

LEARNING COMMUNITY OF DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES

LEARNING COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL

January 21, 2010

A meeting of the Coordinating Council of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties was held on January 21, 2010 at the Thompson Center at UNO, 6705 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68182. Notice of the meeting, containing the date, time, place and agenda, was given in advance thereof by publication in the Daily Record on January 15, 2010, in the Bellevue Leader, Douglas County Post-Gazette, Gretna Guide, Omaha Star, Papillion Times, and Ralston Recorder between January 19, 2010 and January 21, 2010 and in the web site edition of Nuestro Mundo. The proofs of publication have been received and will be made a permanent part of the record of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Council by U.S. mail or email on January 19, 2010.

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was convened and called to order by Chair Kolowski at 6:14 p.m.
2. **Public Notice & Compliance with Open Meetings Act.** Chair Kolowski announced that the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted at the entrance to the room and that copies of materials being reviewed by the Council were available to the public.

3. **Roll Call.**

Voting Members Present: Avery, Long, Thompson, Bradley, Chang, Takechi, Jacobson, Sophir, Werkheiser, Burwell, Pedersen, Chambers, Gray, Wayne, Hansen, Hartnett, Synowiecki, Kolowski

Voting Members Excused:

Voting Members Absent:

Nonvoting Members Present: Krzycki, Grimm, Meradith

Nonvoting Members Excused:

Nonvoting Members Absent:

Staff Present: Brewer, Benzel

4. **Approval of Minutes.** Chair Kolowski presented the Minutes for the January 7, 2010 meeting of the Council. Motion made by Ms. Chang, seconded by Ms. Gray, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on January 7, 2010 as presented. Yeas: Avery, Long, Thompson, Bradley, Chang, Takechi, Jacobson, Sophir, Werkheiser, Burwell, Pedersen, Chambers, Gray, Wayne, Hansen, Hartnett, Synowiecki, Kolowski. **Motion carried.**

5. **Reports.** Chair Kolowski reported on his activities since the prior meeting of the Council. The Legislative and Policy Subcommittee will survey Council members as to the structures they are currently working under and their needs going forward and make recommendations to the Council. Chair Kolowski visited the Wesley House and the Hope Center. Meetings have been held on evaluation and research needs with UNO, UNL and others. Chair Kolowski attended a Bright Future Foundations breakfast on leadership. Chair Kolowski and Ms. Gray have worked on the evaluation of our COO. The ELC task force has met. Chair Kolowski attended a meeting along with other council members discussing future office space options. Ms. Chang reported on her attendance at the Gallup meeting regarding their student poll on hope, engagement and well being. Ms. Brewer presented the document Agriculture Research Division, University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Internal Grant Application for review. Motion made by Mr. Hartnett, seconded by Ms. Chang, to enter into partnership with entities noted on the Agriculture Research Division, University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Internal Grant Application

attached for grant application purposes. Yeas: Werkheiser, Sophir, Jacobson, Pedersen, Burwell, Takechi, Thompson, Long, Avery, Chang, Bradley, Synowiecki, Hartnett, Hansen, Wayne, Gray, Chambers, Kolowski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Chair Kolowski discussed action item to make the Chair of the Coordinating Council an *ex officio* non-voting member of all standing subcommittees of the Council. Motion made by Mr. Synowiecki, seconded by Mr. Pedersen, to make the Chair of the Coordinating Council an *ex officio* non-voting member of all standing subcommittees of the Council. Yeas: Jacobson, Sophir, Werkheiser, Avery, Long, Thompson, Chambers, Gray, Wayne, Hansen, Hartnett, Synowiecki, Bradley, Chang, Takechi, Burwell, Pedersen, Kolowski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Wayne proposed an amendment to make the Chair a designee in case Chair can't attend. Mr. Wayne withdrew amendment.

Mr. Burwell indicated that there was no Treasurer's report.

It is noted for the record that Mr. Avery left at 6:36 p.m. and returned at 6:39 p.m.

It is noted for the record that Mr. John Synowiecki and Mr. John Hansen left the meeting at 6:39 p.m. and returned at 6:41 p.m.

Ms. Brewer, COO, reported on her activities since the prior meeting of the Council. The National School Board Association membership is being finalized. Ms. Brewer provided a Race to the Top update. Ms. Brewer provided a Learning Community website presentation.

Mr. Brashear of Brashear LLP will keep us apprised of recent litigation filed through Sarpy County.

