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Beechwood Independent

Bellevue Independent

Boone County

Bracken County

Campbell County

Covington Independent

Dayton Independent

Erlanger-Elsmere
Independent

Fort Thomas
Independent

Gateway Community &
Technical College

Ludlow Independent

Newport Independent

Northern Kentucky
University

Pendleton County

Silver Grove
Independent

Southgate Independent

Walton-Verona
Independent

Williamstown
Independent

Speed of Trust, Covey: David Johnson, Executive Director of South East Central Cooperative invited me to his regional meeting to hear Stephen Covey share on the book we are using at NKCES, Speed of Trust. It was an exceptional experience and truly enhanced the learning from his book. It is my hope that we will be able to use this book as a foundation for building trust in our region. An all day workshop will be held on February 3rd. Please see me for more information if you are interested in attending.

KASS Conference: We appreciate the leadership shining a light on NKY and these districts presenting include: Fort Thomas Independent Schools, Boone County Schools and Campbell County Schools.

Summer Mini-Conference: We have 3 districts/organizations that are interested in holding a one-day conference in June. The PL Consortium is working with NKYEC and NKU to look at possibilities to bring these three opportunities together as one event to make the learning experience even stronger for schools, business and community members (more information to be shared after the November PL Consortium meeting).

Thinking Strategies Institute: Several districts have visited Bellevue to see Thinking Strategies (PEBC) in action. This is the work we incorporated (along with Explicit Instruction) to be unified as a cooperative and also the work that was shared as a framework for effective core instruction at the Novice Reduction Training. Dr. Weber and I attended the Thinking Strategies Institute in Denver on November 15 and it ranks in one of my top professional experiences. The Thinking Strategies provide a framework for students to have ownership of their learning. In the classrooms I visited, I witnessed 100% engagement and students owning the learning. It was inspiring to see the teacher as a skilled artist guiding/coaching each student to their potential. We look forward to growing this work through our regional PLCs and supporting Bellevue as they become a lab school for the Thinking Strategies Institute.

Facility Improvements at NKCES:

- o Emhet Hayes was on site and shared a facilities report at our December meeting.
- o Houston Brothers was on site doing the work that was requested for securing the brick. The work is complete on US 27 side of the building and they will begin work on the front of the building to complete project in the spring.

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PL Consortium

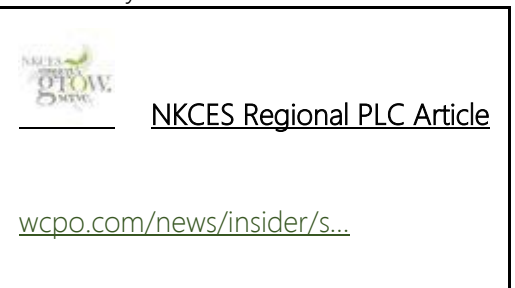
We have requested that district representatives select a committee to serve on so that we can bring several of the ideas generated from the PL Consortium to life this summer. This will provide a variety of perspectives and the manpower to create a great product to build regional capacity (explanation below):

A reminder that a webpage has been added to house resources and provide easy access to our PL Consortium and also PLC members. *Thanks to everyone for building synergy in our region through our PLC process!*

The PL Consortium and Regional PLCs are now on our webpage!

To view the PL Consortium [Click Here](#)

To view the Regional PLCs [Click Here](#)



PL Consortium LiveBinder

- For QUICK access to our PL Consortium LiveBinder [Click Here](#) or scan
- You can also access this information by visiting www.nkces.org
Click on *Resources* (top right-hand side of the screen)
Dropdown to *PL Consortium*
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Binder ID: 2006469



Regional PLCs

The PL Consortium has shown an interest in the following trainings: **Regional KAGAN Workshop** (29 spots), **Regional Novice Reduction Training** (40 spots) this will take place in December, **Mindfulness Workshop**: Mrs. Razor is working on setting up a meeting date with the instructor.

Possible Opportunities: Regional Roundtable follow-up on NKY INNOVATION—the superintendents would be interested in this occurring and this was also suggested many times on the evaluations. Smart Cities dialogue on creating an eco-system for the 21st Century Learner.

1. Regional roundtable discussions
2. Fostering ongoing conversations with tools such as VOXER (i.e.: share one new technology in the discussion, what new technology you are using in your district and how does it impact student learning?)

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Multi-day Summer Conference of engaging events to Power Up NKY as we create an awareness of critical factors in preparing the 21st Century Learner. The Region will collectively collaborate and engage in a unique and stimulating format to spark and ignite action for our Regions students.

Summer Mini-Conference: We need volunteers who will lead this committee work so if you are interested please email Michele. *A few school districts/organizations have funding to secure a keynote speaker and host a Regional PL event for each of the following topics:*

- *Early Childhood*
- *EdTech*
- *Mental Health*

Vander Ark Next Generation Learning Sessions:

The success of this event is an example of a strong professional learning product when synergy is created by our districts. "Smart Schools: Focus on Next Generation Learning Series" is a unique learning experience that provides an opportunity to strengthen your knowledge and partnerships as active learners, as we work together to prepare our students as 21st Century Learners. It's not too late to register for the keynote speaker, Tom Vander Ark, author of Smart Cities who will be speaking at NKU on November 8th. The cost of \$200.00 includes all three workshops, online curriculum, e-book, soft copy of book and lunch on the final day. The power of this event lies within the participants—it's not too late to register for this event to help make NKY~TheBestPlaceToLearn! A special thanks to the planning committee for their extra support in making this event a success!



