

Oak Park Elementary School District 97

February 28, 2017

League Member Observer: Ameri Klafeta

Meeting Start 7:00pm

Roll Call: Attendees: Dr. Carol Kelley- Superintendent, Jim Gates- Board President, Amy Felton- Vice President, Sheryl Mariner- Secretary, Graham Brisben, Robert Spatz, Holly Spurlock, Rupa Datta, and Jim O'Connor

I. PUBLIC

A. Public Hearing 2018-2019 School Calendar

i. There was a public hearing regarding waiving the Veterans' Day, Pulaski Day, and Lincoln's Birthday holidays. No members of the public spoke.

II. SPECIAL REPORT – VISION DATA UPDATE

A. Dr. Amy Warke and Emily Fenske gave a presentation and demonstration to the Board regarding the recently conducted Winter Data Dive. As part of the data dive, various school personnel including teacher-leaders came together to review and reflect on data collected, including WEA MAP, DIBELS, attendance, behavior, GPA, and middle school risk & opportunity data. To demonstrate how the organization may use data available to it to effect change, Ms. Fenske walked the Board through an example of a working session reviewing select data related to creating a positive learning environment, equity, and inclusiveness.

B. In terms of next steps, the team will be developing targeted strategies to reach the universal goals. The next "State of the District" will be in June 2017. There will be more concrete ideas after the early summer retreat.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Meeting Minutes and Consent Agenda - All items were granted unanimously by board

B. Approval of the 2018-2019 District Calendar, insurance consultant contract, custodial supply bid, and landscaping bid.

C. The Board approved a letter of intent to employ Cathy Hamilton in an administrative position related to substitutes and teaching assistants.

IV. BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

A. Board Committee Follow Ups:

i. Collaboration – The Erikson Institute is putting out a second RFP. The Collaboration will be submitting an application to get additional support.

ii. The Early Childhood block grant is delayed by the State. It would provide \$500,000 for Longfellow.

B. Referendum Discussion

i. There have been several information sessions held, as well as meetings with all PTOs. The fact sheet has gone out, and will be included in the OPFYI newsletter. The Board discussed

additional ways to hold more information sessions to reach more residents. There was also discussion of clearing up confusion or misinformation regarding TIFs.

C. Retreat Planning Update

i. The Board discussed developing procedures and protocols for onboarding new members. There was also discussion of debriefing outgoing members.

D. Superintendent Evaluation Update

i. Spurlock is preparing and will circulate to the Board a short memorandum and the rubric for the evaluation.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Warehouse Sale

i. Two offers were received and are being evaluated.

B. Policy Review

i. Very general discussion of policy changes. Attention was drawn to the change to Policy 4:12, which lowers the fund ceiling from 75% to 50%. Expected to be approved action at March 14, 2017 meeting.

C. Being a Welcoming Community

i. Dr. Kelley asked the Board to adopt a resolution at the March 14, 2017 meeting regarding D97 being a welcoming community, to communicate to all that students are safe at our schools. The original draft was modeled after Evanston's resolution. Dr. Kelley also sought advice from the Board's attorneys. Board members indicated that they want to be supportive generally of the effort. Spurlock stated that she would like to see the Board's attorneys apply the general standards they discussed to the specific language proposed. Spatz indicated that the resolution should adopt the same language as D200. Gates identified specific questions to ask the Board's attorneys. Dr. Kelley will follow up on the Board's comments.

VI. CONCLUDING ITEMS

A. Agenda Maintenance

i. It was proposed to consider in the future a potential resolution for more financial transparency.

ii. A process for the parking lot and long-term calendar review was discussed to streamline the discussion at the Board table.

iii. O'Connor asked to put on the list assessing the efficacy of after-school programs.

Meeting End 9:58 pm