



MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT

January 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 grants, partnerships, a legislative agenda, various initiatives, updates, MEP administrative business and more.
- Mr. Randall met with Earl Buford, President and CEO of the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board to update him on the work of the MEP and to discuss joint program creation and implementation efforts.
- Mr. Randall joined Dr. Driver, MPS Superintendent, and others in meeting with the Milwaukee delegation of the State Assembly and State Senate on December 8th. Delegates were updated on the challenges facing MPS. There was further discussion on how the delegation could support district initiatives.
- Mr. Randall participated in weekly legislative strategy sessions at MPS with Dr. Michael Bonds, School Board President, Superintendent Driver, and others. These planning sessions are efforts to reintroduce the MPS leadership team to key state legislative leaders.
- The Project METRO Steering Committee met on December 1st. Committee members were updated on current program performance.
- The monthly MEP Executive Partners (Board) meeting was held on December 15th. Dr. Mark Mone was congratulated on his appointment that day as Chancellor at UWM. Mr. Randall shared updates on grants, programs/initiatives and retreat follow-up followed by some discussion around the retreat. Executive Partners presented their potential legislative initiatives and opportunities for collaboration. Commitments were expressed to continue a collective effort to advance initiatives at the state and federal levels through the MEP. Recommendations were made and are being followed up on.
- The Executive Partners subcommittee continued its work concerning performance evaluation of the executive director.
- Discussions, idea organization and visioning have been taking place since that first meeting of the MEP's NSF Grant Planning Task Force. Preparations are being made for future meetings.
- Mr. Randall hosted an introduction meeting for Dennis Kois, President, Milwaukee Public Museum, and Paul Krajniak, Discovery World. Mr. Randall and Mr. Krajniak shared the

vision that is developing for a grant request to the NSF around biological sciences and Mr. Kois is excited to engage.

- Efforts to refine the Early Childhood Literacy Initiative have continued as well as the pursuit of funding and support. There is new interest from additional area hospitals around newborns and the connection of families in poverty with books and various education and assistance programs.
- Loyola University is currently searching for a new dean for its school of education. The Loyola/UW-Parkside collaboration will continue when the position is filled.
- Work has continued on development of the HBCU Initiative.
- Work continued on the new MEP website.
- Mr. Randall attended the Milwaukee Community Welcome Reception for Dr. Darienne Driver as Superintendent of MPS.
- Mr. Randall attended the retirement celebration for Chuck Harvey, who is retiring from his position as VP – Diversity & Public Affairs at Johnson Controls. Thanks to Mr. Harvey and Johnson Controls for their support of the MEP/MPA over the years. Partnership with Johnson Controls will continue.