

Join CAC and Make a Difference in U-46!

The Citizens' Advisory Council is a group of volunteer parents and citizens that advises and assists the Board of Education and district administration in the ongoing effort to provide the best educational opportunities for all students within U-46. As a member of the Council, you have the unique opportunity to positively impact our district's future through active citizen involvement!

The CAC welcomes all those that live within the district to become a member. Each U-46 school can have up to seven members on the Council. Every effort is made to attract members who represent the socioeconomic, cultural and ethnic background of each school's attendance area.

What Does a CAC Rep Do?

Reps act as liaisons between their schools and the CAC, representing the needs, ideas and concerns of the schools and communities they serve at a district level. They also bring CAC and U-46 information back to their schools to keep parents and staff up to date. Reps attend monthly meetings and are strongly encouraged to join committees. **Please join us! Your active participation is vital to our continuing success!**

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Contact your school's principal and let them know you'd like to represent the school on CAC. For more information, call the District's Community Relations office at (847) 888-5000 ext. 5040 or visit our website www.u46cac.org.

THE CAC IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO...

Be Part of a Unique Organization

There are few school systems that welcome such direct involvement by parents and citizens as the CAC has in U-46. An officially constituted advisory body to the Board of Education, the CAC has been assisting the Board for more than 40 years. Each year, the Council undertakes various projects and studies aimed at helping the district achieve its objectives.

"The goal of the CAC is to advise and assist the Board of Education and Administration in the ongoing effort to provide the best possible educational opportunities for the students of the School District U-46."

In working toward achieving this goal the Citizens' Advisory Council will:

- *develop areas for specific study and recommendations;*
- *assist in identifying means to achieve district objectives;*
- *provide a forum for interested members of U-46 communities to express thoughts and ideas to the Board and administration.*

While CAC recommendations and studies are not binding to the Board of Education, our work is well received and the district has adopted many of our recommendations.

Contribute Your Talents

CAC members are strongly encouraged to participate in committee work. Committees study, develop, debate and make recommendations, so to truly effect change within the district, committee work is vital. Participating on a committee is also an excellent way to concentrate your efforts in an area of special interest

to you. See the back of this brochure for committee descriptions for 2006-2007. If sufficient interest is shown in topics not currently being studied, ad hoc committees may be formed.

Learn About District U-46

At our monthly meetings, you will learn about the issues being studied by the Council and have the opportunity to vote on committee recommendations. Each general meeting features a program on a topic of special interest to U-46 residents. There are also monthly updates from Board of Education members and district administration.

Interact with Board Members, Administrators and Community

CAC is an exciting opportunity to become directly involved in your child's education. As a member, you will have the opportunity to interact with members of the Board of Education and U-46 administration. You will also have the opportunity to work with other interested citizens and parents from all areas of U-46.

WHEN DO WE MEET?

CAC meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Elgin High School library, located at 1200 Maroon Dr. in Elgin. All meetings are open to the public.

2006-2007 MEETING DATES:

September 14, 2006	February 8, 2007
October 12, 2006	March 8, 2007
November 2, 2006	April 12, 2007
December 14, 2006	May 3, 2007
January 11, 2007	May 24, 2007

2006-2007 COMMITTEES

The council's focus this coming year will be to continue supporting the pillars identified in the District Improvement Plan. Key words noted in parenthesis for each committee relate to the District Improvement Plan pillar supported by that committee's work. For more information on the District Improvement Plan, visit the district's website at www.u-46.org.

ENROLLMENTS & FACILITIES

(Fiscal Responsibility) – Provide annual update on enrollment projections throughout the district. Identify long-term facility needs, building limitations, vacant land, current restrictions, and relationship to facility and program locations.

FINANCE

(Fiscal Responsibility) – The committee will primarily focus on the district's Operations & Maintenance budget, identifying best practices and economics. The committee will report on end-of-year finances and distribute the facts to the community and work with other committees in identifying budgetary implications of recommendations or activities.

LEGISLATIVE

(Fiscal Responsibility) – Work will include monitoring of legislative actions at the state and federal levels of government. Continue review of District Position Statements.

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

(Public Trust & Support) – Provide overall support to CAC Committees and identify membership initiatives with the schools; utilize current best practices, enhance communication efforts with schools and the community. Maintain website and provide distribution of CAC and district efforts. Identify and enhance overall participation efforts at the schools.

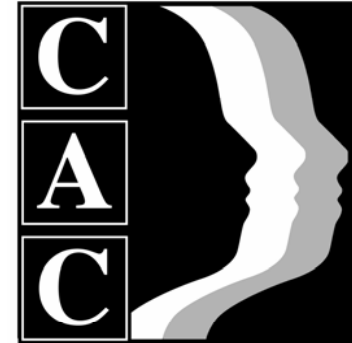
CURRICULUM STANDARDS

(Curriculum & Instruction) – Continue working on the "Parents' Guide to the Curriculum Roadmap." Assist with information for the Parent Handbook, identifying available resources to improve student achievement. The committee will work closely with the Media Committee to distribute information to parents.

For more information on these committees and on other Council news, please visit our website at

www.u46cac.org

*You Can Help
Shape the Future
of U-46!*



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