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Students: Access to help, advisers needed

By: Rafael Guerrero



Jackson Teeter, School District U46's student adviser to the school board, is the third consecutive adviser to organize a student summit for dozens of U46 students. Teeter is a senior-year student at Larkin High School.
(Rafael Guerrero/Courier-News)

Students want more access to social workers, a college adviser at every high school and help in finding community volunteer opportunities, according to information gathered at the annual School District U-46 Student Summit.

In early March, more than 200 U-46 students gathered at Elgin Community College for the annual summit, one of the last large U-46 gatherings before schools closed as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. On Monday, some of the students involved in organizing it told the school board what they took away from the event.

The key points also were discussed with individual school principals with the goal of enacting changes, Larkin High School student Marteena Mendel-Duckins said.

"It was 30 of us in a classroom talking to the principal," she said. "We felt like we had a voice and we felt that maybe we can change something if we don't like it."

Jessica Pearce, a student at Bartlett High School, said many students at the summit believed the district's social workers should be more accessible to students. She said high school students should be able to develop a relationship with them as early as freshman orientation day.

"We would really like to be able to have social workers be available throughout the day, and we would like to see more district-wide policies to make sure that students are meeting their social workers before they need them," Pearce said.

Students also want better communication with school officials on expectations for behavior.

Pearce said setting up expectations could help de-escalate future incidents in schools.

Post-secondary college and career readiness at Larkin High School is complemented at the school with an adviser specific to that area, Larkin student Michelle Estrada said. The adviser helps students figure out scholarships, organize college visits and plan for college life.

It would be helpful if all the high schools had someone catering specifically to the topic of post-secondary life.

“It would be such an asset to every school if they each had a specific college coordinator,” she said.

While the focus at this year’s summit was on academics, climate, culture and post-secondary readiness, teens also addressed “miscellaneous” topics, such as volunteer work, which was of interest to some in attendance.

“A lot of students were trying to volunteer and trying to go out into the community but they didn’t have the resources and the knowledge on where to go and how to provide volunteer work or work or internships,” Mendel-Duckins said.

Like the prior student-led summits, the school board’s student adviser — this year it’s Streamwood High School senior Hallie Furtak — led the event.

Monday’s school board meeting included the selection of Furtak’s successor. Olivia Howell, currently a junior at South Elgin High School, was recommended by the student advisory council and approved by the board.

Howell is a member of South Elgin’s Beacon Academy, involved in student government and a member of the South Elgin girls golf team. She’s completed several charity projects.

“I’m super excited to represent the students of U-46,” Howell said Monday. “I’m so passionate about the change for the greater good of all students.”

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Village cancels, delays events, holding on others

By Seth Hancock

Could Americans, at least in Illinois, have to celebrate their freedom on Independence Day with restricted freedom?

Gov. J.B. Pritzker suggested at an April 10 press conference regarding COVID-19 that summer event organizers should consider cancelling events across the state over fears of the coronavirus. Currently, Pritzker has decreed a shutdown on most activity, public and private, through the end of April.

The continued panic has put local au-

thorities in position to start considering options, including in the Village of Bartlett.

Paula Schumacher, village administrator, said some changes have been made including to National Night Out (NNO), traditionally held in August, as well as the cancellation of the May 9 annual 5K Apple Blossom Run.

However, no final decision has been made yet for most summer events like the 4th of July festival.

"The National Association of Town Watch has pushed back the NNO cele-

brations to October," Schumacher said. "So, we will follow that recommendation. Secondly, I know that the Apple Blossom Run has been cancelled."

Schumacher added: "But those are the only changes I know of so far. We are talking about contingency plans for summer events, but no hard decisions have been made. Now is the heart of planning for those events so we are doing our best to push back the planning a week or two to see what guidance we get from the state."

Pritzker has provided no metrics or standards as to how and when the shutdown can be lifted, but Schumacher said the village will follow the recommendations from the state including health agencies like the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

"I do not know what metric will be used to determine if those events can take place this summer, again we look to the IDPH and the DuPage Health Department for those recommendations," Schumacher said.

U-46 in-school classes cancelled for rest of term

By Seth Hancock

In the words of Alice Cooper: "School's out forever."

Well, at least for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year that is after Gov. JB Pritzker's latest edict on Friday, April 17 that suspended all in-school classes at public and private schools across the state through the rest of the school year in response to COVID-19, a foreign-born strain of the coronavirus.

