

**U-46 Citizens' Advisory Council**

**NOTES OF MEETING**

TODAY'S DATE <b>2016-04-20</b>	MEETING DATE <b>2016-04-14</b>	MINUTES APPROVED <b>2016-05-05</b>
MEETING TITLE <b>CAC General Council Meeting</b>	AUTHOR <b>Kevin Sweeney</b>	

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

	<b>DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION</b>
1	Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.
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 March meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
4	Sue Kerr gave an update for the Board of Education. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On Monday the BoE approved the resources and curriculum for full day kindergarten. So far families have chosen to sign more than 2000 students up for the full day program.</li> <li>• On Wednesday U-46 and ACE has a bus tour of CTE sites. There is currently an audit underway to help improve program efficiency.</li> <li>• A video was presented which goes along with the 2015 annual report, which has not yet been released.</li> </ul>
5	Tony Sanders gave an update for District Administration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The superintendent's scholarship has raised more than \$25,000 so far.</li> <li>• Mr. Sanders is spending a lot of time in Springfield working with our legislators on education funding and other issues. A summary of some current initiatives was presented.</li> </ul>
6	Phil Novello gave an update for the Family and Community Engagement Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be an all-district parent organization meeting held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm at Bartlett Public Library.</li> <li>• Librarians will discuss summer reading programs, and book vendors will discuss available resources.</li> </ul>
7	Larry Bury gave an update for the Finance and Legislative Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed witness slips and how they are used by the General Assembly. Discussed the process for filling out witness slips. Parents are encouraged to use this method to express their opinion on bills when still in committee.</li> </ul>

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8	<p>Melissa Owens mentioned that all committee reports need to be submitted to the Executive Committee prior to its meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> for consideration, in order to present them at the May 5<sup>th</sup> General Council meeting.</p> <p>There will be only one week between approval by Exec and presentation at the General meeting this year, so representatives should be prepared to review the reports and take them back to schools in this short time frame.</p>
9	<p>Roger Wallace gave an update for the Nominating Committee.</p> <p>The positions open for election are Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.</p> <p>Elections will take place at the May 5<sup>th</sup> General Council meeting.</p> <p>Position duties are on the CAC web site in the bylaws document.</p> <p>At this time, Melissa Owens has been nominated for Chair, Dan Blake has been nominated for Vice Chair, and Dana Weiby has been nominated for Secretary.</p>
10	<p>Call for public comment.</p> <p>Broch Friedman stated that children are spending too much time on PARCC and other testing, just when our teachers and children are at their most effective. Hours are being taken away to spend on this testing, when children should be learning instead.</p> <p>No further public comments were received.</p>
11	<p>Raquel McCormick, Executive Directory of the Alignment Collaborative for Education, gave a presentation and took questions about the purpose of the organization.</p> <p><a href="http://www.u46cac.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/ACE-presentation-RMC-ver.3.pdf">http://www.u46cac.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/ACE-presentation-RMC-ver.3.pdf</a></p>
12	<p>A motion to adjourn was made by Larry Bury and seconded by Mary Van Slyck. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
13	<p>The meeting adjourned at 8:34pm</p>