

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
September 20, 2012, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairwoman Warden called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

Not in Attendance: Meredith Schacht, Jassen Strokosch

Also Present: Dr. Al Roberts, Superintendent District 97.

Chairwoman Warden introduced new member Joanne Schochat, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and General Counsel for District 97.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments

3. Action Items

a. Approval of Minutes of July 19, 2012

Warden made motion to approve the June 19, 2012 minutes. Member Smith seconded the motion.

Ayes: Smith, Datta, Bell, Greenberg, Samuels, Threlkeld, Schochat, Johnson, Song

Nays: None

Motion passed.

4. Sub-Committee Reporting

a. Finance

Member Smith introduced the financial fact sheet that the sub-committee created based on their August 10th meeting with Therese O'Neill, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, District 97. Member Smith acknowledges Member Schacht as the primary author of the fact sheet. He explained that the purpose of the sheet is to be able to put it in front of the legislators, and that it highlights the issues of the District and its legislative goals. Member Samuels suggested the need for an introductory paragraph. After a brief discussion, the committee agreed to use an introduction that incorporates the mission statement of the committee. Member Threlkeld explained that the purpose of this document is to express what the impact of the pension transfer would be. Member Smith said that Therese O'Neill told the sub-committee that the pension issue is the biggest issue facing the District. Member Moss stated that O'Neill said a phased in shift to the District would be better than a dump. Member Bell asked if a solution should be presented. Chairwoman Warden stated that the mission is just to inform legislators what the impact would

be to the district. Warden asked Member Smith if an edit to the form can be done via email instead of in a formal meeting. He said yes, if not done simultaneously, and that the Board will want to see the final draft.

Member Threlkeld stated that the goal was to meet in small groups with legislators in October. She further stated that member Moss had already reached out to the legislators. Chairwoman Warden suggested two members from the finance sub-committee, member Datta from the data sub-committee, plus one additional member attend these meetings. She stated that the members will wait until Member Moss schedules the meetings and that it will be discussed further via email.

b. Data

Member Datta reported that the committee has invited Dr. Felicia Starks-Turner, the District's records custodian, and an attorney from the law firm engaged by the district will attend the C.L.A.I.M. meeting on October 18. She suggested that the committee come up with questions for the guests such as; what are shared document requirements, what changes will the District be making regarding data sharing, what would the cost of the change be, what else is possible with data sharing language. Member Song said that October 18th is the night of the District's parent/teacher conferences. Member Datta stated that due to the challenge of rescheduling, the committee should go ahead with the invitation to the guests as planned. Chairwoman Warden agreed because this matter is a top priority of the committee.

Chairwoman Warden asked if the committee should inquire of the guests what other districts are doing with the restrictions on data sharing. Dr. Roberts interjected that in his experience, Illinois is unique. Most states have K-12 unified school districts. He stated that District 97 is between a "rock and a hard place". There are restrictions on receiving information from Early Childhood programs. He suggested that legislative relief is what is needed. Member Warden asked if the legislators are aware that the mandates of data sharing do not line up with the new law. Member Smith suggested asking the attorneys. Dr. Roberts agreed. Dr. Roberts explained that the data sharing mandate and the law regarding student records conflict. He also said neither addresses the issue of sharing Early Childhood data. Member Smith asked what kinds of data is considered a student record. Dr. Roberts's stated that anything is a record and the district is pre-empted by unilateral sharing. Member Greenberg asked if the issue could be avoided if the data shared was aggregate versus individual. Dr. Roberts said aggregate would be fine, that it is better than nothing, but it still does not help the District's teachers in preparation for Early Childhood students or OPRF in preparation for the District's students, in regard to servicing individual students. Member Greenberg asked if obtaining advanced consent would work. Member Schochat stated that only if every item of data is listed. Dr. Roberts said it does not solve the issue of 10 day notice. Member Song said she was unsure of the point of data sharing and what specific data is being asked for. Member Samuels said that the community is open to sharing data that is helpful to the advancement of the student but has anxiety when it comes to behavioral reporting. Dr. Roberts said that sharing behavioral problems can be beneficial as well. A lengthy discussion ensued. Member Kell suggested asking the legislators why the new student records

act was passes at all. Member Datta said that it would be beneficial to know the history of the new law. (Member Gates stated at the July 19 meeting that he would reach out to Ed-RED to get the history) Member Song suggested asking the attorneys what the law should be, to fulfill the mandate. Member Bell asked if other states might have better laws.

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 its second meeting in October. She suggested that each sub-committee meet briefly to discuss their mandate, what they have accomplished and what their plan is for the upcoming year. Ms. Johannesson will put the notes together in a format to be sent to Chairwoman Warden and member Strokosch for editing. When asked if the committee should make a presentation to the Board, member O'Connor agreed.

5. Housekeeping

Chairwoman Warden stated that Ms. Johannesson designed a letterhead for C.L.A.I.M. and will have business cards made for the members. Member Moss reported on a new module for individual learning using data being developed by the State Board of Education. He also reported that their top priority is the implementation of Senate Bill 7. Member Song asked for an update on the K.I.D.S. pilot program. Dr. Roberts stated that trainings have begun and are on-going. He also reported that the data collection will be on iPads.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Johannesson
Secretary