School District U-46 Superintendent Tony Sanders announced the closure in the district that same day as well as stating the online classes, or distance learning, will continue.

"While we all may have expected this decision, I know that it's still difficult," Sanders wrote. "We miss our

students, we miss our colleagues, we miss all the athletic and fine arts events, the ceremonies and celebrations that are part of spring. We miss in-person classroom time."

Sanders added: "The Governor also has issued several Executive Orders related to graduation requirements, teacher licensure, among others. We will be reviewing those orders in the coming days to determine how we will proceed in U-46. We also need to review if Board policies will need to be amended. As such, do not expect any immediate decisions as we sort out the proclamations and the impact they will have."

Graduation ceremonies for seniors are still being planned, but are being

rescheduled. Tentatively, graduation is scheduled to take place at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates on Saturday, July 11 "pending health recommendations and guidance," according to Sanders.

Athletics directors and principals at district high schools have delivered yard signs to seniors to recognize them as their senior activities, like prom and sports, have been cancelled.

The Illinois High School Association (IHSA), which governs high school athletics, had stated the intent to have a shortened spring season while Pritzker's authoritarian orders were still scheduled to be lifted on May 1, but after the April 17 action the IHSA

released a statement saying "the cessation of in-person learning will make it difficult for the IHSA to conduct spring state tournaments this year."

Sanders also stated that over 500,000 taxpayer funded meals have been distributed by the district since the shutdown began. Those meals include breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as snacks to any student as well as to parents who do not need to have a child with them when taking the meals.

Pritzker first shutdown a majority of both public and private activity on March 13 with plans to lift the orders on March 30 which was extended to April 7 and then the end of April.

Village Board approves public works proposals

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees approved of five public works proposals at its meeting on Tuesday, April 7 which was held electronically due to the COVID-19 shutdown.

The items were approved under the consent agenda by a 5-1 vote, Trustee Vince Carbonaro voting no. Carbonaro opposed the annual budget, which was later approved that evening, being removed from the consent agenda.

Included was the annual streets project which has a \$2.3 million budget.

"This project consists of removing and replacing sidewalk, curb and gutter, driveway aprons, pavement patching, milling and asphalt resurfacing," wrote Bob Allen, village engineer, in a memo. He added that Brothers Asphalt Paving Inc. came in with the low bid of \$1.7 million.

Allen stated that Brothers Asphalt "has worked in the Village in prior years on several other projects" and "performed the work well and we were satisfied with the quality of the completed project."

The board approved of the 2020 water main replacement agreement with Gerardi Sewer and Water Co. which came in with the low bid of \$1.1 million while \$1.2 million was budgeted.

Allen wrote that Gerardi "worked for the Village last year with very good results" and will replace "5,700 feet of existing water main with a new water main on Brookside (Drive), Redwood (Lane), West Country (Drive), Clover

(Court) and Oakwood (Lane)."

The annual concrete replacement project was approved with Globe Construction Inc. at a cost of \$84,875 with \$100,000 having been budgeted.

Allen wrote the project "includes the removal and replacement of sidewalk and curb throughout the Village. This work includes repair to sidewalks that have been damaged due to tree roots pushing up the walk and trench settlements causing trip hazards."

The board approved the annual crack sealing project which "consists of routing and sealing of curb line and pavement cracks," according to Allen. The village budgeted \$75,000.

"Denler, Inc. submitted the low bid of [\$70,500] for this project," Allen wrote. "Denler, Inc. has not worked in the Village before. References have been checked and have been found to had a favorable job performance rating."

A resolution was also approved for a multi-jurisdictional bicycle and pedestrian plan between the Village of Bartlett and the Village of Streamwood with assistance from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. Bartlett's share of hiring a consultant will be \$15,000.

"The joint plan will be created to plan for the most effective and preferred path system through both Villages," Dan Dinges, director of public works, wrote in a memo. "The consultant will utilize their own technical knowledge, Village Staff, public officials and open public meetings to create this plan that will benefit the entire area."



