



Citizens Advisory Council

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The Citizens Advisory Council is comprised of the chairpersons from the Alumni Association, BRAVO, Save Our Schools, Volunteers in Action, Public Relations and the Blue Ridge Educational Foundation as well as an ex-officio representative of the school district. Each committee works independently and coordinates its efforts with the other committees through the Council. The Council then speaks on behalf of the committees to the School Board. For more information, contact Louella Pence, wdpc@farmwagon.com, 928-9135.

Calendar

June	
9-14	BaumCherdet Test Drive Fundraiser
12	BRAVOMeeting 7pm H.S. Library
16	Schod Board Meeting 7pm H.S.
19	BRAVOMeeting 7pm H.S. Library
23	Schod Board Meeting 7pm H.S. BRAVO Concessions at FCRaceway
26	BRAVOMeeting 6:30 H.S. Library CAC Community Forum 7-8pm H.S.
27	BRAVO 50/50 Raffle @ FCRaceway
29	Drama Club Red, White & Blue Review @ H.S. Time TBA
July	
3	BRAVOMeeting 7pm H.S. Library
10	BRAVOMeeting 7pm H.S. Library
11-12	BRAVO Concessions @ Blues Festival, Interstate Center Bloomington, Fri 6-12, Sat 12-10.
12	BRAVO Benefit/Dinner & Auction, American Legion, Farmer City. Auction 2pm Dinner 4pm
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28	Schod Board Meeting 7pm H.S.

Informational Forum

The Citizens Advisory Council is sponsoring an informational forum open to our communities the evening of Thursday, June 26th from 7-8pm at the Blue Ridge High School. Each member committee will describe it's purpose and what it's currently doing. Then the floor will be open for questions & answers.



B.R.A.V.O.

The mission of BRAVO is to bring our school and communities together to benefit every child in the school district. This means seeking out avenues of revenue that will help support EVERY level of the educational system. Our first priority is to help in the self-funding of extra-curricular activities, approximately \$78,000, for the 2003-2004 school year. Our first goal of raising enough money to cover the costs for the fall sports has ALREADY been met, due to the generosity of both the Farmer City State Bank and Peoples State Bank, as well as many other local businesses, organizations and individuals. We want to thank EVERYONE for their part in making the efforts of this committee successful! If you have any questions, please contact Liz Roseman at 309-928-9387, lizrose03@yahoo.com or Sandy Maxwell at slmaxwell@uiuc.edu.

Alumni Association

The Alumni Association is firming up its members list and preparing a mailer for updated Alumni. If you have information on the whereabouts of your classmates, please contact Virginia Barlow at 928-3591 or vsrwb@egix.net.

Save Our Schools

SOS is preparing for a necessary March 2004 referendum. In the meantime, they're organizing to make a push to the General Assembly to reform the State Funding formula when they re-convene in the fall. Alliances with agricultural groups and other school districts are in the works. Lots of volunteers will be needed to stage future rallies in Springfield. For information, contact Malinda Snow at 928-3803.

Foundation

The Blue Ridge Educational Foundation has been formed, incorporated and is now in the process of obtaining tax-exempt status. This will take several months, but meanwhile the Foundation will oversee the Blue Ridge School District Foundation Fund already in place within the school district. Several businesses and individuals have made generous donations to the foundation. The Farmer City State Bank, located in Farmer City and Bellflower and People's State Bank, located in Mansfield, Mahomet and Weldon, have each given \$10,000 donations to support the extra-curricular activities in our school district this year. For more information, contact Susan Ryan at ryense@earthlink.net.

Volunteers In Action

VIA is compiling a volunteer list based on the returned surveys recently distributed in the schools. We are also actively seeking volunteers for the summer maintenance efforts of our school facilities to ready them for next year's attendance. Some of the maintenance efforts will include: washing lockers, walls, desks, cleaning windows, etc. If you are energetic, like to be involved in the community, and have some time to spare, please give us a call Lisa Riggs - 309-928-9133 or Karen Bradd - 217-489-3501



Public Relations

PR is currently working to create and promote an Advisory Council web site, increase school signage & color within our communities, communicate the CAC mission to local groups & governments, install permanent Q&A boxes throughout the community, coordinate the media efforts for the peer CAC committees, facilitate independent study of school related issues and publishing & distributing this newsletter. PR is an e-committee that meets through a continuous email chain. For more information, contact Brent Cordes at Brent.Cordes@Verizon.com.

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