

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

Overview

Because Oak Park Elementary School District 97's ability to provide an excellent and fiscally healthy school system is greatly impacted by governmental legislation and policy, the District 97 Board of Education will work to advance the district's vision and mission by proactively and creatively addressing legislative issues.

Purpose

Through C.L.A.I.M., the District 97 Board of Education will develop a legislative agenda to propose, support, or oppose, legislation impacting Board priorities.

Charge

C.L.A.I.M. will:

- Annually receive direction for a legislative agenda from the District 97 Board regarding school policy and finance issues at the state level, and, as the Board deems appropriate, at the county and/or federal level.
- Strengthen connections and participation with lobbying groups, especially those with whom the district currently has formal relationships, such as ED-RED and IASB.
- Identify, partner and leverage organizations aligned with one or more items of the District's legislative agenda.
- Generate informational materials to identify the impact of state, county or federal legislative issues on District 97.
- Engage Oak Park's legislative delegation to keep them informed of the ways current and proposed legislation, policies and practices impact District 97.
- Seek District 97 Board approval to amend the committee's scope, procedures, practices and guiding principles.

Authority

C.L.A.I.M. shall be a standing committee of the District 97 Board of Education.

Composition

C.L.A.I.M. will be composed of individuals representing District 97's community stakeholders.

- There will be 2 non-voting members: 2 members of the District 97 Board of Education.
- There will be 9-17 voting members, who reflect Oak Park's diverse and knowledgeable citizenry. One of the community members will serve as Chair of the committee.
- During the 2014-2015 school year, half of the community members shall serve a one year term, and the other half of the community members shall serve a two year term. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, all community members shall serve two year terms, with a term limit of four terms.
- The committee will meet at least quarterly.

Open Meetings

As a District 97 Board of Education committee, all **C.L.A.I.M.** meetings will be subject to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.