Ongoing sign of the times

A deserted school scene now to become an even more common sight as the state has closed all schools for at least the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Students at Sycamore Trails Elementary School will now have to wait until August for an opportunity to return to in-school classes either here or in middle school.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)



Pet of the Week



Rabbit pair look to end long wait

Bennett and Penny came to DCAS almost a year ago as babies when a group of rabbits was discovered abandoned in a junkyard. They are approaching their first birthday and have been waiting for a home for quite some time, often passed by for rabbits with flashier coats. Their foster family says they are awesome, energetic and playful once they come out of their shell. All they need is someone who will give them a chance. Due to social distancing recommendations from the CDC all adoption hours at DuPage County Animal Services have been suspended. To adopt please complete an application at: <https://www.dupageco.org/AnimalServices/AvailableAnimals.aspx> and a staff member will reach out to schedule a meet and greet appointment.

(Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)

Science curriculum plan approved by Dist. U-46

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved of a secondary science electives curriculum proposal via a 6-0 vote, board member Veronica Noland was absent, at its meeting on Monday, April 6 which was held electronically due to the COVID-19 shut-down.

The total cost of the curriculum and resource proposal is \$1.2 million.

“The purpose of the work that we did was to adopt curriculum frameworks and resources for secondary science electives and to make sure that we were updating them to the Next Generation Science Standards that include instructional practices for Standards Based Learning and Assessment,” said Deb McMullen, coordinator of K-12 science and planetarium. “And also, to update honors curriculum to feature an expanded scope of competencies while teaching current standards in greater depth than our regular courses.”

The proposal also included updates to Advanced Placement (AP) courses to align with new College Board standards.

The implementation is expected to start this spring and summer with professional development with courses starting in the 2020-2021 school year.

Despite the current shutdown, McMullen said the district is “hopeful that we’re going to be able to begin professional development.”

Under the course progression, freshmen can choose biology or honors biology, both of which are available in the dual language (DL) program. Sophomores can choose chemistry and honors chemistry as well as integrated

physical science (IPS), which is offered sophomore through senior year.

Juniors can take chemistry (DL), honors chemistry (DL), AP chemistry, physics (DL), AP physics, environmental science (DL), AP environmental science, Earth and space science (DL) and AP biology. Seniors can take the same courses along with AP physics C.

IPS is listed as an introductory course, and board member Melissa Owens asked why an upperclassman would take an introductory course to which McMullen said: “Typically, a kid would take IPS in their junior/senior year if they didn’t pass their sophomore options.”

Honors physics will be phased out and Sue Kerr, the board’s president, asked how that will affect students who have already signed up for the class next year. McMullen said it will be offered at some sites and “we’re kind of in this lag year... it’s kind of a weird, wonky year” as the district works on credentialing teachers for AP physics.

Each course includes three common assessments and Kerr asked if teachers can provide additional assessments as needed and McMullen said they could.

The cost breakdown for resources include \$415,428 for IPS, \$227,466 for honors biology, \$142,620 for AP biology, \$111,914 for honors chemistry, \$112,603 for earth and space science, \$70,551 for AP physics C, \$58,271 for AP chemistry, \$52,151 for environmental science and \$26,233 for Spanish language resources.

Board member Eva Porter asked how long the licenses for online resources last and McMullen said six years.

District U-46 approves variety of expense items

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved of \$6.1 million in expenditures by a 6-0 vote, board member Veronica Noland was absent, at its meeting on Monday, April 6 which was held electronically.

The costliest proposal was \$3.1 million from the operations and maintenance fund with Mechanical, Inc. for a mechanical systems replacement project at Elgin’s Harriet Gifford Elementary School.

“Harriet Gifford’s current cooling system cannot adequately keep up with the demands of the building,” the proposal states. “The aging steam boilers and window unit ventilators are also showing signs of atrophy and are no longer considered reliable. As time has passed, it has become increasingly difficult to maintain the existing equipment and when components fail, it is difficult to find replacement parts.”

With Elens and Maichin Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc., the district will spend \$946,200 (operations and maintenance) for a roof replacement project at Bartlett Elementary School.

“Bartlett Elementary School was constructed in 1929 with additions in 1986, 1990, and 1999,” the proposal states. “The sections of roof specified in the proposed project have not been replaced in over 30 years. Due to their age, those sections have required extensive patching on the exterior as well as many repairs to address the interior leaks.”

Costing \$698,000 (operations and maintenance) with Mechanical Concepts of Illinois, Inc., a ventilation system project will take place at Elgin’s Coleman Elementary School.

The district will spend \$446,175 (education fund) for a five-year contract with RSM US LLP to perform the annual audit.

