U-46 Citizens' Advisory Council

NOTES OF MEETING

TODAY'S DATE	MEETING DATE	MINUTES APPROVED
2019-01-11	**2019-01-10**	**2019-02-21**

MEETING TITLE	AUTHOR
CAC General Council Meeting	**Dana Weiby**

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

	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION
1	Called to order at 7:06 p.m.
2	Lisa Hopp welcomed guests and noted that next month's meeting is scheduled for February 21 on the topic of social media and keeping kids safe in cyberspace.
3	A motion to accept the minutes of the December general meeting was made by Brock Friedman and seconded by Ruth Beckner. The motion passed unanimously.
4	Melissa Owens gave an update for the Board of Education. --U-46 generously participated in various charity events throughout the holiday season, including food, toy, and coat drives; a "Giving Tree" at the Educational Services Center; and a U-46 Employee Giving Campaign. --U-46 students will participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and Youth Leadership Conference on January 21. -- "Kindergarten: Where Play and Learning Can Meet" will be shown on January 22 at 7 pm in the Elgin High School Auditorium. This documentary about play-based learning features a kindergarten classroom at Lincoln Elementary School. After the screening, documentary participants will be part of a panel discussion.
5	Tony Sanders gave an update for District Administration. --In addition to Melissa Owens, board members Sue Kerr and John Devereux are also in attendance tonight, as well as members of the Superintendent's cabinet and many school principals and assistant principals. --A draft calendar for the 2019/2020 school year has been delayed due to new state laws and requirements. The number of student attendance days increased to 176, and there is new flexibility in counting days (minimum attendance hours, online learning, etc.). Some members of state legislature are already seeking to rescind flexibility they just granted. Admin is working on a calendar that meets all requirements. --Two U-46 high schools were selected to perform their fall theater productions this week at the Illinois High School Theater Festival at the University of Illinois. Larkin High School's "Faculty Portrait" and South Elgin High School's "The Addams Family" were honored with this invitation. --The Superintendent's Scholarship is still accepting donations. Graduating seniors who are the first in their families to attend college are eligible for the scholarships.
6	Public comment: none.

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7	Committee Updates: --Family and Community Engagement (FACE): The next committee meeting on Jan. 23 will feature planning for the upcoming Realtors Breakfast. If you know of any realtors in the U-46 attendance area who would like to be added to the invite list, please send their names to FACE.u46@gmail.com. Another PTO Networking gathering will be held February 27. All PTO/PTA/Boosters are invited to come exchange ideas. --Finance Committee: Next meeting is Jan. 31 at 7 pm on the topic of conditions of district schools and cost for maintenance. --Student Safety and Culture Committee: Next meeting is Jan. 31 at 6:30 pm. --Specialized Student Services Committee: A presentation titled "Help Your Special Needs Child Develop Strong Relationships" is scheduled for Jan. 22 at 6:30 pm at the Gail Borden Public Library. A program on "Building Self-Esteem, Self-Awareness, and Self-Advocacy in Your Special Needs Child" is scheduled for Feb. 19 at 6:30 pm at the Poplar Creek Library. Please visit http://www.u46cac.org/event/spec-student-services-program-2/ for more information. --Instructional Initiatives Committee: Next meeting is Jan. 15 at 7 pm on the topic of Transitional Math. --Ad Hoc Candidate Forum Committee: Next meeting is Feb. 19. Planning is underway for the BOE Candidate Forum to be held March 14 at the DREAM Academy. Madhu Krishnamurthy from the *Daily Herald* will be the moderator. Potential questions for candidates can be submitted until Feb. 15 to U46CACForum@gmail.com
8	John Heiderscheidt presented the evening's program: School Safety, Discipline, and Trauma-Informed Care. Highlights: U-46 has a Building Access Security Control Office (BASCO), a central office to monitor security throughout all district buildings. Other components of school safety include key fobs for electronic access control, rekeying of exterior key locks, limited access points to all buildings, panic buttons/cameras/radios, alarms, lockdown locks moved to the inside of doors, school safety plans, AEDs, an NIU internship program with the U-46 Safety & Security Dept. and safety partnerships with CAC, police departments/SROs, ACE, Northern Illinois School Safety Administrators Assoc., and the College of DuPage Homeland Security Training Institute. Trauma-informed care is meant to build resilience in students and staff and focuses on "what is the student going through?" instead of "what's wrong with this student?" The U-46 Student Code of Conduct is reviewed regularly. The CAC Student Safety Committee plays a large role in this task. Reports to the web-based bullying reporting system are investigated by the Social-Emotional Response Team. The new definition of bullying is about students being too uncomfortable at school to participate in their right to a free and appropriate public education (FAPE). Who is responsible for school safety and security? Everyone. The PowerPoint of tonight's presentation can be found on the CAC website: www.u46cac.org/latest-updates/
9	A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Van Slyck and seconded by Brock Friedman. The motion passed unanimously.
10	The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.