

LEARNING COMMUNITY OF DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 22, 2011

A meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties (LCCC) was held on June 22, 2011 at ESU #3, 6949 South 110th Street, Omaha, NE 68128. Notice of the meeting, containing the date, time, place and agenda, was given in advance thereof by publication in the Omaha Daily Record on June 15, 2011, in the Bellevue Leader, Gretna Guide, Ralston Recorder, and Douglas County Post Gazette between June 15, 2011 and June 17, 2011. 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 Advisory Committee by email on June 20, 2011

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was convened and called to order by Rick Kolowski, Learning Community Coordinating Council Chair, at 9:15 a.m.
2. **Public Notice & Compliance with Open Meetings Act.** Public notice was posted at the entrance to the room and copies of materials being reviewed by the Committee were available to the public.
3. **Roll Call.**

Present: Terry Haack, Bennington; George Conrad, Douglas County West; Steve Baker, Elkhorn; Kevin Riley, Gretna; Keith Lutz, Millard; Rick Black, Papillion-La Vista; Jacquie Estee, Westside District #66

Absent: Charles Chevalier, South Sarpy #46, John Mackiel, Omaha; Jeff Rippe, Bellevue, Jerry Riibe, Ralston;

Also present were: LCCC Executive Committee Members: Rick Kolowski, Mike Avery, Lorraine Chang, Nancy Jacobson, John Synowiecki and Kathy Bradley. Also present were Staff Members: Ted Stilwill, Patti Benzal, Renee Franklin and Brian Gabriel.

It is noted for the record that Ms. Estee left the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and returned at 9:35 a.m.

4. **Approval of Minutes.** Mr. Stilwill presented the Minutes for the February 3, 2011 meeting of the Advisory Committee. Motion made by Dr. Black, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the minutes of the Advisory Committee meetings held on February 3, 2011, as presented. Yeas: Lutz, Haack, Conrad, Baker, Riley, Black. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**
5. **Public Comment.** None.
6. **Elementary Learning Center Task Force.** Ms. Chang and Ms. Franklin reviewed of the Learning Community's strategy of Subcouncils 2 and 5 to clarify the priorities of the elementary programs and the potential implications for other Subcouncils. A discussion took place with the Superintendents. Mr. Stilwill indicated a possible second round of funding would take place in the fall. Dr. Black and Dr. Conrad would like the unfunded portions of the proposals originally submitted to be considered first in the second round of funding. Mr. Stilwill added that another goal in determining available funding for the next immediate fiscal year would be to have some continuity in the amount of funding from one year to the next.

7. **Truancy/Attendance Initiative.** Dr. Riley provided an update on the Truancy/Attendance initiative and the Superintendent's plan. Discussion was held regarding this initiative. Mr. Stilwill noted that the Learning Community might be able to assist in the evaluation of whatever initiatives finally emerged since funding was already designated for this purpose by the Legislature.
8. **Diversity Task Force.** Mr. Stilwill sought input from the Superintendents regarding the Open Enrollment process and Virtual School Fair. Dr. Riley thought the process worked very well. Ms. Estee expressed concern that the open enrollment timelines were too tight. Ms. Estee expressed concern that siblings do not always get into the same district, which divides families. Mr. Baker indicated the capacity form worked so well because input was sought from the Superintendents. Dr. Black indicated that because of funding cuts, Papillion-La Vista would have less participation in the open enrollment process.
9. **Data Collection and Analysis.** Mr. Stilwill provided an update on data collection and analysis and expressed gratitude to the Nebraska Department of Education for their cooperation in both providing access to the data and assistance with data analysis.
10. **Budget, Finance and Audit Subcommittee.** Ms. Bradley reviewed the Learning Community budget development process and sought advice from the Superintendents regarding levies. While specific district-by-district input would come from the school business officials on July 19, there seemed to be some initial consensus that the levies should remain at their current level.
11. **Legislation.** Mr. Stilwill sought input from the Superintendents regarding legislative changes.
12. **New Business.** None.
14. **Date and Time of Next Meeting.** To be Determined
15. **Adjournment.** 11:11 a.m.

Handouts provided were as follows:

- LCCC Advisory Committee Agenda dated 6/22/11
- LCCC Advisory Committee Minutes dated 2/3/11
- Extended Learning RFP Requirements Document
- Elementary Learning Programs Proposal Summaries 2011/2012
- Learning Community Impacts Thousands of Children Press Release, dated 6/17/11
- Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties' Budget, Finance and Audit Subcommittee 2011/12 Budget Meetings Document, dated 6/13/11