

**U-46 Citizens' Advisory Council**

**NOTES OF MEETING**

TODAY'S DATE  
**2019-11-02**

MEETING DATE  
**2019-10-10**

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**MEETING** TITLE

**CAC General Council Meeting**

**Tracy Kelly**

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

	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION
1	Called to order at 7:04 p.m.
2	Larry Bury welcomed attendees and announced the topic of the evening, Pathways Implementation Update.
3	A motion to accept the minutes of the September general meeting was made by Brock Friedman and seconded by Vivienne Bailey. The motion passed unanimously.
4	<p>Melissa Owens gave an update for the Board of Education</p> <p>--The District's five Magnet Academies have been accepting applications for approximately one month. Deadline to apply is before midnight on Tuesday, October 15. The applications can be submitted online at <a href="http://U-46.org/MagnetAcademies">U-46.org/MagnetAcademies</a>. Please take the time to pick up informational booklets and to view videos on the district website. Surveys were sent out last spring asking for potential new themes for Magnet Academies at SHS and BHS. For BHS, the clear choice was Mechanical, Aerospace, and Biomedical Engineering. For SHS, it was split between Personalized Learning and Think Globally, Act Globally. Administrators can provide more details on the SHS academy. To conclude, you can find more detailed info at the above link.</p> <p>--The District hosted info nights on the topic of Dual Credit, which is a program the U-46 offers in partnership with ECC for high school juniors and seniors. This program provides students the opportunity to take all of their coursework at ECC while earning both high school and college credit fall of their courses. Current sophomores and juniors are eligible to apply to the program for the 2020-2021 school year.</p> <p>--Members of PTO, PTA, or Booster Clubs are encouraged to attend the first Parent Group Gathering for this school year. It will be held Wednesday, October 16 at 7:00 pm in the Elgin High School Library. It is hosted by CAC's very own Family and Community Engagement (FACE) to provide a space in which to network with parents from other schools and share best practices around volunteer and parent participation. All group representatives are welcome to attend and dinner and childcare will be provided.</p>

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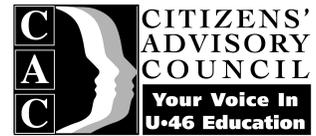
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	<p>--STEM Expo kicks off in October at local libraries and is designed to help families prepare for the STEM Expo to be held in February. It also allows students to engage with cutting edge technologies, experiment with next generation science and enjoy live chemistry and physics demos. One event will be held at Gail Borden Library on November 6 and Rakow Branch Library on November 7, both from 5:30 to 7:00 pm</p> <p>--Next Board of Education meeting will be held on October 21 at 7:00 pm</p>
5	<p>Mary Fergus gave an update for District Administration. She introduced the Administrative Cabinet member and other Board of Education member that were in attendance.</p> <p>--The School District U-46 Board of Education unanimously adopted a new budget of \$594 million for the 2019-2020 school year. Total revenues projects for the fiscal year 2020 are about \$594 million, about \$33 million over the previous year's budget. The majority of the increase comes from state funding and the Evidence-Based Funding for Student Success Act that became law in August 2017. Federal funding remains flat.</p> <p>--The extra revenue is being spent on additional staffing positions for Special Education and English Language Learners, instructional coaches, interventionists and placing more assistant principals at the larger elementary schools.</p> <p>-- \$38 million is being spent on building capital projects, including facility improvements needed for Educational Pathways. and about \$4 million has been set aside to replace 43 buses. Additionally, there has been money set aside for the innovations proposed by our schools. This budget represents our financial investment in the education of more than 38,000 students in the district.</p>
6	<p>Call for public comment: There was no public comment.</p>
7	<p>Larry Bury introduced committees and committee chairs and advised of the creation of the Ad-Hoc Committee for CAC Bylaw Revision &amp; Updates, to be chaired by Kevin Sweeney. More info is forthcoming and the first meeting date is yet to be determined.</p>
8	<p>--Matt Hovey and Phil Novello (FACE) reminded attendees of their annual Parent Group meeting scheduled for October 16 at Elgin High School. RSVP was due 10/11 and food and childcare will be provided.</p> <p>--Megan Larson (School Safety &amp; Culture) announced that their committee is working on finalizing their new safety video. Their next meeting date is yet to be determined.</p> <p>--Specialized Student Services will hold their next event "Understanding the Alphabet Soup..." on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 at Gail Borden Library.</p>



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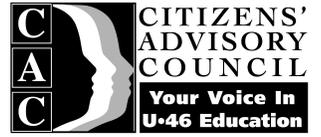
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	<p>--Michael Johnson (Instructional Initiatives) Next meeting to be held Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 pm. The topic for this meeting will be an update on Naviance, Explore, and 1:1 Technology.</p> <p>--Larry Bury (Finance) - first meeting to be held October 30 at 7:00 pm</p>
9	<p>A motion to adjourn was made by Brock Friedman and seconded by Veronica Betz. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm. for the Pathways Presentation Update.</p>
10	<p>Presentation on Pathways Implementation update was made by Lela Majstrovic, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Schools Instruction &amp; Equity and Kinasha Brown, Director, Educational Pathways. Team members present included Doreen Roberts and Principal Mike Demovsky. Kinasha Brown explained how academies/magnet academies will work, how they will transition and the timeline for transition for each of the five high schools.</p> <p>Other information presented indicates that middle school accreditation is on-going in phases and high schools will go through the process of accreditation as well.</p> <p>Several pathways will be available in all of the high schools, such as Business, STEM, Fine Arts, and Human Services. There will be discontinuation of some programs due to low interest and enrollment. A facilities committee continues to work on renovations needed for schools to be in alignment with Pathways.</p> <p>Upcoming Town Hall meeting dates:          October 17 at Kenyon Woods Middle School          October 24 at Eastview Middle School          November 5 at Kimball Middle School</p> <p>The presentation was then opened up to questions from the audience. Questions were gathered by committee members to be answered and published by the administration for Town Hall availability. Presentation is available online at <a href="http://www.U46.org/educationalpathways">www.U46.org/educationalpathways</a></p>



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