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### Why did the Learning Community start?

In social studies we were given an assignment to find out why the Learning Community started. Through all the information we looked at, I found out some important reasons why the school started. I looked at what the teachers, parents and the Charter School Internal Review had to say about why the school started. Every person that talked about the school had a cool and different story to tell.

According to The Charter School Internal Review, The Learning Community wanted teachers and students to be engaged in learning. The Learning Community wanted everyone to challenge each other and strive to achieve high expectations. They wanted a community of leaders, teachers, and students be able to learn from each other to be better learners and people.

Linda Borg's article from the Providence Journal written on July 9, 2004, said that The Learning Community wanted to serve as a training ground for new teachers. They wanted teachers to be able to embrace Latino culture and have a bilingual focus. The Learning Community wanted to focus on hands on learning.

According to the EquityGap graphs, in 1990, 26% of U.S. born Latinos stayed back or were behind in school. In 2000, 23% of U.S born Latinos stayed back or were behind. Between 2006 and 2010, 16% of U.S born Latinos stayed back or were behind. This is why they wanted to open up the Learning Community. To let people have a voice and to make sure everyone, including Latinos, got the best education possible.

According to Ms. Meg, the co-director, she was going to open a school somewhere else, but she felt that other places already had good schools so why do they need one more? Ms. Meg said that she wanted a place where kids, teachers, and everyone were a part of the team that can learn from each other and become stronger learners and leaders. Ms. Meg said that every year that goes by she wants to make the school better than before.

According to Ms. Claudia, a student's parent, there were no other schools that were really good. Her daughter didn't like the schools she went to so, when Ms. Claudia heard about the Learning Community opening up in the Y.M.C.A., it was easy to send her daughter there. They both started to like the school. She felt like LCCS was giving her daughter a good education and the teachers were so nice and willing to teach. Ms. Claudia thinks that the school opened so that kids could get a good education.

Ms. Connolly, in her interview, said they wanted to open the school so that teachers can also have a voice. They took teachers to visit different schools in New York to show them good teaching. They wanted kids to be able to learn as much as possible, because they felt like kids in Providence were not getting as good an education as they could.

Ms. Meg and Ms. Sarah both envisioned a good school where everyone could learn and that's what they got. A wonderful school where teachers work together to help you get a good education. We are all proud of what this school has become.