

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
May 17, 2012, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairwoman Warden called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

In Attendance: Anne Warden, Greg Smith, Jassen Strokosch, Brandon Bell, Wiley Samuels, Carolina Song, Sanford Greenberg, Jim Gates, Jim O'Connor, John Moss, Meredith Schacht, Ray Johnson and Lou Anne Johannesson (secretary)

Not in Attendance: Carol Threlkeld, Margaret Kell, Rupa Datta

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments

3. Action Items

a. Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2012

Warden made motion to approve March minutes. Carollina Song seconded the motion.

Ayes: Warden, Smith, Strokosch, Bell, Samuels, Song, Greenburg, O'Connor, Moss, Schacht and Johnson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

b. Approval of Minutes of April 19, 2012

Warden made motion to approve March minutes. Carollina Song seconded the motion.

Ayes: Warden, Smith, Strokosch, Bell, Samuels, Song, Greenburg, O'Connor, Moss, Schacht, Johnson and Gates.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

4. Sub-Committee Reporting

a. Finance

The committee met the previous Wednesday to work on the IASB resolutions. Member Bell stated that a third resolution has been added. Member Moss reported that items two and three could be optional, or will both items be presented. Song stated that three was a more explicit version of two. Member Smith said that three would be the remedy if the State does not act. O'Connor suggested that all three should be presented to the Board. After a brief discussion, Warden stated that all three will be submitted to the District 97 Board.

b. Work Plan

Member Strokosch is working on a framework in Google Docs for the work plan of the committee and sub-committees. He will have it live with some examples by the next meeting so that the Board can see next year's C.L.A.I.M. plan of action of what the committee will expect to accomplish in the 2012-2013 school year. O'Conner will pass this information on to Member Datta who is absent.

c. Kids

Member Song stated that a lot has changed. ISBE met and approved a timeline for K.I.D.S. no later than 2016. The announcement of the pilot districts will be July 1, 2012. The sub-committee met on May 10, 2012 to draft a letter of intent to Cindy Zumwalt, the division administrator of Early Childhood, expressing District 97's formal interest in becoming a pilot district. Member Gates stated that he would tell the board about the letter at the board meeting that evening, and it was decided that he would then e-mail Ms. Zumwalt and send the letter certified U.S. mail. Warden said that ultimately the committee should try to get Oak Park's legislators to write letters on the district's behalf. She said that Senator Harmon's office had been contacted, but that there was no commitment to write a letter as of yet. Some minor grammatical corrections were pointed out. Chairwoman Warden will make the corrections and send the letter to Gates. Gates will ask the board whose personal information should be on the letter as a point of contact.

d. Data

Member O'Connor stated that there is not a lot of new information to report. There may be problems down the road with FERPA. Smith asked, if FERPA is federal law what can states do to get around it for data collection. Greenberg said that in the past with data on AIDS patients, people were issued a serialized number to protect anonymity. O'Conner said the state is now trying to figure out implementation for tracking K-8 data.

5. Lobbying Day

Chairwoman Warden was thinking of a date in the fall, when the committee will be more fully developed. Member Moss suggested inviting the Legislators to the committee meetings and down the road send a group to Springfield. The committee discussed the option of a full and open meeting with all of the representatives invited, versus small informal meet and greets with each sub-committee chair. It was agreed that the legislators would be approached on their availability for the third Thursday of the next three months. Member Moss will contact them.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Johannesson
Secretary

