

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

**NOTES OF MEETING**

TODAY'S DATE Dec 30, 2015	MEETING DATE Dec 15, 2015	MINUTES APPROVED 19-Jan-2016
MEETING TITLE <b>CAC FACE Meeting</b>		AUTHOR <b>J. Book</b>

LOCATION OF MEETING: U-46 Education Services Center, 355 E. Chicago Street, Elgin, IL, Room 251
ATTENDED BY: <b>Madeleine Villalobos, Jeff Book, Seth Rindner, Phil Novello, Kai Rush, Karla Jimenez, Deborah Payleitner Karla Jimenez, Cynthia Hernandez</b>
ABSENT: Matt Hovey, Erika Nelson, Bruce Gartzke, Aimee Novelli, Vanessa Castelan, Paula Villagomez

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	Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.
	November, 2015 minutes moved to approve by Kai Rush, seconded by Seth Rindner. November minutes approved by voice vote.
	<p>District update from Karla Jimenez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundary changes approved by board with full day kindergarten (FDK) option.</li> <li>• FDK tuition will not be more than half day kindergarten.</li> <li>• District working on promotional video about dual language.</li> <li>• Alignment collaboration initiative – bringing community resources to align with entire District's plans rather than individual schools' plans.</li> <li>• Karla would like to invite 'Alignment Collaborative for Education' representatives to attend FACE meeting. Perhaps January, 2016. These representatives would be U-46 staff members and community/parents(?). Early childhood dropout prevention &amp; CTE are focuses. Perhaps get a rep from FACE to work with this group.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Parent Group (PG) subcommittee update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next networking meeting to be Feb 2, 2016, 6:30pm @ Gail Borden. Will try to get Veronica Noland to attend. Karla said district is trying to get PG contact list – targeting early Jan.</li> <li>• Craig Williams will attend January meeting. Would like to have him give overview of Tech Dept., e.g. what PGs can buy, how to set up &amp; support.</li> <li>• Will open meeting up to middle schools this time.</li> <li>• Madeleine can provide projector. Library to provide microphone(s).</li> <li>• Bartlett library may not reopen in time to have PG meeting there during school year.</li> <li>• Jeff to add event to CAC event calendar.</li> <li>• Kai suggested adding meeting notice to community publications.</li> <li>• Karla to check w/legal regarding meeting rules.</li> </ul>
	<p>Realtor event update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerry Cook says he would be more than happy to host @ Elgin HS and be guest speaker.</li> <li>• Clumsy Chefs can provide food.</li> <li>• Asked Jerry about U-46 alum with local businesses to perhaps speak. Some business possibilities: Dogs Paws brewery, Mama Lee's popcorn, Town &amp; Country Flowers, Siegles Lumber, "In the Neighborhood Deli". Maybe get some samples to give away at realtor event. Maybe district can purchase samples?</li> <li>• Maybe local vendors can set up tables to showcase their wares.</li> <li>• Meeting will be opened up to more realtors than first.</li> <li>• Meeting date Feb 8 &amp; 11, 2016.</li> <li>• Karla to look into Tony Sanders' &amp; EHS availability for event.</li> <li>• Karla to check with Clumsy Chef for student availability.</li> </ul>
	<p>General Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony's day in the life was very interesting.</li> <li>• PARCC test result distribution was not done</li> <li>• PARCC results do not seem to be a big deal.</li> <li>• ACT being phased out in IL. Replaced by SAT.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Public comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cynthia Hernandez: Surprised by the number of people at Board of Education meeting commenting that they did not know about boundary changes. Could be Hispanic culture that they do not get involved in political issues. Most concerned parents were from Lincoln.</li> <li>• Kai Rush: Highland school is mostly Hispanic and they get great turnout for events and could be principal's good communication. Could be non-English speakers are not confident or comfortable at these types of events.</li> <li>• Madeleine: The HPLI should be the way of getting involved. Perhaps the "Citizen" in CAC scares some Hispanics away.</li> <li>• Karla: Communication department of U-46 'took a step back' to try to find out why communication to Hispanic community was not informed about boundary changes.</li> <li>• Phil: Why did the affected schools not let their families know about boundary changes? Schools have many forms of communication to get the word out. Principals should lead this.</li> <li>• Seth: Eureka math presentation was not well done. Some schools never did it.</li> <li>• Seth: CAC rep should also be communicating about these types of issues to their school.</li> <li>• Cynthia: Many parents did not understand the benefits of the changes.</li> <li>• Karla: Most parents did not know that boundary changes are connected to FDK.</li> </ul>
	<p>Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seth: Any updates on getting more CAC representation initiative? Melissa Owens working on same initiative.</li> <li>• Deborah: Some PGs may not see CAC favorably. Maybe there should be a presentation at schools that do not have CAC representation.</li> <li>• Phil: Parents may be overwhelmed by all that is going on in the district so they may not want to get involved.</li> <li>• Karla: Perhaps FACE committee could help in distributing positive messages from press clippings by getting e-mail from district.</li> <li>• Next meeting January 19, 2016</li> </ul>
	<p>Motion to adjourn: Kai Rush, Seconded: Phil Novello</p>
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm</p>

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