Call to Order: Ken Fansler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He recognized Dr. Robert Dean and conveyed the Committee’s best wishes on his retirement as Superintendent of the ISU Laboratory Schools effective June 30, 2012. Mr. Fansler also introduced and welcomed new CAC members Gretchen Zaitzeff and Sarah Ray.

Present: Ken Fansler, Eric Ruud, Judi Doubet, Jan Murphy, Marijane Galvan, Clark Brooks, Gretchen Zaitzeff, Barbara Jacobsen, Mark Adams, Sarah Ray, Lynn Shook, and Bob Dean.

Absent: Bob Piker, Val Wilder

Guest: Dr. Jeff Hill

Additions to the agenda - None

Introductions and Acknowledgement of Visitors: Dr. Hill was present to provide information on concussion screening for athletes at University High School.

Minutes: Prior meeting minutes are approved and can be accessed at: http://www.uhigh.ilstu.edu/cac/sep11minutes.pdf

Concussion Screening Update: Dr. Hill shared materials describing the laboratory schools’ concussion policy and protocol. He stated that within the next few weeks, baseline testing of all athletes will be conducted at no charge. Dick’s Sporting Goods is covering all costs associated with this testing. Known as the “ImPACT Test”, the Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing system begins with pre-season baseline tests which will be kept on file. Dr. Anthony Pegg, a local neurologist, will evaluate the results and determine whether an athlete is fit to return to sports. Costs associated with any required follow-up testing will likely be at the parents’ or their insurance company’s expense.

In response to questions from the Committee, Dr. Hill acknowledged that neither the IHSA nor IESA require baseline testing but do have rules with respect to concussions and an athlete’s ability to return to play. He sees no increase or decrease in the number of concussions in U-High sports. Trainers are present at all sporting events.

Fall Sports/Extracurricular Teams Recognized: Dr. Hill advised the committee of the success of U-High’s cross country, football, soccer, golf, tennis, swimming and volleyball teams who all experienced success in post season play. Committee member Mark Adams commented that the U-High Speech & Debate Team has over 60
members this year and is competing in two tournaments this weekend because of the team’s size. He also said the team is fortunate to have 17 coaches. The Committee conveyed its best wishes for another trip to the State Finals.

Review of Committees:

Eric Ruud reported on behalf of the Legislative Forum Committee. He commented on the success of the forum last spring and concurred with the recommendation of the CAC at its last meeting to continue the legislative forum. However, he recommended that the scheduling of the forum should be related to the activity in the General Assembly.

Ken Fansler reported on behalf of the Technology Committee. He noted that today’s “disposable technology” has a direct impact on teaching. Multi-functional devices appear to be the thing of the future, although it is currently difficult to find a device that does everything. Discussion regarding future technology needs is ongoing including issues like “cloud” computing, laptop-battery life, device ownership, and faculty development.

Committee member Mark Adams commented that functionality is currently being studied at U-High by Technology Coordinator, Jim Kurz. He believes U-High is ahead of the game when it comes to apply technology in the classroom.

Dr. Dean emphasized the need to continue focusing on teachers, not the technology, in the process of learning. He said teachers need to be provided with the tools necessary for teaching and learning.

Report of Administrative Representative:

Weather Related Closings – decisions to close schools will be made by 6:00 a.m. Student safety is the top priority. The Lab Schools generally follow the lead of Bloomington District 87 schools. The decision to close school does not depend on ISU. Skylert (mass messaging system) will be used to contact parents and students.

Audit – three audits will be conducted for the Lab Schools – General State Aid, Federal Stimulus Money, and Title II funding. Audits will begin in December, 2011.

Graduation Day Finalized – it will be on Sunday, May 20th at 2:00 p.m. in Braden Auditorium.

Scholarship Updates at U-High – we have two new endowed funds. The number of scholarships available to students continues to grow.

Budget Update – the lab schools will take a 5% reduction this fiscal year which amounts to a $275,000 loss of funding. However, necessary adjustments have been made so there will be no cuts in programs or staff for FY12.
Metcalf School fencing – temporary fencing is now in place and installation of the permanent fencing has begun.

U-High Fitness Center – construction is proceeding and should be completed in January, 2012.

Search Process – Dr. Curtis will be meeting with faculty in both schools to share procedural information regarding the superintendent’s search.

**Next Meeting Dates** – January 10, 2012 and March 20, 2012

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.