

MINUTES
State P-16 Council
December 17, 2009

- Call to Order* The State P-16 Council convened December 17, 2009 1:00 PM at the offices of the Council for Postsecondary Education (CPE), conference room A, Chair Billy Harper presided.
- Roll Call* Members present: Billy Harper, Marilyn Troupe for Phillip Rogers (EPSB), Annette Bridges (KDE), Ruth Webb for Terry Holliday (KDE), Ron Daley (Assoc. of State P-16 Councils), Reecie Stagnolia (Adult Ed), Robert King (CPE), Donna Moore (CPE), Pam Miller (CPE), Jim Thompson (Ed WF Dev. Cab), Jo Carol Ellis (KHEAA), Staff Debbie Hendricks, Linda Linville, Pegge Woolums.
- Guests: *Mardi Montgomery (Lake Cumberland P-16), W.A. Franklin (Murray State, Teacher Quality Institute), Pam McGlone, Jim Tackett (Forward in the Fifth), Rebecca Simms (Bluegrass P-16), Sue Cain (CPE/EKU), Melissa Bell (CPE), William Duke (Big Sandy P-16), Danny Bailey (Ashland CTC), Fred Carter (WKU), Pat Ryan (Northstar Learning), Robert Yost (Northern Kentucky Association of School Superintendents), B. Russell Harper (Ky council of ADDs), Ken Warlich (LRC), David Cook (KDE), Karen Napier (Ky college Access Network), Polly Lusk-Page (NKY Council of Partners).*
- Approval of Minutes* The minutes of the September 19, 2009 P-16 Council meeting were approved.
- Chiefs' Panel – Vision for Student Success in Kentucky's P-16 Public Education System* Chair Harper introduced Kentucky's chief educational leadership P-16: Ruth Webb, Kentucky's Deputy Commissioner of Education (K-12); Robert King, President of Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education, and Dr. Marilyn Troupe of the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB). Each gave a welcome and perspective of their organizations regarding implementation Senate Bill 1 and college readiness efforts of all organizations working in collaboration.
- Dr. King welcomed all participants to the Council and complimented the P-16 local councils on their efforts to drive collaboration and the advance the elements of educating Kentuckians. He commented that educational leaders in Kentucky are working together better than they have in many years, modeling leadership by working together in real and meaningful ways to provide consultation to the General Assembly in passing Senate Bill 1 with rigorous expectations for implementing the work to bring alignment, consolidation and integration of a number of independent groups together. Regional cooperatives, postsecondary campuses and local P-16 councils each have important roles to see the state through continuous reforms. He challenged the group to remember to keep all stakeholders informed and engaged in the process of explaining the rationale for new educational standards leading to college and career readiness and the consequences for many students of not being prepared.

Ruth Webb challenged all to be attentive to the Race to the Top funding mechanism to implement Senate Bill 1 and take the new standards and assessments to the classrooms of Kentucky.

Dr. Troupe, on behalf of EPSB spoke of the flurry of activity in professional standard improvements through offering alternative certifications, and providing pre-service through superintendent preparation to further enhance professional development across the continuum of educators.

Chair Harper introduced Sally Sugg, Associate Commissioner, Office of Leadership and School Improvement, KDE; Felicia Cummings-Smith, Associate Commissioner, Office of Teaching and Learning, KDE; and Dr. Sue Cain, Coordinator for College Readiness & Developmental Education Initiatives, CPE.

This update included explanation of the purpose of Senate Bill 1 and the process planned for an instructional improvement system. (See attached Power Point presentation).

Stressing the four major objectives of the Race to the Top Fund via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus, discussions ensued.

David Cook, Project Manager for the Kentucky Race to the Top proposal, informed the group of the \$4.35 billion funding for K-12 education in the U.S. Kentucky will be requesting an estimated \$200M with 50% of that going to local educational associations (LEAs) through state memoranda of agreement. Part of the request must respond to effective teaching, data collection, professional development and attending to struggling school systems. There must be no barriers to prohibit tying educators to evaluations of student success. Evaluations of teacher effectiveness with regular teacher and principal discussions are to be a part of the applications. Much of the work of the Kentucky proposal will be preparation to conduct the improvements once grants are received. This will require rapid deployment of proposed implementations. Additional school improvement and innovation grants will be available in subsequent grant offerings. The postsecondary institutions also have an important role to play in teacher and administrator training programs, advancing professional development programs, assisting with assessment, evaluation and analysis to continue the progression of improvement at all levels. The deadline for submission is January 19 which must be accompanied by memoranda of understanding from as many Kentucky school districts as possible.

Members of the P-16 councils were encouraged to return to their local areas and encourage all superintendents, board chairs and educational associations to provide letters of support, directed to Dr. Terry Holliday.

The State P-16 Council members agree to also send a letter of support from the state Association of P-16 Councils.

Exemplary Local P-16 Council

Polly Lusk-Page, Director of Northern Kentucky Educational Council and Robert Yost, Superintendent of the Northern Kentucky Association of School Superintendents were welcomed by Chair Harper.

Ms. Lusk-Page gave an update on the organization of the Northern Kentucky Education Council (local P-16). Once housed at the educational cooperative in Northern Kentucky, the Council recently has reorganized and will be housed independently, better reflecting the role of business and community partners' collaborative work in the area. The Association of School Superintendents in the area have been a major supporter of the P-16 efforts and will continue to join with other Vision 2015 partners to raise the bar for all schools in the area. This Council has active membership from a number of sectors, including the three public and private postsecondary educational institutions in the area, workforce development, employers and civic leaders. Much of the success of this group has been the vision shared by NKU's president Dr. Votruba, contemplating and planning the role of the university in the health, and welfare of the areas' residents. The stakeholders in this effort are tying measurement of their success to student success and economic development for the region.

Chair Harper emphasized the importance of measuring results neither by seat time nor process, but by student success. Ron Daley, chair of the State Association of P-16 Councils explained further the desire of all in the field to work themselves out of a job with regard to education.

Focus of P-16 local and state Councils.

After some discussion by local P-16 representatives about dissolving the State P-16 Council and sharing concerns for access to information, the group recommended and a motion passed to merge the state P-16 Council with the State Association of P-16 Councils. Both KDE and CPE staff agreed to assist the local councils with any of their work and to be accessible to provide state-level opportunities and updates when available.

Next Meeting Dates

No meeting date was set, but all will be informed of future State Association of P-16 Council meetings. Ron Daley currently chairs this group and will set the date and notify all state and local councils if interested in attending.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Harper.