

U-46 Citizens' Advisory Council – Family and Community Engagement Committee

NOTES OF MEETING

TODAY'S DATE 15-Oct-2015	MEETING DATE 22-Sep-2015, 7:05 pm	MINUTES APPROVED 20-Oct-2015
MEETING TITLE CAC FACE Meeting		AUTHOR J. Book

LOCATION OF MEETING: U-46 Education Services Center, 355 E. Chicago Street, Elgin, IL, Room 251
ATTENDED BY: Madeleine Villalobos, Seth Rindner, Aimee Novelli, Kai Rush, Mary Fergus, Jeff Book, Phil Novello, Paula Villagomez, Elena Mendiola, Bruce Gartzke, Deborah Payleitner
ABSENT: Matt Hovey, Vanessa Castelan, Erika Nelson

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION
1	Introductions
2	District update from Mary Fergus: Boundary changes, all-day kindergarten, town-hall meetings for boundary changes. Three schools will be getting additions. Approximately 900 students to be moved due to boundary change proposal. Trying to make all-day kindergarten and boundary changes in concert. Curriculum fair at ECC.
3	What kind of communication is there about curriculum fair?
4	Madeleine question: Does FACE have a district person? Mary: Not aware of BoE FACE committee representative. Seth: Perhaps Veronica Noland could align with FACE committee.
5	Not everybody got 2014-15 year-end report.
6	Seth: BoE received report very well. FACE cannot make recommendations that involve personnel changes.
7	Madeleine got note from Veronica Noland that parent groups should get place to store documents (i.e. non-profit info)
8	Reviewed BoE responses to recommendations.
9	Discussed parent group initiative, will continue meetings. How to get more people to volunteer, donate, etc... Want to provide as much info as possible to parent groups.
10	Phil: Parent group members are afraid of 'stepping on toes' of other members. Parent group presidents are reluctant to 'guide' volunteers/other board members. His school bought a new sign using pie fund raiser. Much parent group president knowledge leaves with that person – no knowledge transfer.
11	Paula: Parent group does not ask for help – they alienate potential volunteers.
12	Difficult to recruit parents that will only complain about stuff and are not willing to help.
13	FACE has been invited to Willard parent group meeting to talk about CAC representation. (October 13) Bruce & Seth will go.

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14	Ellis Middle School principal Perry Hayes said that he has some parents that may be intimidated due to language. Jeanne Gockenbach responded that there is translation available at CAC mtgs. Perhaps Paula can contact Mr. Hayes to talk to these people.
15	Aimee talked about FACE transformation school initiative. Mary: Now it is "school that needs focus or priority services", not 'transformation'. Not always school's fault, sometimes ESL.... These schools may be helped via student-led conferences (SLC). Subcommittee observed & researched SLC in and out of district in 2014-15. Witnessed growth of students via SLC when parents are involved. Aimee spoke with Dr. Shah. She is working on SLC, working on getting lead principals to spearhead SLC in district. Applications sent to principals to be lead principals. Need to develop a toolkit for SLC. Excited that SLC initiative is moving forward through Dr. Shah. Dr. Shah may attend a FACE meeting to update us on SLC. Dr. Shah working with Steve Burger. Tefft has YouTube video with principals & teachers interviewed about new principal (Lavon Smiley(?)). Huff, Washington & Laurel Hill are making great progress at their transformation schools.
16	Asked for people's interest in which subcommittee they are interested in.
17	ISBE school report card is a good resource for independent evaluation of school district.
18	Maybe Bruce can bring information about realtors.
19	Phil moved to adjourn. Deborah seconded. Adjourned at 8:23 pm.

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