



MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT

November 2015

- Meetings and conversations were held between the Milwaukee Education Partnership (MEP) Executive Director, Gerard Randall, and various individuals within and outside of the partnership regarding education legislation, grants, partnerships, various initiatives, updates, MEP administrative business and more.
- David Miller, Vice President, UW System, and Mr. Randall met on November 6th to discuss ways in which the UW System can best partner with the MEP.
- Mr. Dan Chanen, Chief Human Capital Officer at MPS, and Mr. Randall met to discuss Project METRO. A meeting of the Steering Committee will be convened in January of 2016.
- Mr. Randall and Dr. John Hill, Director of College and Career Readiness at MPS, met on November 25th regarding the GEAR UP Initiative. The MEP will join with MPS in convening the senior leadership of the initiative partners to give an overview of the current status of the program.
- Mr. Randall and Dr. Nancy Whitaker, Chair of the Institute of Professional Educator Development (IPED) at UW-Parkside, met on November 20th to discuss an initiative for UW-Parkside's education program. UW-Parkside will work to create a center for Bilingual Education Certification.
- The MKE Fellows Advisory Group has begun planning its 2016 summer intern experience for MKE Fellows. Mr. Randall participated in the early November meeting where discussion was held on ways to heighten employer engagement.
- The MEP Executive Partners held their monthly meeting on November 16th. Updates were provided on the transitioning of Executive Partners, MPS Opportunity Schools, and MEP initiatives. Also, some information was shared on MEP's history as the Milwaukee Partnership Academy (MPS). The MEP had collected and organized information from all the Executive Partner organizations concerning their individual legislative priorities. This information was reviewed and common priorities were identified and discussed. Executive Partners and their designees are reviewing the information for further feedback on collaboration.
- MEP Executive Partner Mr. Ellis Bromberg, General Manager, Milwaukee Public Television, retired on November 13th. The MEP has thanked him for his service. The new General Manager, Mr. Bohdan Zachary, started on November 16th. Mr. Zachary was

formerly the Senior Vice President of Broadcasting, Programming and Syndication at KCETLink based in Burbank, California. KCET is the most-watched independent public television station in southern California and the second most-watched independent public television station in the nation.

- The 9th Annual Fresh Coast Classic College & Resource Fair was held on November 19th at the UWM Student Union, in conjunction with the Annual Fresh Coast Basketball Classic. More than 2,600 middle and high school students from MPS attended as well as 100 students from the Wauwatosa School District who attended for the first time. Representatives from colleges and universities (including Historically Black Colleges and Universities—HBCU), trade and technical schools, community resource organizations talked with the many students and their parents, answering questions and sharing information with them. Also this year a TEAM UP Go Center (mobile College Access Center) was there, providing basic information on college and careers. The resource fair also offered students a number of workshops on topics such as career planning, acing college admissions, financial aid, scholarships, technical schools and other post-secondary options such as civil service, military service and apprenticeships. For the first time this year, information and support was provided for MPS students with special needs on successfully transitioning from high school to the world of work or post-secondary education. Recognition was made of five MPS students receiving MPS TEAM UP scholarships. The MEP has been an instrumental in the creation and annual presentation of this event.
- The Urban Education Task Force had a listening session in Green Bay on November 17th. Mr. Randall participated. The next listening session will be held in Milwaukee in January.
- In follow-up to the October discussion between Mr. Randall and staff from the U.S. Department of Labor, Region 5 Employment & Training Administration office in Chicago concerning the work of the partnership around youth job training and employment in Milwaukee and the search for information on funding opportunities, information and resources have been provided to the MEP. These are being shared and discussed with MEP Executive Partner Earl Buford, CEO of the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board, and his staff to aid the effort to continue the work Milwaukee has been doing around this.
- Discussions continued with Cardinal Stritch University and MPS staff concerning the possibility of additional MPS students entering the Cardinal Stritch University Literacy Program.
- Work has continued on development of the Early Childhood Literacy Initiative.
- Mr. Randall and Paul Krajniak met several times in November concerning the NSF Bioscience grant initiative.
- The MEP continued its work on development of a planning grant proposal for the NSF regarding the Bio-Science Initiative.
- Work has continued on the development of the HBCU (Historically Black Colleges & Universities) Initiative.
- Work on the MEP website content has continued.

- The GE Foundation Business Leaders Monthly Conference Call, held on November 19th focused on family and community engagement and highlighted simple ways businesses can be a critical part of the effort to increase student achievement to build a better educated, more competitive workforce. Three organizations (The US Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Learning Heroes and GreatSchools) which have worked extensively with businesses, parents and communities highlighted resources that can help parents ensure their children are on track to success and provided examples of businesses that have effectively reached families and communities. Materials from the presentation have been received.