



Executive Director's Report – August 2015

NKCES New Board of Director Members

NKCES welcomes Dr. Mike Stacy, new Superintendent of Beechwood Independent School District to the region and to our board.

NKCES Re-imaging

5 year Vision: NKCES will be a trusted partner with local school districts and the learning community to research and apply innovative 21st Century practices by leveraging resources, developing strategic alliances and inspiring powerful leadership while providing exemplary customized services to districts, communities and our students.

As I begin my work as Executive Director of NKCES the word that I have been sharing is “synergy”: two or more things working together in order to create something that is bigger or greater than the sum of their individual efforts. We have the challenge of preparing students from the early age to be CCR as a region and we want to be your partner and help **connect, grow and serve** your district needs. I believe that the educational talent and passion for impacting student learning is exceptional in NKY and I hope you join me in creating synergy for our region.

Here are a few items that are in the work to bring the new image to life:

- Designing logo to represent NKCES
- Meeting with internal employees to understand nature of work and refine roles.
- Held workshop with entire staff to set expectations under new leadership. Connect, Grow Serve: How do you do this in your role? We also are participating in the FISH Philosophy book study based on a session I conducted with them. Even though this idea has been around for a while, the basic foundation is still a core part of how I “do business” and would like to see the coop use as its foundation.
- NKCES Working with webpage designer to complete webpage by September 15th.
- NKCES is working with printer to design a few items for our logo
- I have created “committees” to accomplish the tasks such as:
 - Creating a catalog of professional learning opportunities
 - NKCES brochure
 - Professional Relation (ideas to help promote our work to support districts)
 - Welcome Back to School Night: Highlight how NKCES can CONNECT-GROW-SERVE in your district and our region

Contracts: Thank you to everyone who has already turned in their contracts. If you have not done this yet, please do so as soon as possible. We can send new forms if necessary.

Representing Region:

I have spent the first month working on the internal structure and also introducing myself/our work at regional meetings such:

- Toyota
- KASA: Principal Design Team
- NKU COEH Opening Day Luncheon: Shared our vision for working together
- FAME
- Round Tables: Promoting this work to support professional growth of administration
- Began meeting in some districts to address needs
- Working with key stakeholders to gather needs/ideas for support

Summer Recap of Professional Learning Opportunities

Summer 2015 has been an extremely busy time for NKCES collaborating with external support agencies hosting and sponsoring “professional learning opportunities” for various groups. Listed below is a brief recap of the opportunities provided:

- Para Educators Conference
- CBB Modules: Add/Subtract; Multiplication; Fractions
- Orton Gillingham – Comprehensive Basic Training
- Orton Gillingham – Advanced Continuum
- Flipped Classroom
- Standard Based Report and Grading
- NKY Principals TPGES/Instructional Coaches
- Alternate KPREP Science Progressions
- Data Retreats for Pendleton and Bracken

Update on Facility: Discussed current building situation with Ray of Houston Restoration. I have set up an on-site meeting and will be gathering more information to share at our September meeting.

PD Consortia

The focus of the PD Consortia for the 2015-2016 will be to plan and design opportunities as identified in the NKCES Strategic Plan. Other opportunities identified by local districts will be shared. *Thank you for members who have already given feedback and have also turned in paperwork to join the PD consortia.*

(SEE HANDOUT THAT WAS SHARED:)

COMMON TRENDS from NKCES Educational Service

- CBB (continued support with math)
- Differentiation
- Gifted and Talented
- Co-Teaching



- Writing
- CCR: ILP
- PBIS
- LDC/MDC
- Assessment Strategies
- Rtl: Behavior
- PGES to include OPGES, PPGES, TPGES, SPGES
- Technology integration/tools
- ESL Support for growing needs

Possible National Speakers: NKCES TALKS (NKY version of Ted Talks)

Angela Lee Duckworth: Growth-mindset: GRIT
John D. Farrelly: Leading an Innovative Global District
Carol Dweck: The Role of Mindsets in Student Success
Yong Zhao: Developing Children's Strengths, not "Fixing their Deficiencies."
 Cultivating Global Competences
Todd Whitaker: What Great Principals/Teachers do Differently
 Motivating People during Difficult Times

David Dockterman: Turning Students into Learners: Building the Motivational Pieces for Rigor

Elle Allison-Napolitano: Leadership Resiliency: *Bounce Forward*

Possible PLC Groups/Opportunities:

- Coordinate Regional PLCs such as: CTE educators and Arts and Humanities/Practical Living educators to hold sessions on specific topics
- LUNCH and LEARN: A variety of sessions to include workshops on using technology to enhance productivity(such as Excel, Superintendent Secretary's: Gathering evidence for SPGES indicators, Portfoliogen)

Make-It/Take-It workshops: Variety of Topics/Needs

We want your ideas to help NKCES better connect, grow and serve our region!

REL Opportunities

NKCES partnered with the REL leadership to continue planning for opportunities for research and support to local school districts. These opportunities include fall webinars reflecting a variety of topics. We have also partnering with REL as an evaluator for our I3 grant application.

Content Leadership Networks

Content Leadership Networks in Science and Social Studies in addition to ISLN will begin meeting in September. Thank you to the districts submitting names of representatives to these professional learning communities. Email distribution lists are created reflecting membership to each network and email reminders are sent to participants prior to each meeting. Please notify NKCES if revisions to the membership lists are needed throughout the school year in order to keep accurate email distribution lists for the networks.

Future Professional Learning Opportunities

GREAT OPPORTUNITY! Tricia McKale Skyles will be presenting on September 22 – 23, 2015, at the Gateway Community & Technical College in the Convening Center (at the top of the hill). Training is scheduled to begin at 8:00 AM and should end at 3:30 PM. Please forward the flyer to your staff members who may be interested in attending. The flyer is hyperlinked to our online registration, or they can go to our website and click on PD Conference and scroll down the list and click on Coaching Classroom Management. Also for your convenience, you may access the registration by:

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