



MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT

December 2013

- Meetings were held between the Milwaukee Education Partnership (MEP) Executive Director, Gerard Randall, and various individuals within and outside of the partnership. Several meetings were held with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) Superintendent, Dr. Gregory Thornton, and other Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) staff regarding a number of topics including foundation grants, scholarships, college access center, and a new learning journey.
- Paul Krajniak, Executive Director, Discovery World Museum, and Mr. Randall met concerning increasing collaboration.
- A meeting on early childhood priorities was held between MPS Chief of Staff, Naomi Gubernick, other MPS administrative staff, and Mr. Randall.
- Discussion/promotion of the Milwaukee Early Childhood Literacy Initiative continues. A \$5,000 gift notification was received from the Evan and Marion Helfaer Foundation; the gift will be received in July 2014. Mr. Randall met with MPS Chief Academic Officer, Tina Flood, and other members of her staff regarding this initiative as well as the NSF initiative.
- MPS held a kickoff meeting on December 13th concerning the Department of Labor Youth CareerConnect grant opportunity to discuss this opportunity, potential collaborations and the future of MPS' Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. Numerous meetings, work sessions, discussions and outreach to the education and business communities and beyond have been taking place concerning a grant application. The MEP and executive partner Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board have been highly involved in this work along with MPS. This grant opportunity is for \$2 million to \$7 million over 4.5 years and strongly encourages partnerships and commitments between MPS, higher education, industry and the local workforce board to strengthen the skills of Milwaukee's future workforce.
- The MEP role in the GEAR UP grant application was discussed between Mr. Randall and MPS GEAR UP and grant development staff. Work has proceeded. Mr. Randall participated in another meeting specifically on the GEAR UP logic model.
- Mr. Randall discussed the next round GEAR UP grant and the Youth CareerConnect grant with MATC President and MEP Executive Partners Chair, Dr. Michael Burke, and also with UWM Chancellor, Dr. Michael Lovell.

- Another meeting was held by MEP with UW-Parkside's Chancellor, Debbie Ford, and Walter Jacobs, Dean – College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies concerning UW-Parkside engagement in the work in education in Milwaukee. Staff provided a tour of Parkside's Institute of Professional Educator Development Department.
- The Urban Teacher Residency Project METRO Steering Committee met on December 2nd. Recruitment of another cohort is moving forward.
- Planning work continues concerning the spring HBCU conference.
- Discussion/planning began concerning next year's Fresh Coast Classic.