



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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DISTRICT 97 BOARD MEMBER LIAISON REPORT

This report was created and submitted by board members who serve as liaisons to board committees, administrative committees or community organizations. It is a brief summary of the committee or organization's most recent meeting. It does not serve as or represent official minutes of that meeting.

Name of the committee/organization: Committee for Legislative Action, Intervention, and Monitoring (C.L.A.I.M)

Date of the meeting: 01/12/17

Names of the District 97 board liaisons: Amy Felton and Jim O'Connor

Names of the District 97 administrative representatives (if applicable): Lou Anne Johannesson, Felicia Johnson, Amy Warke, Chris Jasculca

Brief summary/key outcomes of the meeting:

- Amy Warke introduced herself and shared information about her role.
- Bob Spatz gave an overview of Illinois legislative landscape for 2017. His overview included a description of:
 - The school funding proposals that are being considered by state policy makers and how the state's political landscape may impact the funding.
 - The upcoming ISBE application for Pre-school for All (PFA) and how D97 depends on PFA for \$500k in annual funding. The group considered whether it and other Oak Park organizations could submit letters of support.
 - A state property tax freeze as part of a larger bundle of policies was considered by the Illinois Senate in early January. Bob also shared how this could impact D97 and the pending referendum.
 - The group considered whether the new leadership at the USDOE and our Governor's support for that new leadership could increase activity around vouchers.
 - State payments to D97 are multiple months behind. The group could consider sending a letter to support getting these funds.
- Equity and Excellence Work Group: Chris shared that Dr. Kelley is interested in considering an equity policy for the district
- "Students CLAIM Your Voice Event" on 2/9 at Julian: Lou Anne shared information about how the event came to be. OPRF has offered to join the event. The Jazz Band and Spoken Word Group will perform at the event. Dr. Kelly will then speak. Lou Anne shared that local elected officials are being asked to speak. An organizer from Chicago will speak. OPRF board member will also speak. Lou Anne asked the group to be prepared to recruit people to attend the event and to hang up signs in their region of the community. The group brainstormed outreach that

could be done to equity groups in our area about the event. Middle school parents and students would be encouraged to attend.

- The other Work Groups did not have an update.
- The group discussed the proposed charge for the CLAIM Committee. Rick plans to follow up with a set of questions that CLAIM has about the board members' feedback on the charge. Some examples of those questions would be related to whether the group would like to do only one large event and better advertise their monthly events, which could include speakers. The group would also like to consider decreasing in size to 8-12 or so to more closely align with other committees. The group also considered adding an attendance requirement to each of the board committees. The group recommended that if a member misses 75% of meetings in a year, they will have effectively resigned.