

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
June 21, 2012, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Member Greg Smith called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and announced that Chairperson Warden was not able to attend and had asked him to preside over the meeting.

In Attendance: Greg Smith, Rupa Datta, Brandon Bell, Carollina Song, Sanford Greenberg, Jim Gates, Jim O'Connor, Meredith Schacht, John Moss, Ray Johnson and Lou Anne Johannesson (secretary)

Not in Attendance: Carol Threlkeld, Margaret Kell, Anne Warden, Jassen Strokosch, Wiley Samuels

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments

3. Action Items

a. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2012

Smith made motion to approve May minutes. Member Moss seconded the motion.

Ayes: Smith, Bell, Song, Greenburg, O'Connor, Moss, Gates and Johnson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

4. Sub-Committee Reporting

a. Work Plan

No report was presented.

b. K.I.D.S.

Member Song reported that the district would probably not be a pilot district for K.I.D.S. This was due to the fact that Race to the Top districts were chosen. District 97 did not participate in Race to the Top. Member Gates confirmed that the application letter had gone out and that an e-mail and follow up call had been made. Member O'Connor suggested that perhaps if not chosen, the district might consider hiring an outside vendor and pay for it. Song reported that there is currently no upcoming meeting scheduled for the K.I.D.S. sub-committee.

c. Data

Member Moss reported that Member Kell had an informal conversation with District 200 about data sharing. Member Datta stated that formal attempts to communicate with District 200 have been unsuccessful. She further stated that the sub-committee is currently stalled. The sub-

committee wants clarification as to what they should do with the information and knowledge they have gained. The sub-committee is puzzled as to what its assignment is. She spoke to a few people at District 97 to try to ascertain what they are trying to solve in terms of data. Will it be collected to help improve instruction and outcomes? She suggested that some districts do good work with general data so as not to deal with FERPA, and they could perhaps be models for District 97. A letter has gone out to parents from districts 200 and 97 to explain data sharing. Member Moss suggested reaching out to the Glenbard district for guidance. There is an Oak Park resident who deals with data in the Glenbard district. Member Smith read the Board directive for the data sub-committee. Member Datta suggested that the committee review a book published by Harvard about the Montgomery County schools. She suggested that only looking at District 97 data would not necessarily be predictive of future outcomes. Member Datta will write a summary of the sub-committee's work thus far.

d. Finance

Member Schacht reported that the Illinois Association of Schools resolutions were mailed in and were received June 18, 2012. The sub-committee brainstormed questions for Therese O'Neill on what impact the financial decisions of the legislature will have on the district. Member Moss stated that once the information from O'Neill is obtained, the sub-committee will produce a fact sheet on the impact to present to the local legislators. He suggested that a group of 3-5 members present the fact sheet and use that time to follow up on the pilot program letter. A discussion followed about the best forum to invite the local legislators to. Member Gates suggested a large public meeting with an audience at one of the middle schools. Member Moss said it would be important to hold a forum prior to the fall legislative session. Member Smith stated that the finance sub-committee will put together ideas for a possible September meeting with the legislators. Member Gates informed the committee that School Board Member Bob Spatz will be attending the IASB resolutions' hearing on resolutions submitted to the IASB convention in his place.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Johannesson
Secretary

