

NKCEE Advisory Council
NKYEC Action Team 3

September 17, 2014 minutes

Attendees: Eric Brose, Kathy Burkhardt, Susan Cook, Shawn Faulkner, John Farrar, Curtis Hall, Amy Neal, April Roberts-Traywick, Laura Schneider, Jen Stansbury Koenig, Mark Wasicsko, Brett Zyromski.

Guest: Mike Rosenberg

Susan Cook, Ed.D, opened the NKCEE Advisory Council meeting and facilitated introductions and updates from attendees.

1) Updates from partners

- a. Michael J. Rosenberg, Director of Transfer Services from Gateway Community & Technical College presented a brief history of Gateway Community and Technical College and shared details about the Gateway 2 NKU partnership that began in 2011 to provide seamless transfers from GCTCS to NKU. Currently, 190 students are in the program, 135 of the students are enrolled in courses at NKU and receive all the same benefits as NKU students (e.g. housing, student affairs events) at the Gateway tuition rate.
- b. Curtis Hall, Director of the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services, emphasized value for our current partnerships. He highlighted successful administration of the Elementary Secondary School Counseling grants and Vicki Dansberry's grant writing efforts to support regional projects. Two local school districts (Erlanger and Campbell) have met ratio for 1 school counselor to 250 students. Current instructional supports include: PGES for each professional group, Science Network and new Kentucky Core Academic Standards, Coaching Institute (Jim Knight Institute) on Sept. 30/Oct 1 at the Ralph Rush Development Center, Harvard Strategic data project for Teacher Effectiveness on October 8 and the Kentucky Department of Education for Continuous Improvement planning on October 9.
- c. April Roberts-Traywick, Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, shared updates about the Governor's Commonwealth Institute 5-day institute for children advocates. The Parent Leadership and Parents and Teachers Talking Together will provide professional development to increase student/parent engagement for impact. She promoted the business engagement tours in partnership with the NKYEC Action Team 5.

- d. John Farrar, Ph.D., Executive Director of CINSAM, discussed the current focus of CINSAM to impact NKU faculty teaching skills and outreach to P-12 teachers. One initiative is in the Next Generation classrooms with 1100 4th – 6th grade teachers focusing on best practice and inquiry based teaching methods utilizing the FISHBOWL process. The plan is to expand to middle school teachers. CINSAM is currently supporting the Center for Environmental Education with STEM Connections night (6 nights) for NXT GEN to focus on climate change. The NKy Youth Science Summit is scheduled for October 4. The Lego league state tournament competition will be scheduled in January at NKU.
 - e. Eric Brose, Director, NKU Upward Bound presented a brief history of Upward Bound. He is currently working with Kenton, Gallatin and Pendleton Counties and Newport Independent School District. Simon Kenton High School is the current largest partner. The BRIDGE initiative examines diversity in rural, suburban and river communities. The Talent Search coordinator is Lisa Brinkman and they offer 7th grade students visits to college campuses during the school year, and they offer a 3-day science camp.
- 2) Jen Stansbury Koenig, Ed.D. shared the current initiatives of the Center for Educator Excellence, including:
- a. Updates on recently awarded Elementary/Secondary School Counseling (ESSC) grants with Campbell County Schools and partnership with the Erlanger-Elsmere, Silver Grove and Williamstown with NKCES. Based on success as evaluator on previously funded ESSC grants with the NKCES, the NKCEE will serve as external evaluator with each of these newly awarded grants.
 - b. Information about the IEQ Collaborative for Inquiry-Based Instructional Strategies that will co-sponsor the Tricia McKale workshop with NKCES on 9/30 and 10/1 at Ralph Rush. The IEQ project will host a follow-up Literacy workshop at TMC on 10/16 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The last hour of the workshop will feature Mary Kay Connelly of Children, Inc. who will introduce participating coaches to resources and support to help teachers develop Service Learning opportunities for students.
 - c. Recently awarded Title II grants from the Kentucky Department of Education. The NKCEE will serve as fiduciary of the Non-Public Schools Commission (\$41,992) funds and Catholic Diocese of Kentucky (\$43,173) funds to support their professional development.
 - d. As the Northern Kentucky Partnership Academy, the NKCEE is eager to meet with representatives from the Council on Postsecondary Education to review the external evaluation report. The NKCEE will meet with other Partnership Academies in Frankfort on 9/30 and Kim Arrington of CPE, will visit the new NKCEE office on 10/3 to share specific recommendations from the evaluation report, and those who participated in the evaluation interviews or focus group

are welcome to attend. We will share more details next week. We are still working to secure dates for the College and Career network meetings with: School Counselors, Librarians, Assistant Principals, Secondary Principals, Early Learning Leaders, IT Professionals, and Elementary Principals.

- 3) Other updates from attendees included:
 - a. Laura Schneider, President of the Kenton County Education Association, discussed the need for PGES support and stated that she is a certified PGES trainer by KEA and approved by KDE to provide training on the new PGES.
 - b. Amy Neal, United Way Manager of Success by Six, discussed the importance of the NKU partnership with participating school districts. Only 53% of entering kindergartners tested as K-Ready with the Brigance Screener. Partnership initiatives include parent involvement, the Born Learning Academies, Me & My School, and transitioning to Kindergarten. She reported a 215% increase in early childhood center applications volunteering for the Star-Rating system. Coaching by Quality support is provided by United Way to early childcare providers.
 - c. Shawn Faulkner, Ph.D., Department Chair of Teacher Education at NKU, promoted the National and State Reading and Writing and LALLI projects which pay tuition and supplies for participants. He noted that Elementary and Middle School pre-service teachers are participating in the CINSAM fishbowls. He reported that at the end of this fall semester, a total of 15 students will complete the online English Language Learner Endorsement certification.
- 4) The meeting was adjourned at 5:05.