

**LINK Advisory Board Meeting**  
**KEDC Lexington Office**  
**November 9, 2018**  
**10:00**

**In attendance:**

Kenny Bell, Wolfe County School District  
Dr. Jim Evans, Lee County School District  
Pamela Williams, Barbourville Independent School District  
Kim Little, Owsley County School District  
Tammy Jones, Pineville Independent School District  
Jennie Enix, Lewis County School District  
Janet Compton, KEDC  
Clabe Slone, KEDC  
Rebecca Roach, KEDC  
Kay Hedrick, KEDC  
Jason Wheeler, KEDC

**Minutes**

Rebecca Roach opened the meeting with introductions.

**Administrative and Fiscal, Clabe Slone**

The final date to spend LINK funds is June 30, 2019. Should districts fail to spend funds, residual monies will be reallocated to meet project-wide program goals. Districts may still request expenditures using the LINK Allowable Expense Form. Clabe Slone will continue to update district balances on the LINK website. If districts need advice on spending funds, KEDC staff will assist. There will be no more extensions for this grant.

**Kagan Workshop, Clabe Slone**

The KAGAN workshop being held at KEDC Lexington November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> had only one opening for attendance due to a cancellation. Schools pay for travel/lodging and can be reimbursed with grant funds upon request.

**CHARGE Program, Clabe Slone**

KEDC received a grant from the Department of Education to provide professional development, technology, and programs to four school districts: Pineville Independent, Middlesboro Independent, Estill County, and Bell County. 75 teachers, grades kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup>, will receive content-based instruction from historians from universities and mentor teachers as well as EverFi, History Alive, and Google Certification. The third year of the program, teachers are eligible for summer immersion professional development in which they visit historical sites. Each year of the 5-year program will concentrate on a different period of American History. KEDC has initiated recruitment in the four grant-partnering districts. Mid-December, if fewer than 75 teachers have been recruited, KEDC will open up the program to other districts. Wendy King is coordinating the project.

**ASPIRE, Kay Hedrick**

ASPIRE is a five-year program that provides professional development and programs for students grades 6 through 8 in the following school districts: Bath, Carter, Elliott, Floyd, Greenup, Johnson, Lewis, Magoffin, Montgomery, and Russell Independent. The program is “choice-oriented” so that teachers can choose activities that best meet their needs and schedules. Presidential Academies will provide professional development sessions throughout the school year guided by local College Professors and History teachers, and yearly through a NCHE 5-day Summer Academy presented daily by a Historian, a Master History Teacher, and a learning specialist. Teachers will also participate in a 4-day Experiential Immersion Presidential Academy trip to a significant historical city to provide cadre members with firsthand historical knowledge that will enhance classroom instruction. Students may attend Congressional Academies that focus on the three branches of government. These programs may take place at the school level, planned by school personnel, or KEDC planned activities. ELA, Social Studies, and Special Education teachers may apply.

**Exit Surveys, Clabe Slone**

Clabe Slone will be visiting every school district in December to conduct an exit survey for the LINK program. He will be speaking with school leaders, both principals and superintendents, on their perceptions of the program, strengths, weakness, and suggestions for improvements.

**Community Captains, Rebecca Roach**

LINK schools recruited 32 C2s. All but two schools presently have C2s, which is an increase of 12 from the previous years. C2s are also putting in more hours than before. Rebecca Roach reminded districts to ask C2 to continuously update their invoices to accurately reflect the days they provide service during and after school.

**Librarian Coaching Program, Rebecca Roach**

Emily Northcutt is planning and implementing professional development to school and district librarians through Google Classroom. Content will focus on the American Association of School Librarian (AASL) standards. Librarians who are not L3s will receive a stipend for participation.

**SREB, Rebecca Roach**

SREB Consultant, Debra Cullin, is still available to conduct professional development during PLCs and after school. Ms. Cullin can work with elementary, middle, and high school teachers in content ranging from LDCs, classroom management, integration of transitional readiness and reading, or any other topic of interest for schools. Schools can contact Rebecca Roach to request her services.

**NLP, Rebecca Roach**

Consultants from the National Literacy Project visited all LINK schools in October. They reported observing positive and effective teaching approaches and strategies. They will continue to collaborate with LINK Coordinators on the creation, modification, and monitoring of literacy action plans in each school. NLP consultants will continue to lead virtual meetings with middle and high school literacy action plan team members. KEDC LINK consultants will do so for elementary school literacy action teams.

### **ACE and ACE Navigator, Clabe Slone**

Although the ACE program is not focused solely on compliance, KEDC is reviewing compliance recommendations from the Kentucky Department of Education to inform services provided. Student engagement is still front and foremost in the planning and implementation. KEDC has added a backpack feature in ACE that will allow students to upload essential documents such as ACT scores, transcripts, and recommendations that they will be able to access both while a student and post-graduation. KEDC is creating a transition readiness program for middle grades called ACE Navigator. This program includes instructional videos and is designed to be developmentally appropriate for middle grades. Both ACE and Navigator will harness data from the Department of Labor and Kentucky Center for Education & Workforce Statistics so that students can obtain information on projected job opportunities in their regions. New ACE features will be available in December and Navigator in January.

### **Micro-credentials, Clabe Slone**

In collaboration with BloomBoard KEDC has established two micro-credential programs: Assessment Literacy and Classroom Behavior. In January, Soft Skills and Global Competency will be added. The total cost for each is \$300. These programs are online and can be completed by school personnel at their convenience, but the program must be completed by the due dates that will be provided. KEDC will utilize LINK funds to pay for the program and will provide a stipend upon completion of each program.

Currently there are conversations on applying micro-credentials to rank changes, although no decision has been reached. KEDC is currently discussing opportunities for micro-credential programs' application to credit-bearing programs with universities. Participants may have the option of selecting professional development hours instead of stipends. The program will run from January to June, 2019.