



MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT

March 2014

- Meetings 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, new initiatives, teacher professional development and more.
- The MEP Executive Partners held their monthly meeting on March 17th and welcomed a new Executive Partner, Dr. Deborah Ford, Chancellor, UW-Parkside. There were updates/discussion on GEAR UP Round 2, the Say Yes to Education initiative, HBCU Deans initiative, UW System initiatives and other business.
- Reggie Newson, Secretary of the Department of Workforce Development, and Mr. Randall met in regard to looking for additional support to prepare young people for careers in math and science-driven professions.
- Several meetings took place between MEP, MPS, MAWIB and 4C for Children staff and work was done to develop a proposal to submit for funding to support the training of child daycare workers.
- Rudy Ruiz, MPS Director of College & Career Readiness, and Mr. Randall met to discuss collaboration between higher education institutions in the UW system and technical college system to support MPS' efforts in moving kids into college.
- Mr. Randall shared updates on efforts of the MEP with Dr. Christine Anderson and Dr. Linda Post from UWM and sought feedback and guidance to strengthen initiatives the MEP has begun to implement, particularly teacher professional development initiatives.
- Tony Baez and Mr. Randall met to discuss opportunities for collaboration between the MEP and the Council for the Spanish Speaking, particularly around early childhood education.
- A meeting of the Project METRO Steering Committee was held on March 3rd.
- The GE Business & Education Summit monthly follow-up conference call was held on March 20th. This month's call was led by Steve DeWitt, Deputy Executive Director for the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE). The focus was on career readiness and career and technical education, including student career pathways and development of a prepared and competitive workforce. Mr. Randall participated.
- Representatives from Apple's Office of Strategic Initiatives met with Mr. Randall to discuss possible opportunities for how Apple can become engaged in Milwaukee to promote student academic achievement.

- The MEP continues to seek funding support for the Milwaukee Early Childhood Literacy Initiative.
- Organization activities continued concerning the spring HBCU Conference. Invitations were sent to HBCU Presidents and Deans of the Schools of Education/Directors of Teacher Education. Black Nouveau taped an interview with Mr. Randall regarding the MEP's HBCU Conference.
- The MEP informational/promotional video was completed. A copy of the video is currently posted by the producer at <https://vimeo.com/80949669>. Copies are being made in disc form.