

U-46 Citizens' Advisory Council

NOTES OF MEETING

TODAY'S DATE 2016-02-22	MEETING DATE 2016-02-11	MINUTES APPROVED 2016-03-10
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	Meeting called to order at 7:01pm.
2	Melissa Owens welcomed guests.
3	A motion was made by Brock Friedman, and seconded by Mary Van Slyck, to approve the minutes of the January meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
4	Veronica Noland gave an update for the Board of Education. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted Black History Month events. • Elgin High School teachers are hosting National Biodiversity Teach-In this week. • 2016-2017 school calendar was approved at the January 25th BoE meeting. • Next BoE meeting is February 22nd.
5	Dr. Arndt, Interim Superintendent, gave an update for Administration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle school dual language will be expanded to 5 schools starting next school year. • Gifted program is expanding from 5 to 8 middle schools. • Gifford Street High School will be reorganized. Current students will be able to apply for new programs, attend their home high school, or use alternative programs. The program is being enhanced to provide better service to students. • Planning is underway for full-day kindergarten. The BoE approved required building additions at its February 8th meeting. • 5 Essentials survey is very important for schools and the district. All parents are encouraged to submit it. A video clip regarding the survey was shown. 20% of a school's parents must complete the survey for a school to receive the results. 5 Essentials survey is only available to take online. • Elgin High School is hosting a pancake breakfast on February 27th, including computer lab access for those who might not have a computer to take the survey.

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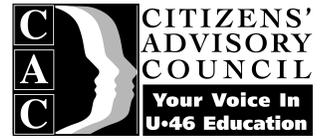
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6	<p>Melissa Owens gave an update for the Special Education Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting will be held in room 240 on February 16th at 6:30pm, and will include a presentation about Eureka Math and accommodations for students with individual education plans (IEPs).
7	<p>Lisa Hopp gave an update for the Curriculum and Instruction Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee meetings have been switched to the 4th Tuesday. Next meeting will be held on February 23rd in room 339. District science coordinator will be present to give an update on early implementation of the new science curriculum.
8	<p>Roger Wallace gave an update for the Enrollment and Facilities Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee has not met since the fall as it is waiting on further direction from the district. Recently approved building additions are planned to eliminate the use of 28 mobile classrooms, by adding 26 classrooms to existing buildings. Roger thanked the committee for its work over the past two years.
9	<p>Matt Hovey gave an update for the Family and Community Engagement Committee.</p> <p>The Realtor breakfast held on February 4th had 32 participants.</p> <p>The PTA/PTO meeting held at Gail Borden Public Library had 19 school represented, and about 35 participants.</p> <p>The next committee meeting will be held on February 17th, and the topic will be the Alignment for Community Engagement.</p> <p>The next PTA/PTO meeting is planned for April.</p>
10	<p>Melissa Owens announced that committee meetings which used to be held in the Administration area at ESC have been moved so that they are no longer behind locked doors, as this has caused complications with regards to meeting access. Check committee meeting scheduled for new locations.</p>
11	<p>Call for public comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kristy Stone, a Timber Trails parent, spoke about her concern that her school has the largest 2nd grade and 2nd / 3rd split classes in the district. Parents at the school would like to see some attention to this issue.



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12	A presentation regarding the Dual Language Program was given by various U-46 Administrators and Staff. The related slide deck can be found here: http://www.u46cac.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/2.11.16-CAC-Dual-Language-Update-FINAL.pdf
13	Questions were taken from the audience and answered by presenters.
14	A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Van Slyck and seconded by Dan Blake. The motion passed unanimously.
15	The meeting adjourned at 8:34pm