



MILWAUKEE PARTNERSHIP ACADEMY (MPA) MONTHLY REPORT

May 2013

- Meetings were held between the MPA Executive Director, Gerard Randall, and various individuals within and outside of the partnership as well as regular meetings with the MPA Executive Partners Chair and staff at Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) around grants, initiatives and activities.
- Mr. Randall met with Antonio Riley from HUD concerning neighborhood zones that were talked about in a presentation given by the HUD Secretary at the Milwaukee Center for Independence during a visit to Milwaukee.
- Department of City Development Commissioner Rocky Marcoux, MPS Superintendent Gregory Thornton, and Mr. Randall met on May 10th regarding MPS participation with the Milwaukee water initiative.
- Meetings continued with Mr. Dave Knutson from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee regarding potential partnership opportunities.
- Mr. Randall met with a number of State Representatives and U.S. Senators and/or their executive staff to discuss education initiatives in Milwaukee.
- Department of Workforce Development Secretary Reggie Newson and Mr. Randall met on May 16th in follow-up to the meeting the Secretary, Superintendent Thornton, and Lt. Governor Kleefisch had hosted involving faith-based leaders concerning minority unemployment in Milwaukee.
- The MPA Executive Partners monthly meeting was held on May 20th and a special meeting was held on May 28th to address the budget and decisions for next year.
- Mr. Randall attended a meeting/presentation at Community Advocates on May 21st regarding community corrections.
- Mr. Randall met with Paul Krajniak and Steve Atwell of Discovery World on May 22nd regarding collaboration on a proposal to improve water and science instruction.
- MPS GEAR UP and Grants Office staff and Mr. Randall met on May 31st concerning GEAR UP grant match program/funding.
- Work has continued around the Milwaukee Community Solutions Action Plan (CSAP) reading initiative. Preparations were made for meeting again with The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

- Activities continued concerning implementation of an Urban Teacher Residency Program (UTRP). The Milwaukee Teacher Residency (MTR) Project METRO (Maintaining Effective Teacher Residency Opportunities) Steering Committee met on May 13th. An Advisory Board for the 2013-2014 school year has been formed and held its first meeting on May 30th. The mission is to prepare and sustain a cadre of highly effective and highly committed urban teachers dedicated to accelerating student achievement within Milwaukee Public Schools. Mr. Randall is a member of this Advisory Board, which will help carry out the vision and goals of the project as well as provide guidance and feedback to the project manager. The Board plans to meet four times during the year and agenda items will include program updates, recruitment efforts, funding needs and opportunities, and program expansion.
- The MPA hosted the May 6th Metropolitan Milwaukee Area Deans of Education (MMADE) meeting at the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board. An MPA update was given at the meeting and representatives of the Greater Milwaukee Committee (GMC) shared about its TeachTown initiative for new teachers in Milwaukee across all types of schools and school programs—an effort to attract new talent and retain them. Work has continued by the MMADE relative to the Faye McBeath Foundation planning grant to improve professional development of school leaders. Questions are being developed for three focus groups of principals—one for emerging leaders and two for seasoned leaders. The focus group process is being refined. The *Celebrate Teachers & Teaching Event* Steering Committee and subcommittees have continued their work on organizing this event. A summer meeting schedule was developed—the MMADE will meet each month throughout the summer.
- Information was distributed to MPA Partner members to share concerning openings in the teacher preparation program for grades 1-8 at UWM.
- Comprehensive Mathematics Work Group/Milwaukee Mathematics Partnership (MMP) Update:
 - The Leadership for the Common Core in Mathematics (CCLM²) 2012-2013 School Year Sessions concluded and final preparations were made for 2013 Summer Sessions.
 - Data concerning the April Academic Coaches – Mathematics meetings, held on the 12th and 26th, have been placed on the MMP website. The meetings consisted of:
 - A Content Session focused on learning to understand multiplication with fractions using meaningful visual models and real-world contexts with the goal of being able to recognize, represent, and contextualize ‘groups of’ and ‘parts of’ problems involving multiplication with fractions and also focused on understanding the expectations of the Common Core State Standards.
 - A Leadership Session focused on instructional strategies and tools that support differentiated instruction.
 - An Assessment Session focused on using the formative assessment process within the classroom during instruction.