



MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT

September 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, various initiatives, updates and more.
- Mr. Randall and the new Executive Partners from MPS, UWM and MATC met on September 12th to continue discussion of common institutional issues.
- The monthly Executive Partners (Board) meeting was held on September 15th. Discussion and updates included the MEP retreat and other upcoming events, resources and support for education, programs, grants and administrative updates. The Executive Partners will begin thinking about a common legislative agenda.
- The MEP and Apple Inc. discussed follow-up action items from the Education Briefing conducted by Apple during the summer.
- The Project METRO Steering Committee met on September 8th. The committee discussed and determined action/work to be done on several items concerning Cohorts I, II and III including resident issues, coach positions, communications, recruitment and more. Updates were shared on the growing interest in the HBCU movement, grants, teacher professional development by Apple Inc., help from Time Warner Cable in providing internet services to many families, and more. Mr. Randall will connect with Denise Callaway Reistad at MPS on community engagement. There are some vacancies on the Milwaukee Teacher Residency (MTR) Project METRO Advisory Board. Invitations will be sent to potential new members.
- The first GE Foundation 2014 Business & Education Summit follow-up monthly business conference call took place on September 18th. It was led by Danette Howard, Vice President for Policy & Mobilization, Lumina Foundation for Education. Related materials were received.
- Work has continued on development of the HBCU Initiative. Mr. Randall met with Julia Taylor, President, Greater Milwaukee Committee (GMC), to discuss the initiative and the possibility of giving a presentation to the GMC Education Committee in November.
- The MEP convened the first of three planned meetings of the Milwaukee area Head Start operators on September 11th. Discussion was held and updates were provided on enrollment and staffing, marketing and messages to the community, wait lists and referrals, transportation, site and staff licensing, and higher education issues.

- Walt Jacobs, UW-Parkside's Dean of the College of Social Sciences & Professional Studies, and Mr. Randall continued discussions regarding collaboration between UW-Parkside and Loyola University.
- Planning activities continued for the October MEP Retreat.
- The MEP has continued to work on and seek funding support for the Literacy Initiative.
- Discussions were held regarding the possibility of application for a federal pre-school development grant.
- Activities were completed relative to filing of required annual reports.
- Work continued on the new MEP website.
- Work began on an update to the MEP informational video.
- Mr. Randall attended the Ronald McDonald House Reception/Open House.