

Sent: Sunday, May 03, 2015 12:05 PM
Subject: kid-FRIENDLy memo for May 1, 2015 (sent May 3 due to KY holiday weekend)
Attachments: FRYSC Funds Requests FY15-16 FINAL.docx; FRYSC Funds Plan FY 2015-16 FINAL.docx

Hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful KY weather and had at least one winner!

1. Communities of Practice: Teacher Leader Mini-Grants

Mini-grants are open only to Teacher Leader teams participating in kid•FRIENDLy CoPs during the 2014-15 school year. Teacher Leaders (on-boarding this summer for the 2015-16 school year) are not eligible to apply until the second round of applications in late Fall 2015. The deadline for the first round of applications is May 15. kid•FRIENDLy staff will complete the purchase orders, order the items, inventory upon arrival, and deliver them to Teacher Leader Teams by the start of the 2015-16 school year.

Each elementary and middle school team of 3 Teacher Leaders is eligible for \$2500 in mini-grant funds, and each high school team of 4 Teacher Leaders is eligible for \$3000. If Teacher Leader teams have fewer than the number suggested, the funds will be prorated as indicated in Table 1. All new Teacher Leaders added in July 2015 will have an opportunity to seek funds after September 2015 and ONLY after their individual actions plans have been completed. Funds will be distributed to them using the same information provided in Table 1.

Table 1.

No. of Teacher Leaders	Elementary/ Middle Schools	High Schools
1 Teacher Leader	\$833.33	\$750.00
2 Teacher Leaders	\$1666.66	\$1500.00
3 Teacher Leaders	\$2500.00	\$2250.00
4 Teacher Leaders	\$2500.00	\$3000.00
5 Teacher Leaders	\$2500.00	\$3000.00

When developing proposals, Teams are asked to address the following evaluation criteria:

1. Purpose/Objectives of the Mini-Grant: Why is the grant needed? How will it affect students?
2. Spending Plan: Does the proposed use of funds support individual and collective action plans?
3. Evaluation: How will you measure the impact of the purchased items on personalized learning?

Coaches will be working directly with Teams to ensure they plan and collaborate as a team and address the evaluation criteria. Coaches will sign the mini-grant application agreeing that the application addresses the needs of the Teacher Leader Team.

Teams are being asked to

1. Include the principal in planning discussions. As an integral support for the plan and its implementation, the principal will be asked to sign the mini-grant application.
2. Involve school/district-based IT staff in the discussions if the Team plans to purchase technologies so IT professionals (a) have an understanding of what is being planned, (b) help plan for the use of new technology, especially unanticipated IT issues, and (c) provide additional support as needed.
3. Submit by May 1, 2016, a Team evaluation/reflection on the use of the purchased items. Coaches will provide guidance on and facilitate this activity based on the proposed impact measures.

Funds can be used to purchase materials, supplies, and technology. They cannot be allocated toward personal honorariums, stipends, or travel. Team members must sign the application signifying they are in agreement with (a) how the funds are to be spent, (b) how the materials, supplies, and/or technologies are being used, and (c) taking responsibility (in collaboration with the Cognitive Coach) for evaluating/measuring the impact of the mini-grant.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Steve Moats at steven.moats@grrec.ky.gov.

2. Communities of Practice Learning Forum IV – July 21-22, 2015

The fourth Learning Forum is set for July 21-22. The location of the event will be finalized within the next few days and announced as soon as possible.

Teacher Leaders who started with the CoPs in October 2014 will participate in two days of training focused on project-based learning. They will leave the event with an understanding of PBL (centered on the Buck Institute for Education PBL model) and a framework of a project to implement in their classrooms. The facilitators for the work are all Buck Institute for Education National Faculty members.

Please note: If any of your Teacher Leaders have registered for either of the PBL training being offered by the kid•FRIENDLY grant during the summer, we highly suggest they attend **instead** the CoP training with their Teacher Leader Team so they may collaborate together on the design of projects and with their network of other Teacher Leaders from around the region. This will open up spots for other teachers in your schools if principals/Teacher Leaders choose to capitalize on this opportunity.

New Teacher Leaders (those beginning involvement with the CoPs in 2015-16) will spend the same two days in concurrent sessions designed to help them

- Develop knowledge and skills of student-centered learning within and across CoP Domains (i.e., Digital Natives, Real-World Application, and Student Empowerment).
- Network with Teacher Leaders to acquire information that supports the development of personalized learning environments.
- Cultivate a community of practitioners who engage in problem-solving, create links between learning and practice, and develop a shared repertoire of resources.

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3. OneNote Classroom/Staff Classroom/Mix Opportunity

We know many of the kF districts are interested in this so want to make sure you are aware of the opportunity below as sent out by Charlotte Chowning. For more information please contact her: Charlotte.Chowning@education.ky.gov

I have received numerous requests for an overview of the OneNote Classroom and Staff Classroom and Mix. Districts cannot get scheduled due to numerous individual request. I have reached out to Tim and we have secured May 13 from 9 am thru 12:30 pm for this overview. We are invited by Owen to use their tech conference room so we will need an RSVP to ensure we have enough chairs.

You are welcome to invite instructional supervisors and/or a couple of principals to see this overview.

I know a few will not be able to come and we can try again in June to hold another.

If any of you are wanting to see the Google tools, we can arrange that as well. I do know that some southern districts have seen Google due to their participation in Race to the Top.

Charlotte

4. FRYSC Funds/Plans Reminder

We have attached the forms sent last week related to FRYSC funds in case you have not yet forwarded. For more information contact Elisa Beth Brown at Elisa.brown@ky.gov.