

U-46 Citizens' Advisory Council

NOTES OF MEETING

TODAY'S DATE 2015-10-11	MEETING DATE 2015-10-08	MINUTES APPROVED 2015-11-12
MEETING TITLE CAC General Council Meeting	AUTHOR Kevin Sweeney	

LOCATION OF MEETING: Elgin High School, Library
ATTENDED BY: Per sign-in sheets

	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION
1	Called to order at 7:01pm
2	Motion to approve minutes of September 10 th General Council Meeting made by Dan Blake, second by Sandy Wiewel. Approved unanimously.
3	<p>Phil Costello gave an update for the Board of Education.</p> <p>In September and October the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will hold events at high schools. In October high schools will hold events to assist with college applications.</p> <p>In November there will be FAFSA information nights at high schools:</p> <p>November 3rd – Bartlett High School November 4th – Larkin High School November 5th – Elgin High School November 10th – South Elgin High School November 11th – Streamwood High School</p> <p>Student conferences will be held on October 23rd. Many schools will use student-led conferences this year.</p> <p>Discussion of plans to align CAC committees with Board of Education committees and allow more participation by CAC representatives at BoE committee meetings.</p>
4	<p>Tony Sanders gave an update for Administration.</p> <p>Introduction of aspiring administrators in the audience. Steve Burger runs this program.</p> <p>Introduction of principals in the audience.</p> <p>October is National Bullying Prevention month.</p> <p>The Board of Education passed a balanced budget this fiscal year, if you include income from borrowing last year which was intended for use this year.</p> <p>State funding came in higher than expected.</p> <p>The Curriculum Fair held at ECC on October 3rd was well attended, and there are plans to hold this event in future years.</p>

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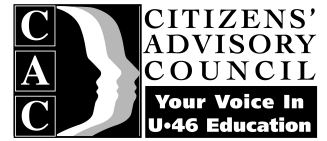
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	<p>Manufacture Your Future will be held at Gail Borden Public Library from October 4th – 11th. Students from some schools will attend as a field trip.</p> <p>Body by Jake founder Jake Steinfeld was at Abbott Middle School today for the dedication of a new fitness center.</p>
5	<p>Special Education Committee update by Melissa Owens.</p> <p>Special Education University will be held on November 4th in the Elgin High School auditorium from 7-9pm.</p>
6	<p>Enrollment and Facilities Committee update by Roger Wallace.</p> <p>Public feedback meetings regarding the proposed boundary changes have been held at three high schools.</p> <p>At the next committee meeting on October 13th, committee members will discuss this feedback and decide on what the report should include.</p> <p>On October 20th, the committee will vote on whether to send the report to the Executive Committee.</p> <p>On October 22nd, the Executive Committee will vote on whether to send the report to the General Council.</p> <p>On November 12th, the General Council will vote on whether to send the report to the Board of Education.</p> <p>Your attendance is needed at each of these meetings to ensure we have a quorum.</p>
7	<p>Family and Community Engagement Committee update by Madeleine Villalobos.</p> <p>District-wide PTO meeting scheduled for October 27th from 7-9pm at Poplar Creek Library.</p>
8	<p>Finance and Legislative Committee update by Larry Bury.</p> <p>The next meeting will be at October 13th.</p> <p>The committee will discuss working with the BoE committee to provide input and assistance, and will review cost-cutting measures in recent years by district administration.</p>
9	<p>Curriculum Committee update by Lisa Hopp.</p> <p>Marc Hans attended the committee meeting in September and spoke about the new science curriculum, which is in early implementation with volunteer teachers.</p> <p>There is discussion about creating a parent newsletter regarding the new science curriculum.</p> <p>In 2016 the first dual language students will start middle school.</p> <p>Next committee meeting is October 13th in room 239. at 7pm.</p> <p>Attended a meeting with the BoE committee about full-day kindergarten.</p> <p>The district's kindergarten team will attend the committee's November 17th meeting in room 240 to give an update.</p>



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10	Mr. John Heiderscheidt, Director of School Safety and Culture, Mr. Randal Ellison, Coordinator of Pre-K-12 Discipline & Education Options and Ms. Sue Smith, MTSS Coordinator presented a short program on Bullying & Cyber-bulling in the context of District U-46. Mr. Louis Rodriguez, U-46 Staff Attorney and Ms. Sandy Reeves, Student and Parent Advocate joined the presenters for a panel discussion based on audience questions.
11	Motion to adjourn by Lisa Hopp, second by Sarah Thompson, approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm