



MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT

September 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.
- Senator Alberta Darling met with Mr. Randall in early September and discussed education programming in Milwaukee with an overview of the upcoming joint finance budgeting process and possible priorities.
- Mr. George Hinton, CEO, Social Development Commission (SDC), and Mr. Randall met with Ms. Eloise Anderson, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families regarding support for early childhood learning initiatives in Milwaukee.
- Mr. Ray Allen, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, and Mr. Randall discussed funding for youth initiatives in early September. Mr. Randall also participated in a meeting later during the month with the Secretary and other invited guests held at the SDC office concerning workforce development initiatives that can be sponsored by state government. Work has begun on a process for grant proposal submissions for grades 8-16 workforce development initiatives.
- Mr. Randall met with Dr. Donte McFadden, Interim Director, Education Opportunities Program, at Marquette University regarding GEAR UP.
- Mr. Randall met with Dr. Alan Shoho, Dean – School of Education at UW-Milwaukee, to share updates on the MEP and discuss several initiatives including extending an invitation for involvement with the Clemson University's Call Me MISTER program. He also met with Dr. Phyllis King, Vice Provost, to discuss MEP initiatives and M3.
- The MEP along with Milwaukee Board of School Directors Vice President and President continue to hold discussions and coordinate planning for a new proposal to be submitted to the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading which will focus on Birth-5 literacy in partnership with the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, Milwaukee Public Library, the Social Development Commission, and the HHS Administration for Children & Families. Discussions have been held with potential partners: the Wisconsin Department of Children & Families, the Bradley Foundation, and the Zilber Family Foundation. This month's conversations with the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation also focused on the WIFI Network Initiative.

- 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.
- The MEP and MMABSE (Metropolitan Milwaukee Alliance of Black School Educators) continued to develop plans for collaboration. Several MMABSE members were added to the HBCU work groups and two members were added to the spring HBCU conference planning team.
- Plans were finalized for the October 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.
- Planning continues for the tour of the central city of Milwaukee for members of the Wisconsin legislature to be held November 21, 2016. The proposed itinerary is in development.
- MEP coordination with partner Enterprise Car Rentals on the Back-To-School Supplies Drive was completed. Schools supplies were distributed on September 30, 2016 with service to five MPS schools and 200 students. Planning has begun for the 2017 Back-To-School Supplies Drive with anticipated service to 2,000 MPS students at ten MPS schools.