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RSP Holiday Shop: Once again NKCES will be hosting the Regional School Programs Christmas Shop on Dec. 7th. The Christmas shop provides an opportunity for students enrolled at Regional School Programs to experience the pleasure of giving back to loved ones during the holiday season.

Students will be paired with a NKCES staff member to help them choose the perfect gift for two preselected recipients. Along with selecting the gifts, students will have the opportunity to wrap their gifts and create a Christmas card. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided for student during their shopping experience.

NKCES staff have been asked to contribute however they can. Whether it be bringing in supplies for the Christmas Shop or making a monetary contribution. Last year we raised over a thousand dollars which allowed for some amazing gifts. We are hoping to meet or exceed that dollar amount to make this year's Christmas Shop even more amazing.

EL Update: The EL Program is in the process of completing ACCESS testing for its member districts. This results in a significant time savings for staff in each district.

In the future, the EL Program would like to provide, on-going, job-embedded SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol) training to teachers. Ideally, we hope to provide teachers with a small stipend and a SIOP Manual, as well as PD hours. We will be seeking input from our member districts about this and all other aspects of our program. The EL Consultants would like to thank our member districts for their support!

IDEA Update

OVR Grant: Prior to the winter break, OVR informed the nine Coop's that revisions to the budgets were required to accommodate the cut in funding from \$425,000 to \$333,332. Due to the reduction, we will be hiring one trainer instead of two. Regardless of the limitations this change may create, NKCES is committed to the program and assures fidelity while working with staff and students.

NKCES' revised budget has been submitted. Once we receive approval, we will begin the interview process to hire the CCR Trainer. Plans can then be solidified and we can move forward with the intentions of the grant.

Explicit Instruction: Dr. Anita Archer will present on January 5 – 6, 2017, to 175 participants. This represents 15 out of 17 districts in our region along with NKCES coaches, and other Co-op's throughout our state. Explicit Instruction is a systematic, direct, engaging, and success oriented and has been show to promote Achievement for all students. This highly practical and accessible training gives the tools to implement explicit instruction in

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any grade level or content area. We anticipate a great turn out and we will provide evaluation responses with you in our next report.

Better Conversations: Tricia Skyles is scheduled to present on February 13 – 14, 2017, with the continuation of our coaching series "Better Conversations." The training is scheduled to be held at Gateway Community & Technical College. If you recall, this training had to be moved from December's date to February due to a serious family illness within Ms. Skyles family. Registration is full and closed with 80 participants registered.

Special Education Law: Melinda Jacobs will present March 24, 2017, at the Indiana Wesleyan University, addressing the "Year in Review," and providing our region with the latest and hottest updates regarding legal battles within schools today.

Upcoming Summer Events: We are excited to once again secure Mina Hammons for our Para Ed Conference, scheduled for June 26 – 29, 2017, at the Ralph Rush Center. Also coming July 10 – 14, 2017, is Michele Wenger, presenting Orton Gillingham – Basic Training, with the following week July 17 – 20, 2017, Orton Gillingham – Advanced Continuum. Both trainings are scheduled to be held at Gateway Community & Technical College.

As always, the NKCES staff is progressive in moving forward and looking ahead to the needs of our district. January brings a new year, a new start, and new way to go; but always and without fail we are committed to the realization of success for all kids....our kids.

Grant Consortium Update: 21st CCLC: KDE Grant Review was held. Vicki was not selected to review. Awards date is not posted, but suspected sometime after the end of this month.

Upward Bound: submitted with Bellevue, Dayton, Ludlow and Newport as participating districts.

Grant Possibilities: Read to Achieve: Under construction. See above.

2017 Day of Service: Discussion focused around a possible regional application in collaboration with the Freedom Center. Vicki will contact Tara Reily from the Freedom Center. Anna Marie Tracy, Mary Burch, and Diane Hatfield volunteered to help plan a proposal and Sandy Ortman-Tomlin said she would put Vicki in contact with a Gateway person who might support such a proposal.

AASL Innovative Reading Grant: This is a school-specific opportunity and should be distributed to school librarians who might be interested.

Teacher and School Leader Incentive Program: This grant did not seem to match district interests.



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Education Innovation and Research Program – Early Phase: Priorities were discussed. Some possibilities may exist for research, particularly with regard to the Regional Schools Program. Amy Razor and Vicki will talk more about this one.

Stem + Computing Partnership: Discussion focused on eligible applicants, which do not include LEAs or NKCES, even though the grant is to research elements of STEM and Computing integration in pre-K through grade 12. Vicki will send the grant to identified partners and let everyone know what develops.

Dollar General Grants: Summary will be sent to Grants Consortium members.

NEXT GRANT MEETING

February 1, 2017, 10:30 am, Erlanger-Elsmere Board of Education, 500 Graves Ave, Erlanger KY