

U-46 Citizens' Advisory Council

**NOTES OF MEETING**

TODAY'S DATE 10/15/2015	MEETING DATE 10/15/2015	MINUTES APPROVED Unofficial
MEETING TITLE <b>CAC Finance Committee Meeting</b>		AUTHOR <b>Dan Blake</b>

LOCATION OF MEETING: U-46 Educational Services, Room 251
ATTENDED BY: <b>Larry Bury, Dan Blake, Vivienne Bailey, Dale Burnidge (U46), Heather Matthews, Luis Rodriquez (U46), Sandy Wiewel, Sue Kerr (Board Member)</b>
ABSENT:
DISTRIBUTION:
RC/CF:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION
1.	Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.
2.	The minutes from the 9/17/2015 minutes were reviewed and approved. Motioned by Heather Matthews, seconded by Vivienne Bailey.
3.	There is a board finance committee meeting is next Monday 10/19. One of the discussions on the agenda for that meeting is the tax levy and abatement for next year. Other school districts, like St Charles, are doing the same thing abatement.
4.	Sue Kerr asked if we can we write a one pager explaining how property taxes work and specifically levy and abatements? Dale has a tax levy presentation that we can maybe pull something from. Ideally we would put this in infographic format. We will then look at how we can present the information via multiple channels like social media.
5.	Dan Blake mentioned that one of the big problems is that the district does not know the total costs of given programs. This is an imperative thing to be able to know what programs to look at changing, expanding, or cutting.
6.	Others also mentioned that we need to be able to measure the effectiveness of programs, in both tangible and intangible ways. We need to look at what information we need to have available to us to assist in these decisions. This will help us to figure out what programs should be looked at for cost effectiveness.

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7.	It was asked if there a list of all of the programs in the district? Dale will check to see if this existis. Once we have the list, we will work with the board on which ones to look at.
8.	A question, was asked if there is a way to avoid RIFing so many people because it gives the district a bad reputation. It was discussed that this would have to be negotiated with the unions.
9.	Dale presented the 2015 cost efficiencies presentation. It was good background on some of the cost saving efforts of the district. Some questions were asked. On savings related to professional development if some of it could be done via Computer Based Training. Do we now have enough computers to administer PARCC tests via computer? How long with the state offer pencil and paper test? Does the district use purchasing co-ops?
10.	How much did the Legionella remediation cost the district? Dale did not know off the top of his head.
11.	Larry mentioned there is no state budget coming any time soon. They are not talking at all in Springfield. For the state to maintain cash flow, they state is skipping pension fund payments. We should prepare for a delay on our payments. The district only budgeted for 3 categoricals this year.
12.	The board wants to hold off on leadership search until Tony can be considered. There is a bill in Springfield to allow this to happen. We need to figure out how to help advance this legislation if we think it is important. Larry will get an update from the bill sponsor this week and send it to the group.
13.	We will defer our discussion on legislative outreach until next meeting. We will start with legislative next time.
14.	Are there programs that we can implement that could be revenue positive? Are there ways the PTO programs can work together on things like school supply purchased.
	Public Comments.
15.	There were no public comments.
	Adjournment:
10.	Sandy Wiewl moved to adjourn. Vivienne Bailey seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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**MEETING ACTION ITEMS**

	<b>ACTION TO BE TAKEN</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>TARGET DATE</b>	<b>COMPLETION DATE</b>
1.	Send the levy presentation to Dan Blake for distribution	Dale Burnidge		
2.	Check to see if there is a master list of programs. If so send to Dan Blake to be distributed the group.	Dale Burnidge		
3.	Get update on the state bill allowing Tony Sanders to be considered for the district leadership position.	Larry Bury		
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<b>PARKING LOT ISSUES</b>	
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