

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
November 19, 2015 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairman Boultinghouse called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

In Attendance: Rick Boultinghouse, Rita Kahn, Mary Anderson, Theresa Jurgas, Wiley Samuels, Amy Iverson, Chris Jасulca, Felicia Starks Turner , Kimberly Brumirski, Lou Anne Johannesson.

Not in Attendance: Rupa Datta, Michelle Hood, Carollina Song, Amy Felton

2. Public Comment/Committee Comment

There were no public comments. Boultinghouse announced that Anne Warden has resigned from the Committee.

3. Action Items

A vote to approve minutes from October 2015 was held. There was a unanimous vote to pass the minutes.

4. Task Force/Work Groups

A. Finance Group

Iverson and Boultinghouse reported that the Finance Group has a preliminary “working document” on their focus and goals. They will meet the week after Thanksgiving. Therese O’Neill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations will attend the December meeting and give a presentation on “School Finance 101”

B. Equity and Excellence in Student Achievement

Samuels reported on Equity and Excellence in Student Achievement. Anderson asked about the current issue of ACT scores at District 200, and asked if there was a chance the group might work with the high school on this issue. Kahn stated that it would be important to find where the “gap” begins. Samuels stated from his experience, there needs to be collaboration to impact any growth in equity in achievement. He referenced Education Secretary Duncan’s recent document on PBIS. Jасulca stated that PRESS will have substantive changes in the area of

disincline policies in line with new legislation available to the District in January or February.

C. Early Childhood

Song was not in attendance so the Early Childhood had nothing to report.

D. Legislative Monitoring and Outreach

Anderson will head this group. She will forward a draft of a letter to Governor Rauner for the Committee to consider in December. She will also work on arranging a follow up meeting with Senator Harmon. Jurgus, Samuels and Johannesson will then reach out to the partnership groups to “sign-on”. Anderson is monitoring state funding bills and stated that the earliest the state could have a budget would be March or as late as November, 2016.

5. Other

Ralph Martire the Executive Director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability is schedule to speak at the January regular Meeting. Boultinghouse has invited the committee to an informal event with date to be determined

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:11