



MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT

August 2016

- 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.
- A phone conference was conducted with Senator Scott Fitzgerald to discuss planning a tour of the central city of Milwaukee for a group of senators.
- Dan Chanen, Chief of Human Resources, Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), and Mr. Randall met to discuss the MEP HBCU Initiative, Loyola University of Chicago's urban teacher preparation and certification program presentation, and Project Metro Alternative Certification (PMAC) Program. The MEP continues its collaboration with MPS to support its efforts to increase ethnic diversity in its faculty, administration and support services ranks.
- Discussions continued with the Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) Foundation concerning planning and implementation of a reading initiative supported by the MEP and the MPL Foundation.
- Follow-up discussion took place with Jeff Rosen, Program Officer at Bader Philanthropies, concerning the July 26th presentation to local educators by Loyola University of Chicago, School of Education about its urban teacher preparation and certification program. A meeting is being scheduled to discuss the possibility of holding another presentation with greater participation. Mr. Randall also met with Loyola's provost to update him concerning the site visits and presentations.
- The monthly meeting of the MEP Executive Partners was held on August 15, 2016. MEP work and initiatives were highlighted and discussed.
- Work continues to refine the literacy proposal of the MEP Early Childhood Literacy Initiative. A follow-up phone conference was held with the new Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Liaison to Milwaukee along with the Campaign's Parent Success work and Health work leaders. The agenda included: 1) Milwaukee overview of parent engagement and health efforts including key needs and challenges; 2) campaign overview of parent success and health resources; and 3) potential areas of support and collaboration. Information was received for review and consideration.

- Discussions and work continued on the National Science Foundation (NSF) Bioscience Initiative and planning proposal, which is a collaboration between UWM, MPS and MATC in Milwaukee and Baltimore City Public Schools and Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland.
- Work continued on the HBCU (Historically Black Colleges & Universities) Initiative including conversations and work to identify additional participants in work groups from both HBCUs and Milwaukee. An initial discussion was held with Dr. Craig Scott, Interim Dean, School of Engineering, Morgan State University, with regard to the charge of HBCU Work Group 4 to initiate faculty collaborations between HBCU and Milwaukee institutions. The president of Morgan State University is very interested in development of this collaboration. Morgan State is working to identify staff involvement. The work groups are performing summer assignments, meeting and determining next steps and submitting a summer meeting report. Dr. Keenan Grenell, Co-chair of HBCU Work Group 5: Establish Professional Development Programs for MPS Educators, had a phone conference with Mr. Randall concerning work group ideas including securing a list of MPS alums who currently attend HBCUs and possible development of a database that would assist all work groups in their role assignments. Dr. Keith Posley, MPS Chief School Administration Officer, and Mr. Randall met to begin planning for the spring 2017 HBCU Conference.
- The MEP and MMABSE (Metropolitan Milwaukee Alliance of Black School Educators) continue to develop plans for collaboration, especially with regard to the HBCU Initiative.
- Planning continued for a site visit to Milwaukee by Dr. Linda Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Children and Families. The focus of her visit will be on Head Start programs in Milwaukee.
- The MEP is collaborating with Enterprise Car Rental Dealers in Milwaukee to sponsor a school supply and book bag drive for six MPS schools. The school supplies will be distributed through the Hillside Boys and Girls Clubs in September.
- Mr. Randall attended the *MPS Proud Kickoff* for Traditional Calendar Schools held at the BMO Harris Bradley Center on August 29, 2016.
- Mr. Randall attended the NASA MissionSTEM Summit as part of the Morgan State University's group. The summit was held in Washington, DC on August 8-9, 2016.
- Mr. Randall helped to promote and also attended the SDC Summit on Poverty, "*Dismantling Poverty: A Courageous Conversation*" which was held on August 2, 2016.