Member Smith stated a list of things that logistically must happen for the upcoming legislator's forum. Member Gates asked what it would take to get the legislators to attend. Member Moss said their committee needs to meet with Therese O'Neill first to get figures for a financial fact sheet. The meeting is scheduled for 5p.m. on August 8th at the central office. Member Gates suggested hosting the forum after the election. Members agreed that January would be a good time. Member Moss suggested that each sub-committee meet with the members first and shared that legislator's office schedules. Member Smith said that the community would need to be informed of the agenda. A discussion followed about what format would best suit the forum. Member Moss stated that the key for the committee is relationship building with the legislators. Member Datta volunteered to arrange speakers for next meeting.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Johannesson
Secretary

