

Emails sent to NancyOnNorwalk on June 10. (Read from the bottom up.)

From: Sue Haynie [mailto:lshaynie@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 8:29 AM

To: Tony Daddona

Cc: Artie Kassimis; Heidi Keyes; Jack Chiaramonte; Michael Lyons; Migdalia Rivas; Mike Barbis; Rosa Murray; Steven A. Colarossi; Jean Evans Davila; Brian Fagan; Lisa Brinton Thomson

Subject: Re: CKLA

Hello Tony

Thank you for your reply.

Can you please provide us with a fuller reasoning as to why NPS is not considering providing teachers and staff the benefit of a site visit to Newark, NJ, a nearby district implementing Core Knowledge/Amplify and a site visit to a district, TBD by Jean, that is implementing Pearson Reading Street to review their implementation and Professional Development.

Whichever K-5 curriculum is chosen, Norwalk PS will use it for 5 or 10 years, due diligence is in order. Let's look at the data and research in support of whichever programs are being discussed also. It is worth repeating, we must get ELA K-5 right and we must do it with a deep respect for the teachers who will implement it and the students, their parents, and the secondary-level teachers who will be the beneficiaries.

Thanks, Sue

On Fri, May 31, 2013 at 1:14 PM, Tony Daddona

<DADDONAT@norwalkps.org<mailto:DADDONAT@norwalkps.org>> wrote:

Sue

I was out on Friday ,however, I did get in contact with Mike Lyons and he was aware I could not cancel. At this there are no plans to do a site visit.

Tony

From: Sue Haynie [mailto:lshaynie@gmail.com<mailto:lshaynie@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 1:08 PM

To: Tony Daddona

Cc: Artie Kassimis; Heidi Keyes; Jack Chiaramonte; Michael Lyons; Migdalia Rivas; Mike Barbis; Rosa

Murray; Steven A. Colarossi; Jean Evans Davila; Brian Fagan

Subject: Re: CKLA

Hello Tony

Thank you for your response. I am still waiting for a response to my question regarding site visits to nearby districts to view the implementation of whichever curriculum the teachers may be interested in; I know at least 2 curriculum are of interest -- Pearson Reading Street was one such curriculum and I asked if Jean or CO could find out where it is being implemented closely; Core Knowledge is being piloted in Newark. I have asked this question several times and have yet to benefit from a reply.

I missed the presentation because I thought it was cancelled as per the email string attached; you did not respond to the email, or did not respond to everyone, so I was unaware.

Please provide us copies of the rubrics for all the curriculums as well as the information that came in from Alice Wiggins today. I would like to pick it up in hard copy. Please let me know if I can do that on Monday.

Thank you again for your timely reply. I look forward to your response regarding the site visits.

Thank you,

Sue

On Fri, May 31, 2013 at 12:30 PM, Tony Daddona

<DADDONAT@norwalkps.org<mailto:DADDONAT@norwalkps.org>> wrote:

Sue

It's too bad you missed the presentation. This presentation was presented by Alice Wiggins and Jim Mylen was also present. Alice's presentation was different from Jims. Teachers found it very informational. She focused mostly on reading. Jean has been out sick Wednesday. Sue in the spirit process shouldn't the committee hear about all the companies and how they fared on the rubric used.

This should take place at the next curriculum committee meeting. I was informed that additional information came today from Alice Wiggins and Jeans secretary was to forward it to committee members for review.

Tony

From: Sue Haynie [mailto:lshaynie@gmail.com<mailto:lshaynie@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 12:05 PM
To: Michael Lyons
Cc: Tony Daddona; Jean Evans Davila; Michael Barbis CFA; Migdalia Rivas
Subject: Re: CKLA

Hello Tony,

I thought that the CK presentation on Tuesday was cancelled so I did not attend. I would have liked to have heard the teachers comments. In the spirit of professed transparent and honest communication, can you and Jean please provide the committee members with a complete update on the presentation on Tuesday.

Thanks much,
Sue

On Fri, May 24, 2013 at 2:35 PM, Michael Lyons

<lyonsm@norwalkps.org<mailto:lyonsm@norwalkps.org>> wrote:

Tony, given the unfortunate political machinations that have arisen in response to a simple request that the Core Knowledge Foundation present its program to the review committee, at this point I think the presentation would appear to be a waste of time. I think we should cancel it, and the Curriculum Committee should reexamine the whole process. I know this will delay the K-5 ELA implementation, but I think we need to step back on this and give it a further look. Had the review committee's concerns been brought through proper channels to the Curriculum Committee instead of through "forum shopping" to Board members not even on the Committee, this could have been avoided. But the choice of some staff members to politicize the issue has poisoned the atmosphere around it, which is most unfortunate. Let's cancel Alice's presentation and discuss next steps.