

**LEARNING COMMUNITY OF DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES  
LEARNING COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**April 15, 2021**

A meeting of the Coordinating Council of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties was held April 15, 2021. Notice of the meeting, containing the date, time, place, and agenda, was given in advance thereof by publication in the Daily Record on April 14, 2021. The proofs of publication have been received and will be made a permanent part of the record of the meeting. Notice of the agenda was given to all members of the Council on March 11, 2021.

1. Call Meeting to Order. The meeting was convened and called to order by Chair Hager at 6:02 pm and began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public Notice & Compliance with Open Meetings Act. Chair Hager announced that the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted online and that copies of materials being reviewed by the Council were available to the public online as well.

3. Roll Call:

Voting Members Present: Brock, Hager, Hahn, Hall, Hoeger, Kozel, Jackson, Schoenberger, Thommes, Ward, Zingg

Voting Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ekwerekwu, Franklin, Harris, Lewis

Also Present: Loretta Carroll, Koley Jessen, GOALS

4. Approval of Minutes: Allen Hager presented the Council minutes from the March 18, 2021 public meeting. Motion first by Hager and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thommes to approve minutes of the Council meeting held on March 18, 2021. **Yeas:** Jackson, Hager, Hall, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Thommes, Zingg, Schoenberger. **Nays:** Ward, **Motion carried.**

5. Reports

a) Chair Hager reported that we have quality candidates for Sub 5 in attendance and that the interviews will be highly anticipated. Referenced the articles that he sent out this week related to COVID, and future strategic plan.

b) Treasurer – Mr. Thommes gave report.

i. **Action Item:** Motion to Accept Treasurer’s Report dated March 31, 2021 Motion first by Hoeger, second by Thommes. Mr. Hoeger moved to Table the motion to a future meeting date. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion to table. No debate. **Yeas:** Jackson, Hager, Hall, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Thommes, Zingg, Schoenberger, Ward, **Motion carried.**

ii. **Action Item:** Motion to Accept Second Quarter Budget to Actual dated February 28, 2021. Motion first by Hoeger, second by Zingg. **Yeas:** Jackson, Hager, Hall, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Thommes, Zingg, Schoenberger, **Nays:** Ward, **Motion carried.**

- c) Chief Executive Officer – CEO thanked partners in attendance, introduced Alice Lewis, and provided a statement of support and encouragement to all families effected by social happenings, globally-nationally-locally.
- d) LC Foundation – Hahn reported that the LCF now has a website, that the Foundation is producing a video promo for future use, and that they are participating in Do Good week
- e) Legal Counsel- No Report

#### 6. Public Comments –

Public Comment #1: Abbey Jo Klein. 5410 Weir Street. Omaha, NE 68117. Spoke on behalf of and in support of Evan Schmeits for Subcouncil 5.

Public Comment #2: Shanna Murphy. 4520 Kelby Road. Omaha, NE 68152. Spoke on behalf of and in support of Evan Schmeits for Subcouncil 5 by reading a letter written by Michael F. McDonnell.

#### 7. Learning Community Programming Update

- a) Centers - Presentation by Renee Franklin (Summer Academy). Ms. Franklin provided an update on the LC's plan for the summer learning for young children (ages 3 and 4) at the South Center and discussed logistics.
- b) Superintendents' Plan – No report
- c) District Initiatives - Instructional Coaching Discussion (Cecilia Wilken, Ralston Public School). Ms. Wilken provided a handout to explain the current composition and operation of the instructional coaching program in Ralston public schools, as well as the demographic layout of the district. Discussion was held.

#### 8. Subcommittee Reports

- a) Legislative Subcommittee- Ms. Schoenberger provided a report on many bills including those related to budget, diversity plan, and relationships/conversations with key Senators.
- b) Budget, Finance & Audit Subcommittee- Mr. Hoeger provided an update discussing the need for continued insurance coverages. Discussion was held.
- i. **Action Item:** Motion to Approve the Insurance Renewal Premiums For 2021-2022. Motion first by Hoeger, Second by Thommes. **Yeas:** Jackson, Hager, Hall, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Thommes, Zingg, Schoenberger. **Nays:** Ward, **Motion carried.**

- c) Elementary Learning and Diversity Subcommittee- Ms. Jackson provided an update on upcoming meetings to review the BECI Superintendents Early Childhood plan contract and the MMI evaluation contract.

9. New Business

- a) Discuss **South Center Annex Renewal**
- b) **Action Item:** Motion to Extend the Commercial Lease with El Mero Mero for an additional term of three years, as outlined in the agreement. Motion first by Hager, second by Zingg.**Yeas:** Jackson, Hager, Hall, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Thommes, Zingg, Schoenberger. **Nays:** Ward, **Motion carried.**
- c) Election of the new Sub 5 council person:

Interview 1: Yajaira Gonzalez  
Interview 2: Matthew Barros  
Interview 3: Roxann Hamilton  
Interview 4: Evan Schmeits  
Interview 5: Erik Omar Servellon

The Council went into Closed Session under the first motion of Chair Hager and second of Mr. Zingg at 7:43PM. Koley Jessen assisted in the process of conducting the vote process.

The Council opened the meeting again at 8:16 PM first by Hager second by Zingg. Roll Call:  
**Yeas:** Jackson, Hager, Hall, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Thommes, Zingg, Schoenberger, Ward.

The Council held discussion regarding the potential candidates and positive personal interactions with specific candidates. The first round of voting resulted in the naming of 4 final candidates (Schmeits, Barros, Gonzalez, and Servellon). A vote was conducted to name the 3rd clear candidate (runoff between Schmeits and Barros). The vote resulted in Schmeits moving forward to become the 3rd candidate. The Council then voted to reach one final candidate between Schmeits, Gonzalez, and Servellon. The Council voted again to elect one candidate and there were two finalists tied (Gonzalez and Servellon). A final vote was held to elect a clear candidate between the two, and Servellon was elected as the new Subcouncil 5 representative.

Erik Omar Servellon accepted the nomination, read the oath of office declaration, and completed the notary process with the assistance of Koley Jessen.

10. Next Council Meeting –

May 20, 2021 – Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Omaha, Nebraska

11. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned with unanimous approval at 8:51 pm

## **UPCOMING LEARNING COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

Advisory Committee

To Be Determined

LC Coordinating Council

May 20, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612  
N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE

## **HANDOUTS TO ACCOMPANY THIS AGENDA ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- LCCC Minutes dated March 18, 2021
- Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2021
- 2021 District Initiatives
- El Mero Mero Extended Term Letter and Commercial Lease
- Budget To Actual Document
- Candidates Applications & Resumes