



## MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT

**November 2014**

- Meetings and conversations were held between the Milwaukee Education Partnership (MEP) Executive Director, Gerard Randall, and various individuals within and outside of the partnership, including regular meetings with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) staff, regarding grants, partnerships, parent involvement, professional development, various initiatives, updates, MEP administrative business and more.
- David Nicholas of the Nicholas Family Foundation and Mr. Randall met for discussion and planning of the UWM/MEP/MPS summer basketball initiative.
- Reggie Newson, DWD Secretary, and Mr. Randall had discussion regarding the “My Life, My Plan” initiative. Arrangements are being made to expand the conversation to include senior MPS staff.
- Dr. Darienne Driver, MPS Superintendent, and Mr. Randall held discussion about various MEP initiatives and how best to engage MPS staff with those initiatives.
- Mr. Randall gave a brief update presentation and handout on the work of the MEP to the GMC Education Committee at their meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Driver was also present, speaking about initiatives within MPS.
- The November GE Foundation 2014 Business & Education Summit follow-up monthly business conference call took place on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Bob Swiggum, Chief Information Officer for the Georgia Department of Education, examined how one state is helping education leverage technology to deliver personalized learning. Related materials were received.
- The first meeting of the MEP’s NSF Grant Planning Task Force took place on November 7<sup>th</sup> with representatives from MATC, MPS, UWM and Baltimore City Public Schools. Mr. Randall presented an overview of what is being looked at to do. Information from the previous NSF math grant was reviewed. Ideas were discussed and will be further explored.
- Efforts continue to keep moving discussions forward on the Loyola/UW-Parkside collaboration. Mr. Randall had conversation with the Provost at Loyola.
- The MEP has been an instrumental partner in the creation and presentation of the Fresh Coast Classic College and Resource Fair held in Milwaukee during Thanksgiving week. It was held on November 25<sup>th</sup> at the UWM Student Union. Several thousand were in attendance, including all 11<sup>th</sup> grade MPS students who were required to attend. Students and their parents were able to speak with admissions personnel and receive information from colleges, universities and technical schools in Wisconsin and across the country. Staff members from

these higher educational institutions along with representatives from the MPS Team Up College Access Centers and the Wisconsin Equal Opportunity Program (WEOP) were on site to assist students with college access and post-secondary planning. Several workshops were also offered for students concerning related topics, such as financial aid/planning and more, as well as playing sports in college.

- A follow-up report to the October 29<sup>th</sup> MEP Planning Retreat is being prepared.
- Work has continued on development of the HBCU Initiative.
- The MEP has continued to seek funding support for the Early Childhood Literacy Initiative.
- Work continued on the new MEP website.
- The update to the MEP informational video has been completed. It will be placed on the new web site. A copy of the updated video can currently be accessed at: <https://vimeo.com/106116395>.
- Mr. Randall attended the reception introducing Grady Crosby, Chuck Harvey's successor as VP Public Affairs & Chief Diversity Officer at Johnson Controls.