

**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**  
**March 15, 2012, 7:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order / Roll Call**

**In Attendance:** Chairperson Anne Warden, Peggy Kell, Greg Smith, Rupa Datta, Brandon Bell, Wiley Samuels, Carolina Song, Meredith Schacht, Sanford Greenberg, (via Skype) Linda Francis, Jim Gates, Jim O'Connor, John Moss and Ellen McKay (secretary)

Also in Attendance: Dr. Al Roberts, Superintendent and Erika Lindley, Executive Director of Ed-Red

**Not in Attendance:** Jassen Strokosch, Carol Threlkeld, Ray Johnson

Chairperson Warden called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m. and welcomed Dr. Roberts, Superintendent of Oak Park School District 97. Dr. Roberts expressed his sincere appreciation to the C.L.A.I.M committee for their time and commitment to District 97 and the Oak Park community.

**2. Public Comment**

There were no public comments

**3. Action Items**

**a. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2012**

Carolina Song moved, seconded by Greg Smith, that the C.L.A.I.M committee, accept the minutes from the January 19, 2012 meeting. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Warden, Kell, Smith, Datta, Bell, Samuels, Song, Schacht, Greenberg, (via Skype) Francis, Moss

Nays: None

Motion passed.

**b. Approval of Minutes of February 16, 2012**

Greg Smith moved, seconded by Carolina Song, that the C.L.A.I.M committee, accept the minutes from the February 16, 2012 meeting.

Ayes: Warden, Kell, Smith, Datta, Bell, Samuels, Song, Schacht, Greenberg, (via Skype) Francis, Moss

Nays: None

Motion passed.

**c. Electronic Participation**

Smith proposed that the C.L.A.I.M committee adopt and incorporate the District 97 policy 0164.4 Participation in Board Meetings by Audio and/or Video Conference.

Smith moved, seconded by Gates that the C.L.A.I.M committee, adopt and incorporate the District's policy on participation in board meetings by audio and video.

Ayes: Warden, Kell, Smith, Datta, Bell, Samuels, Song, Schacht, Greenberg, (via Skype) Francis, Moss

Nays: None

Motion passed.

The C.L.A.I.M Committee

**4. Presentation by Erika Lindley, Executive Director of ED-RED**

Gates introduced guest speaker Erika Lindley, Executive Director of ED-RED. Ms. Lindley thanked the C.L.A.I.M committee for inviting her. She spoke briefly about the background of ED-RED and her position with the organization, along with her involvement with the General Assembly. Some of the main committees that Ms. Lindley works directly with are:

- State Board of Education
- General Assembly
- Constitutional Officers
- Education
- Revenue
- Appropriation

Carolina Song asked Lindley if Ed-Red has any boundaries regarding what districts are eligible for Ed-Red's service. Lindley informed the committee Ed-Red's bylaws were changed two years ago to accommodate any district who could benefit from their services.

A member inquired about the type of meetings RED holds that the C.L.A.I.M committee could attend. Lindley informed the committee there are two meetings, Signature Meetings and Evening Meetings, held every other month. The meeting dates and times can be found on the ED-RED website and most meetings are open to the public. Generally the people who attend these meetings are Superintendents, Board Members, and Elected Officials; however, the C.L.A.I.M committee members can attend.

Erika informed the committee that the biggest issues going on in Springfield are:

- Budgets
- Pensions
- Medicaid

While these issues are separate they are also connected. Springfield cannot set the budget for pensions until they set the budget for Medicaid, and they are planning to adjourn on May 31, 2012.

Erika informed the committee there are several similar groups to the C.L.A.I.M committee in:

- Downers Grove
- Evanston (has a joint task force)
- Schaumburg

### **Additional Action Items**

#### **a. Public Participation**

Warden proposed a policy regarding public participation.

#### **b. C.L.A.I.M. description**

Proposal by Anne Warden

Approval of C.L.A.I.M. description

## **5. Committee Activities**

### **Presentations**

#### **Data Subcommittee**

Jim Gates and Jim O'Connor suggested the Data Committee reach out to Early Childhood and P-20 Council. Dr. Roberts informed the C.L.A.I.M committee that the district would like to identify children as early as 3 years old for the Early Childhood program. Rupa Datta stated the Data committee would eventually like to meet with District 90 and District 200 regarding data sharing.

#### **Finance Subcommittee**

Gates(?) stated anything requiring money is going to be hard to get. In District 97 the Arts are very important to the community as well as other programs. The District was very fortunate that the RIF passed mainly due to the caring community.

#### **KIDS Subcommittee**

The KIDS committee has not met. Carolina shared a PDF document for the committee to review. After the KIDS committee meet, Jim O'Connor will setup a meeting for the committee to meet with his boss.

Dr. Roberts stated it would have been hard pressed if the referendum had not passed. The Early Childhood Collaboration is great. Jim Gates state the Early Childhood Collaboration is awesome, that's just one reason why District 97 would be a great pilot program.

#### **a. Discussion of next steps for work plan**

Warden informed the committee that they would be meeting with the Board to share their work plans.

6. Concluding Items

**a. Announcements**

Warden spoke about meeting during the summer. She asked the committee to email her if they would not be in attendance for any future meeting.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:47PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McKay  
Secretary

