

Ad-Hoc Dashboard/Benchmark Committee
970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois
Regular Meeting
7:30 P.M. September 11, 2014

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairwoman Rupa Datta called the meeting to order at 7:38

In Attendance: Rupa Datta, Jim O’Conner , Bob Spatz, Amber Stitzel Pareja, Denis Roarty, Gudelia Lopez, Rebecca Kaegi, Harla Hutchinson, Lou Anne Johannesson

Absent: Dr. Al Roberts, Jim O’Conner, Dr. Felicia Starks Turner

2. Review of previous meeting minutes

Chairwoman Datta asked all members to review the minutes from August. Member Lopez made a motion to adopt the August minutes. Four edits were made. Member Roarty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Updates

Member Spatz shared that ECRA is scheduled to share their local growth model on October 25th. They will be making a presentation at the September 23rd Board meeting. There were no other updates

4. Plan for October 7th Board Presentation

Chairwoman Data presented her draft to the committee. She stated that she had begun reviewing and organizing measures and but then decided that was the difficult part to develop for the Board. She stated that the committee has formed a well rounded set of information to share that could stand as reference almost an almanac, which is different than the dashboard concept. She feels that what the final product becomes should elaborate more than a traditional dashboard. She explained that the state report card and the report from Northern Illinois University are very robust, and that the district should take a snapshot out of those to archive in terms of the district’s standings, but to duplicate that would be silly. The purpose of what eventually is released to the public is to share information that District 97 cares about a tremendous amount of issues beyond test scores. It should be a big picture of moving pieces. Member Lopez added that it is to function as a

communication device. Member Pareja stated that the appeal of a dashboard is the colored lights; that it be easy to read. She questioned how to make it immediately accessible and easily comprehended and yet still function on other levels. Member Lopez remarked that the district is not a factory making widgets where everything is easily measured. Member Spatz stated that people like the traditional dashboard as an easy way to judge success, improvement and standing. The group had a lengthy discussion. The outcome was that what areas the district decides to share information and data about reflects it's priorities, and that many of those are either not applicable to color coding, and there are perhaps no current ways to measure, and yet they should be part of what is presented as a domain to the public. Datta suggested that perhaps the public, staff and board have access to different menus of information. Member Pareja suggested presenting to the public what is easiest first. Datta stated that that was a reasonable strategy but that there needs to be balance; that domains be stated even if there is no current data or measure for them, they be included to reflect the values of the district. All agreed. She observed in her work on the presentation that health and music were missing. The committee felt music was represented but perhaps be by its self, and that health should be expanded. Datta also felt that under finance, "Other Administrative Costs" should be included.

The chairwoman asked all to review her work throughout the week and to email suggestions for edits. She will work on a different name for the end product.

6. Other items

The committee agreed to keep its presentation to the school board on October 7th. and to meet again prior to that date. Ms. Johannesson will send a doodle invitation to select the next regular meeting date.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Johannesson

