



MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT

February 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, including regular meetings with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) staff, regarding a legislative agenda, grants, partnerships, various initiatives, updates, MEP administrative business and more.
- In early February, Mr. Randall met with the staff of Congressman Paul Ryan regarding the work of the MEP.
- Mr. Randall met with Next Door regarding Head Start.
- An update on the MEP was given to Mary Dowell at Johnson Controls.
- Weekly legislative strategy sessions with MPS continued.
- The Project METRO Steering Committee met on February 2nd. They reviewed obligations and schedules concerning Cohort 1; received resident updates and discussed the hiring process for Cohort 2; received updates/held discussion on Cohort 3 recruitment, marketing, applicant status and budget; received grant and Advisory Board updates; and discussed data collection and HBCU/community connection.
- An education summit was convened at Northwestern Mutual Insurance on February 2nd by Mr. John Schlifske, Chairman and CEO of Northwestern Mutual Insurance, School Board President Dr. Michael Bonds, and Dr. Howard Fuller from the Institute for the Transformation of Learning. Representatives from the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, MTEA, MPS, and other educational institutions, faith-based and community-based organizations and businesses participated, including Mr. Randall. The representatives are seeking to find ways in which to support student achievement in all Milwaukee schools. The MEP began preparations for convening meetings for the Reading Task Force, which was one of three task forces formed as a result of the summit. Mr. Randall participated in the Assessment Task Force meeting on February 23rd.
- Work continued on the pursuit of funding and support for the Early Childhood Literacy Initiative.
- Work continued on development of an NSF bio-science grant proposal.
- Staff from the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board and Mr. Randall continued to work in collaboration on a proposal to revive the Step Up Program.

- Work has continued on development of the HBCU Initiative
- Staff from MPS Research & Development shared a presentation with the MEP on the MPS research agenda and research application process. Discussion was held regarding future research-related needs the MEP may have.
- The GE Foundation monthly business leader conference call took place on February 19th. Discussion was held on the power and promise of private sector engagement in youth mentoring. Speakers included Deborah Holmes from Ernst & Young; David Shapiro from MENTOR; and Leroy Nesbitt, Jr. from College for Every Student.
- The MEP supported the SDC Celebrity Chef event on February 19th.
- Mr. Randall participated in the SDC Strategic Planning Retreat February 27th and 28th and some pre-retreat preparation activities.
- A welcome reception for the new Milwaukee Public Museum President, Dennis Kois, was hosted by Mr. Randall. More than 50 people from local community-based organizations, educational institutions, businesses and government attended.