6. **Officer Elections.** Nomination for Chair: Rick Kolowski. Motion made by Mr. Burwell, seconded by Ms. Gray to accept Rick Kolowski by acclamation for the position of Chair. Yeas: Thompson, Long, Avery, Werkheiser, Sophir, Jacobson, Synowiecki, Hartnett, Hansen, Wayne, Gray, Chambers, Pedersen, Burwell, Takechi, Chang, Bradley, Kolowski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Nomination for Vice Chair: Justin Wayne. Motion made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Ms. Gray to accept Justin Wayne by acclamation for the position of Vice Chair. Yeas: Chambers, Gray, Wayne, Avery, Long, Thompson, Bradley, Chang, Takechi, Hansen, Hartnett, Synowiecki, Jacobson, Sophir, Werkheiser, Burwell, Pedersen, Kolowski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Nomination for Secretary: Lorraine Chang. Motion made by Mr. Takechi, seconded by Mr. Chambers to accept Lorraine Chang by acclamation for the position of Secretary. Yeas: Synowiecki, Hartnett, Hansen, Werkheiser, Sophir, Jacobson, Pedersen, Burwell, Takechi, Wayne, Gray, Chambers, Thompson, Long, Avery, Chang, Bradley, Kolowski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Nomination for Treasurer: Brad Burwell. Motion made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Ms. Gray to accept Brad Burwell by acclamation for the position of Treasurer. Yeas: Synowiecki, Hartnett, Hansen, Werkheiser, Sophir, Jacobson, Pedersen, Burwell, Takechi, Wayne, Gray, Chambers, Thompson, Long, Avery, Chang, Bradley, Kolowski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

7. **Public Comment.** Chair Kolowski invited public comment. There was no public comment.

8. **Diversity Plan Update.** Mr. Werkheiser provided an update on the Building Capacity workshops presented by DLR on January 14-15. Both electronic and paper copies of the completed Building Capacity forms will be submitted to the Council by March 1. Ms. Brewer provided an update on the communication and marketing efforts of the Joint School Fair. All Council members were urged to participate in the Joint School Fair. Open enrollment applications will be made available in Spanish. Mr. Takechi reported on his attendance at the Diversity Workshop. Flyers will be available for the Joint School Fair in both soft and hard copy.

9. **Elementary Learning Centers Discussion:** Ms. Chang updated the Council of the progress of the Elementary Learning Centers Task Force. The Task Force is not recommending the hiring of the ELC Director at this time until 6 year term is addressed. The Task Force would be looking for consultant support to assist the COO. Both Subcouncils have requested help through a consultant or an inter-local agreement. There is money set aside in the budget for the Executive Director position.

- a) Subcouncil #2 ELC Plan – Please refer to Achievement Subcouncil report for updates.
- b) Subcouncil #5 ELC Plan – Mr. Hartnett indicated that they are in the preliminary stages of evaluating the inter-local agreement.

10. **Subcommittee Reports.** Ms. Gray advised the Council that the Administration & Personnel Subcommittee has not met. Ms. Gray and Mr. Kolowski discussed the evaluation of the COO. Work is continuing on evaluating Office Space, posting the Accountant/Analyst position, and researching benefits and travel agencies. Ms. Gray indicated that public meetings need to be scheduled in a timely manner. Ms. Bradley advised that the Budget, Audit and Finance Subcommittee met on Tuesday, January 12. Ms. Bradley indicated that the Treasurer's bond required renewal as of 12/31/09 and has been completed through our insurance agent. Ms. Bradley indicated that insurance coverage will be reviewed at the next meeting. Ms. Bradley indicated that insurance recommendations will be brought to the full Council on 2/18/10 and put to a vote at the 3/4/10 meeting. ELC preliminary budgets will presented at Budget, Audit and Finance Subcommittee's 3/9/10 meeting. ESU #3 lease expires 5/31 – requires 90 days notice. Exploring alternatives and related cost scenarios. Finding will be presented on 2/4 meeting and seek full Council approval on 2/18 meeting. Mr. Synowiecki of the Legislative and Policy Subcouncil indicated that the bill introduction concluded today. All issues that were adopted by the full Council have all been introduced into this session of Legislature. Mr. Synowiecki discussed the 2010 Legislative Bill document. Amendments will be introduced because of miscommunication in drafting some of the bills. Senator Adams is aware of this position.

11. **Achievement Subcouncil Reports.** The Subcouncils reported on their activities since the prior meeting of the Council.

12. **New Business.** No new business.

13. **Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting.** Chair Kolowski noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 4, 2010 at the Thompson Center at UNO, 6705 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68128.

14. **Adjournment.** Chair Kolowski declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Lorraine Chang, Secretary