

Ad-Hoc Dashboard/Benchmark Committee
970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois
Regular Meeting
7:30 P.M. November 13, 2013

1.Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairwoman Rupa Datta called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

In Attendance: Rupa Datta, Bob Spatz, Dr. Al Roberts, Jim O’Conner, Amber Stitziel Pareja, Denis Roarty, Gudelia Lopez, Rebecca Kaegi, Lou Anne Johannesson (secretary)

Absent: Harla Hutchinson, Felicia Starks Turner

2. Discussion of possible constructs/indicators for tracking by D97 Board

Chairwoman Datta shared a conversation she had with Member Spatz about the dashboard. They felt that a way to move forward would be to summarize a subset of data for the public that allows for an ease of understanding focusing primarily on a set of things that the board can influence.

Member Kaegi stated that it is important to define goals and who the audience for the dashboard will be. She stated that it would be very difficult to determine specific indicators without knowing who the audience will be and what the goals are for creating the dashboard. Member Spatz reiterated from the prior meeting, that the committee needs to make sure metrics are available to the public. He reminded the committee that the dashboard is not to be used as an administrative tool, but to inform the community, as its audience. Chairwoman Datta expressed the need to identify what the Board’s priorities are as soon as possible.

Member Lopez stated that in using the district’s website, it is not apparent at first glance what are the inputs the district offers and what are the results.

Member Stitziel Pareja offered that the dashboard should be aligned with the Oak Park Community Foundation because they are cradle to career and can be a resource for areas the board cannot influence such as preschool and high school. She stated that at least in terms of academic measures, the committee should align with the foundation. She asked how the committee would go beyond measurement of academics to measure non-academic areas such as social-emotional learning.

Member O'Connor suggested CASEL as a resource to get information on social-emotional measures. Member Spatz noted that social-emotional learning should be identified as something to measure and to use a place holder in the domains until the committee decides how it will be measured. He suggested broad topics for the domains to be populated with specifics. He also stated that the conversation needs to occur to decide if the District will cooperate with the foundation or will it align with it.

Chairwoman Datta stated that the first task should be looking at the boards work and its priorities, and do find out what the district currently measures. She stated that the second task should be to determine what the board wants to share with the public and that it is comprehensible and relevant. Member Lopez remarked about logic models were the group would identify what outcomes the district wants to see and what inputs have led to those results. She suggested that a logic model would help identify areas to measure. Member Roarty stated that would lead to identifying leading indicators. Member Spatz asked if that meant that the district can choose inputs versus outcomes and measure them separately. Dr Roberts stated that the map keeps changing in regard to what the state and federal governments want from districts. He stated that the district faces bring clarity to its staff and parents. "This committee", he said, "will help guide the administration on indicators not just test scores but also indirect indicators; how to use predictive indicators to benefit student learning." Chairwoman Datta asked Members Lopez and Kaegi to begin the process of identifying the "buckets", and to start to flesh out domains. Dr. Roberts volunteered to work with the two.

3a. Fine Print/Administrative Details/Open Meeting Act

Chairwoman Datta reminded the group to complete the Open Meetings on-line certification.

3b. Upcoming Meetings

Chairwoman Datta suggested having a representative from ECRA come to the December Meeting to learn about their local growth model. She would like a smaller group to meet with ECRA in advance of that meeting. She asked members to compose questions for the smaller meeting. Chairwoman Datta and Member Stitzel Pareja will attend the first meeting. Member O'Connor will share with the committee a scan of what other districts or states may be doing in dashboard

activities similar to the committee's. He will also be the main liaison on the Community Foundation's Strive Together activities. This may especially involve exploring discussions with D200 that would inform measures used both for the community effort and for the committee's dashboard work. Member Roarty will be the committee's liaison to the Collaboration. A first item is a meeting with the newly-announced Chapin Hall team, Collaboration representatives and D97 data folks to identify data that Chapin Hall may want to use in its work for the Collaboration. Member Hutchinson will be the primary district contact. Members Kaegi and Lopez will begin work on a draft dashboard with domains and indicators. Dr. Roberts will contact ECRA to set up meetings.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Action Items

A vote on October's minutes was tabled until the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Johannesson
Secretary

