

**Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97
260 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois
March 14, 2018 Special Board Meeting**

CCE Chairperson Leslie Truelove called this joint Board/CCE committee meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Spatz, Breymaier, Broy and Datta
Absent: Spurlock, O'Connor, and Liebl
Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Carol Kelley, Senior Director of Policy, Procedures and Communication Chris Jasculca, Committee for Community Engagement (CCE) members Leslie Truelove, Kara Miller, and Ryan Schlifka, and Committee Secretary Lou Anne Johannesson.

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Community Engagement Discussion on the Equity Policy

Truelove explained that the Board members will be participating as facilitators for some of the community events relating to the Equity Policy. Because of that, this joint meeting was necessary so that Board members Broy and Spatz could be updated on the Committee for Community Engagement's (CCE) plans.

Member Spatz stated that they are up to date thanks to member Breymaier and Datta's Board updates. He stated that he likes the idea of short and long forums; short to engage as many people as possible, and long to have an opportunity for group brainstorming and the opportunity to build on one another's ideas.

Member Broy asked if the process is starting with a point of view; what does an equity policy look like, is an equity policy specific to race, or is it broader?

Member Spatz stated that he believes that the Board should set the scope of the policy. Member Datta will draft a brief position on why the Board wants to draft an equity policy. Member Spatz remarked that the group should start by planning only two large forum/town halls and go from there. He remarked that there should be room for improvisation as the process goes on; to ensure that the team does not get locked into too many events.

Member Datta described the planned video introduction to run at each meeting. Chris Jasculca expressed concern about having Members Datta and Breymaier appear in a video, and then be live at the events. Member Broy stated that she liked the idea of the video for consistency of message, and feels that it would lay a tangible concrete framework for the purpose of each meeting. Dr. Kelley agreed, giving examples of television shows that use this type of introduction package. Truelove noted that the video will be created by administration, so Dr. Kelley will make the final decisions.

The group will ask CCE member Sean Flynn to re-word the Board's questions in section two of the Board request. Ryan Schlifka offered to help with the meeting design. Dr. Kelley asked Lou Anne Johannesson to reach out to Dr. Felicia Starks Turner to discuss student participation opportunities, and to Laurie Campbell to address staff at the Education Council. Truelove and Johannesson will draft letters to DivCo and other community partners to ask them to invite presenters to their already scheduled meetings, and ask them to host the small, targeted audience gatherings.

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There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary