



Executive Director's Report – November 2015

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.*

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Professional Learning Consortium: The PL Consortium met for a work session on October 29th and created a plan for professional learning needs. The focus of the PL Consortia for the 2015-2016 will be to plan and design opportunities: One specific need already identified is beginning PLCs for specific groups.

I want to thank each district for coming to the meeting and for sharing your insights and district professional learning needs. It was a great discussion and I think we were able to develop some outcomes to support student learning for this school year and I am excited about that materializing even more. I have attached the summary of notes from our meeting and would appreciate any feedback. **THE ASK:**

1. If you have a recommendation of a teacher leader or district leader for the Arts and Humanities group, please send me their name. This person would work to coordinate the agenda for this group and take the group through the agenda. They would also be the liaison for NKCES if they had needs such as presenters or KDE information. (Dr. Detwiler has volunteered to be the PLC lead!)
2. It was a consensus that this group would like to meet every month vs. 4 times a year. This would allow topics to be addressed beyond professional learning needs that the group identifies and also would provide a way to "grow" from each other's knowledge and experiences. I will send dates out soon.
3. Science Framework: If you are interested in coming to an informational meeting to look at the possibility of a common framework for NKY, please let me know so that I can schedule a meeting if there is interest. Dr. Cheser shared that Sean Elkins has been involved in this work in Boone so feel free to take a look at <http://www.boone.k12.ky.us/> (Select Parents & District Curriculum)
4. We need to also discuss in-depth summer needs (i.e. would a regional summer academy help in meeting teacher needs?)
5. Please review the attached document that reflects the conversation and goals for professional learning.

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Audit: The auditor met with me on October 26th in regard to key findings from last year. He has worked at NKCES for the past three weeks conducting the audit. A full report will be shared with board at conclusion of audit.

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

NKCES WEBPAGE: NKCES launched the new website on November 3rd. It is our hope that the improvements to our site will serve you and your district better. After the initial roll-out of our site, we will continue to add information to keep you in the "know"! The NKCES team is excited to connect, grow and serve through this forum.

Representing Region: I am spending time working on the internal structure of NKCES and also introducing myself/our work at regional meetings such:

- ✓ Monthly Conference call with Karen Kidwell in regard to NKCES & KDE Expectations
- ✓ ACHIEVE Meeting in Washington: Team member for Kentucky
- ✓ SAC Meeting in Frankfort: Dr. Pruitt held initial meeting with superintendent reps
- ✓ Carnegie Learning: Digital Learning Summit Chicago
- ✓ KDE Meeting: Early Childhood Summit held in Frankfort
- ✓ CINSAM: Working with CINSAM to coordinate PLCs with College of Arts
- ✓ Literacy Summit(Scholastic-Chicago)
- ✓ REL: Conference Call for updates
- ✓ PD Consortium Working Session
- ✓ Met with KDE Instructional Specialists, Hallie Booth, Chris Couch, Kelly Stidham, along with Dr. Weaver NKU Facilitator for ISLN
- ✓ School Visit, Bellevue to look at PEBC
- ✓ Working with key stakeholders to gather needs/ideas for support
- ✓ Met with Brandon, Asst. Athletic Director at NKU for possible partnerships
- ✓ KDE LIASON:
 - KDE World Language: Coordinated this training with KDE for Districts
 - Early Childhood Summit: Attended this meeting to give district input on plan/agenda
- ✓ KASA Principal Design

Regional School Meeting: The regional school committee met to discuss agenda items for the current school year. I attended and shared goals for the future of the program and requested the committee help by brainstorming possibilities as a plan is made for the 2016-17 school year. **SERVICE PROJECT:** A meeting was held to brainstorm possible RSP Service project with NKCES staff for the holidays. If interested in details or participating, please let me know.

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Update on Facility: Houston will be completing the work to cover the rooftop that is exposed prior to winter. Also, we continue to do minor updates to the building that will maintain the facility and provide the best possible learning and working environment for the region at the current location.

Maintenance/Cleaning Position: We held interviews for this position and are currently checking references. I will share an update at the board meeting.

Gifted and Talented: NKCES was approached by NKAGE to discuss the potential for NKCES to oversee NKAGE. A meeting was held on October 31st to look at what this would entail. We will move forward with a regional kick-off meeting if board is supportive.

Update on Grant Scenario shared last month: Vicki Dansberry is currently leading this work vs. hiring someone on contract. We will revisit this role as more grants are awarded.

NKCES was awarded School Liaison Grant! Grant funding received to help middle schools close gaps KDE has awarded funding that will make it possible for NKCES to hire a School Academic Liaison. This person will work with staff to improve and integrate RTI processes at RA Jones Middle School (Boone County), Tichenor Middle School (Erlanger-Elsmere Independent), Ludlow High School middle school grades 7 and 8 (Ludlow Independent), and Sharp Middle School (Pendleton County).

We expect all schools to benefit as trainings and experiences are shared regionally online and in person through the co-op. Expected outcomes include 1) reducing gaps between all students and students with disabilities and 2) reducing the percentage of students with novice scores in reading and mathematics.

Dr. Reed has initiated a meeting with NKCES and NKU to explore the possibility of a collaboration effort on grant.

Content Leadership Networks: Content Leadership Networks in Science and Social Studies in addition to ISLN are currently underway and are coordinated through NKCES. 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.

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