

LEARNING COMMUNITY OF DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES
SUPERINTENDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes

DECEMBER 13, 2018 – 9:30AM
UNO THOMPSON CENTER, RHODEN BOARD ROOM
6705 DODGE STREET, OMAHA, NE

1. Call Meeting to Order: Name: Lorraine Chang Time: 9:40 a.m.
2. Public Notice and Compliance with Open Meetings Act - It was explained that the Advisory Committee meeting was being made open to the public for the sake of transparency even though it was not itself a public body. However, there would be no public comment received as the purpose of the meeting was for the superintendents to provide advice to the Learning Community Coordinating Council.
3. Roll Call – Present: Rippe, Poloncic, Habrock, Riley, Sutfin, Logan, Rikli, Adler, McCann
Absent: Haack, Richards
4. Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2018 – Approved unanimously.
5. CEO David Patton updated the Superintendents on the Community Achievement Plan presentation that was made to the State Board of Education on November 1, 2018. A copy of the presentation was provided. CAP workgroup members as well as Council members Lorraine Chang (Chair) and Susan Kelley (Vice Chair) attended. He thanked those Superintendents who attended. The group discussed issues that were raised by State Board members including attendance, pathways to college and careers and student engagement. Mental/Behavioral health is also a significant issue with a lack of resources for long term care.
6. CEO David Patton provided the superintendents with a copy of the summarized evaluation results presented to the Learning Community Coordinating Council on November 15, 2018, by the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Munroe Meyer Institute team that conducts the independent evaluation of all programs funded by the Learning Community’s elementary levy. Mr. Patton shared evaluation highlights, including reading and math gains for students whose parents participated in the South Center’s Family Learning program; vocabulary gains and high teacher quality in the North Center’s program; and the positive results from increased professional development and coaching. Dr. Sutfin shared that Millard’s extended learning/summer program was showing decrease in summer learning loss.
7. CEO David Patton presented the names and contact information of the newly elected members of the Learning Community Coordinating Council in Achievement Subcouncils 1, 3 and 5. Lorraine Chang was thanked for her service. Onboarding meetings are taking place and an in depth orientation process is planned.
8. Lorraine Chang explained the Council’s decision to create a Learning Community Foundation. The Superintendents raised questions related to the purpose of the foundation and how it would function. Ms. Chang responded that the bylaws make clear that the foundation is designed to support the Learning Community’s 11 districts. The foundation will enable additional children and families to be served by the programs that are already working well. It will also work collaboratively with the district foundations. The Superintendents agreed to

language for a letter that would be sent to local foundations seeking start-up funding. The motion in the agenda was deemed unnecessary. A copy of the Bylaws will be provided to the Superintendents.

9. Next Meeting: To Be Determined

9. Adjournment: Time 10:40a.m.

Presented by: David Patton