An HVAC project on the lower floor of Elgin’s McKinley Elementary School will cost \$404,000 (operations and maintenance fund) with F.E. Moran, Inc.

Three proposals will be paid for by the nation’s taxpayers through Title III funds including \$132,573 with Custom Education Solutions, Inc. to expand the English language learners’ library, \$112,741 with LA Libreria for expansion of dual language libraries in elementary school classrooms and \$80,087 with Estrellita for dual language supplementary resources.

Two contract renewals were approved including \$120,810 (education) with Tyler Technologies for annual support and update licensing for MUNIS software concerning human resources and \$29,580 (education) to Raptor Technologies for its visitor and volunteer sign-in system software.

For oil and miscellaneous fluids for the transportation department, U-46 will spend \$47,795 (transportation fund) with Al Warren Oil Co.

Also approved were \$11.1 million in itemized bills and a personnel report and workers’ compensation cases which included one new position, a paraeducator.

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Schmidt had an impact on Sabres girls hoops

By Seth Hancock

For over a decade, the Streamwood girls basketball team has shown a competitiveness it hasn't seen in a while.

Whether a winning season or losing season, the Sabres have been fighters and it all started in large measure to the play of 2011 graduate Emma Schmidt.

Schmidt, who was a 5-foot-11 power forward, played four years on varsity starting in 2007, became the fifth Sabre to reach 1,000 career points and helped lead them to their first winning season since 1998-1999 during a 22-6 season her senior year in 2010-2011 including second place in the Upstate Eight Conference River Division.

For Sabres coach George Rosner, Schmidt was the ultimate competitor who "played much bigger" than she was as a vocal and physical leader of the squad.

"We had gone through some very tough years in the program," Rosner said. "Emma came on in 2007 as a freshman and probably was the most talented freshman we had in a while. Immediately her presence was felt."

Rosner added: "She got better year to year. She brought a toughness we didn't have, a competitiveness we didn't have. We knew it was her team from her sophomore to senior year. When she wanted the ball down low, you gave her the ball."

That 2010-2011 season was special as the Sabres matched the program's best start to a season going 14-0 which included Rosner's 300th career win. Rosner, who completed his 35th season coaching Streamwood this year and 39th year overall, was also the coach of the 1987-1988 Sabres who started 14-0 and finished 26-4 overall with an eventual sectional title.

Schmidt, who now sits sixth in the program with 1,269 points, became the fifth Sabre to reach the 1,000-point milestone in a 67-53 win over St. Ignatius to improve to 7-0. That year's team also included 2013 graduate Jessica Cerda who later became the sixth 1,000-point club member as well as other 2011 graduates Megan McGlone and Michelle Tomczak.

Rosner recalled the Sabres 10th win that year when Streamwood defeated Rolling Meadows in a 38-37 home victory in front of a packed crowd. Tomczak (13 points, 11 rebounds, six blocks) and Schmidt (11

points, eight rebounds) led that effort.

"We were 9-0 and we played Rolling Meadows, who was also 9-0," Rosner said. "For an early season game, the place was very, very crowded. It was a great atmosphere on our home court, and we hadn't experienced that in a while at Streamwood."

Preceding Schmidt in the 1,000-point club at Streamwood were Donna Groh, Chris Francke, Renee Kanak and Rita Castans and since then the Sabres have added four more including Cerda, 2015 graduate Hannah McGlone, 2017 graduate Jenejha Williams and most recently senior Mandy Mien who graduates this year.

The Sabres did not win a regional title in 2011 but it was the first of four straight winning seasons which

included a 22-9 season in 2012-2013 including that first regional title since 1988. In 2017, Streamwood went 16-14 and won another regional crown.

"That was definitely the beginning," Rosner said. "Emma was definitely special for me as a coach. I don't know what would have happened if we didn't have her. She turned it around."

Schmidt did sign on to play Division II basketball at Central Missouri State University. She battled through some injuries her freshman year and transferred eventually choosing to focus on academics in the medical field. She is expecting to graduate this August from Rocky Mountain College in Montana as she wraps up her final clinical year in the physician assistance program.



Mother and daughter, Cathy and Emma Schmidt, share a celebratory moment following a Sabres' victory which included the achievement of Emma Schmidt reaching the 1,000 career point milestone during the Dec. 4, 2010 contest. (Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)



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