



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

Committee for Legislative Action, Intervention and Monitoring (C.L.A.I.M.)

C.L.A.I.M Work Plan 2012-2013

Full Committee

Accomplishments

1. Established committee protocol and policies
2. Developed three subcommittees based on the Board's legislative issue priorities (Finance, KIDS, and Data Sharing)
3. Drafted and approved formal description of committee's mission (see attached)
4. Held nine open meetings since January 2012
5. Invited guest speakers to meetings to build knowledge base and relationships, including:
 - a. Erika Lindley, Executive Director of ED-RED
 - b. Mary Anderson, Illinois' Executive Director for Stand for Children
 - c. Steve Richart (attorney), Felicia Starks Turner (D97) and Meg Ross (D97) re: data sharing law

Goals

1. Maintain this work plan through the coming year and revise goals as necessary
2. Continue to build the committee's relationships with key state legislators and encourage their perception that C.L.A.I.M. is an active advocate for District 97 and important ally
3. Keep the Board informed of important developments to its priority legislative issues, as well as new legislative issues that the Board might consider as additional priorities

Finance Subcommittee

Accomplishments

1. Submitted two IASB resolutions, including one that was accepted and will be voted on by delegates at the November state conference
2. Met with Therese O'Neill, Assistant Superintendent for Finances, to discuss and learn about the District's finances
3. Developed finance impact statement to give to state legislators
4. Made preliminary contact with Rep. Lilly and Sen. Lightford and obtained legislator availability for a meeting with C.L.A.I.M. representatives

Goals

1. Obtain Board approval for finance impact statement (see attached) and guidance on legislative positions
2. Meet with legislators in small groups and introduce C.L.A.I.M. and its objectives, particularly related to pressing financial issues
3. Hold large-format, public legislator forum to engage the community and build relationships

KIDS Subcommittee

Accomplishments

1. Wrote to Illinois State Superintendent Koch to reiterate interest in KIDS pilot project
2. Communicated with appropriate staff at ISBE regularly to reiterate interest and gain information about status
3. Kept District 97 abreast of timeline for implementation of KIDS pilot project
4. Communicated with early childhood advocacy organizations to gain information about status of KIDS
5. Contacted our four state legislators to solicit their support for District 97's participation in KIDS (Sens. Harmon and Lightford's offices agreed to investigate on our behalf and we assisted the offices of Reps. Lilly and Ford in drafting letters of support)
6. CLAIM was notified by Superintendent Koch that District 97 was chosen to be one of the twenty school districts statewide to be a KIDS pilot district

Goals

1. Continue to offer support as KIDS is implemented
2. Revise subcommittee's purpose as needed

Data Subcommittee

Accomplishments

1. Investigated data sharing options and practices at student level and aggregate level among a variety of school districts within and outside of Illinois
2. Inquired into the plans for the Illinois State Longitudinal Data System (IL LDS) to see whether that platform would soon enough meet the data sharing objectives of D97; Determined that current plans do not provide districts access to data about their former students, so the IL LDS would not be adequate for District 97 objectives without modification
3. Investigated the impact of the Illinois School Student Records Act (SRA) on District 97's ability to use student data to improve instructional outcomes, particularly with regard to sharing with other districts and schools; Determined that the Act has increased costs of records transfer for the district
4. Currently gathering background, implementation, and impact information to understand the implications of the Act on costs and learning

Goals

1. Identify District 97's plans to use in-house data to improve student performance from grade level to grade level
2. Recommend District 97 superintendent to District 200 superintendent discussion of reciprocal consent form to facilitate data sharing and/or drafting of intergovernmental agreement to share data as permitted by the SRA when used as a research project or for curricular planning
3. Meet with local legislators to discuss modifying the SRA to allow districts access to data pertaining to their former students (thereby significantly equalizing access of non-unit to unit districts, and improving understanding outcomes of transfer students)

C.L.A.I.M. Mission

The Oak Park District 97 Committee for Legislative Action, Intervention and Monitoring (C.L.A.I.M.) has been charged by the Board of Education to advocate for government policies and legislation that support our local efforts to provide every student with a high quality education.

The Board recognizes that policies created outside our Village have a significant impact on District 97. C.L.A.I.M. was created so our community would be empowered to get involved in shaping educational policy, funding, programs and laws at the local, state and national level, to better influence all aspects of our children's schooling. The committee is comprised of 12-15 local citizens. Additionally, members of the Board and administrators serve as non-voting members. The committee will actively advocate based on the priorities of District 97 and will represent Oak Park's educational needs.

While every school district is unique, C.L.A.I.M. believes there are opportunities for District 97 to work collaboratively with districts and organizations across the state on policy issues that will universally help students succeed. By developing these partnerships and supporting positive legislative efforts, C.L.A.I.M. will serve as a voice for excellence in public elementary education.

C.L.A.I.M. Members

Voting Members

Brandon Bell
Rupa Datta
Sanford Greenberg
Ray Johnson
Peggy Kell
John Moss
Wiley Samuels
Meredith Schacht
Greg Smith
Carollina Song
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