

REPORT OF THE BOARD'S DELEGATE TO THE MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP)

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(1) Meetings and conversations were held among the Milwaukee Education Partnership's (MEP's) Executive Director, Gerard Randall, and various individuals within and outside of the Partnership regarding educational legislation, grants, partnerships, various initiatives and projects, updates, MEP's administrative business, and more.

(2) Mr. Randall met with Chad Meyer, Director of MPS's Department of Technology, to discuss the Hot Spots Initiative on June 29. In follow-up, Mr. Randall met with a representative of Sprint for additional discussion on the MPS/Sprint 1 Million Project and the MEP/MPLF (Milwaukee Public Library Foundation) Hot Spots Initiative.

(3) A conference call was held with Dr. Shandowlyon Hendricks-Williams from DPI regarding the MEP's considering a role as a teacher-certification authorizer.

(4) Mr. Randall had a phone conversation with Ashanti Hamilton, President of the Milwaukee Common Council, regarding MEP updates and planning.

(5) The Shorewood School District is planning to join the MEP as an executive partner.

(6) A meeting was held with Dr. John Walz, President of the Milwaukee School of Engineering, to discuss the MEP and the possibility of becoming an executive partner.

(7) Mr. Randall met with Alicia Manning of the Bradley Foundation regarding the Wisconsin Urban Educators Summit and work of the MEP, particularly the HBCU Conference and Leading Men Initiative. The MEP has been invited to submit a grant application.

(8) Mr. Randall participated in a meeting of the MKE Fellows Advisory Committee on June 5. John Daniels and Mr. Randall also met concerning contemplation of the establishment of an internship in education for MKE Fellows.

(9) Mr. Randall participated in the introductory meeting for Dr. Posley, Interim Superintendent of MPS, with Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch. In additional efforts to assist Dr. Posley and MPS with corporate, educational and community connections, the MEP hosted a regional K-16 education-leadership reception for Dr. Posley on July 17. Also, the MEP invited southern Wisconsin school district superintendents and school board presidents, CESA administrators, and chancellors, presidents, and provosts of public and private higher-education institutions and Milwaukee Public Museum staff to attend a community reception for both Dr. Posley and Dr. Eric Gallien, Superintendent of the Racine Unified School District on July 19 at the Milwaukee Public Museum.

(10) Coordination continued of the MPS-Cardinal Stritch Literacy Collaborative (ongoing), including expansion of Project METRO, an innovative teaching-certification program specifically designed to address areas of need within Milwaukee Public Schools.

(11) HBCU Initiative:

- a. HBCU Conference — Follow-up activities to the 2018 conference have continued.
- b. Job Fairs/Recruitment — Planning continues for the remaining fairs.
- c. HBCU College Fair — The HBCU & Tribal College Fair Planning Team held a conference call on June 20 to begin planning for a college fair this school year.
- d. Funding Support — Efforts continue to gain funding support for the HBCU Initiative.

- e. Engineering Internships — Gerard Randall met with representatives of Foxconn to discuss how the MEP can facilitate a partnership with Foxconn to establish a talent pipeline from the HBCU institutions to Southeastern Wisconsin.

(12) Discussions continued concerning the development of a new bioscience grant proposal for the National Science Foundation.

(13) Planning continued concerning the Wisconsin Urban Educators Summit to present ideas that will improve teaching and learning in Wisconsin schools, especially in the Milwaukee region, with a focus on urban education. The event has been postponed until Fall 2018.

(14) Tracey Sparrow from Next Door-Milwaukee, Mr. Randall, and The Literacy Lab continued to work on implementation of the Leading Men Fellows program in Milwaukee. Several cohort candidates were interviewed, with the expectation that a cohort of ten will begin this fall. The Literacy Lab has hired Calvin Lewis as the local program manager. He began work on June 16. Ricardo Neal, the Literacy Lab's representative who oversees the Leading Men Fellows program in Washington, DC, was in Milwaukee for several days in June to introduce Mr. Lewis to people, including members of the MPS Foundation's board.

(15) The grant-progress report for the Leading Men Fellows program grant from the Milwaukee Succeeds Funding Collaborative was completed and submitted. The second payment on this grant has been received. \$500,000 in state funding (\$250,000 per year) was awarded for the initiative.

(16) The MEP, along with MPS staff, continued coordinating efforts to position the MPS Carver Elementary School to be a K-8 STEM-focused school. Mr. Randall met again with Historic Brewers Hill Association's (HBHA's) members to discuss how HBHA can stay involved to help move math, science, and Project Lead The Way forward at Carver School.

(17) The New American Policy Institute announced an award of a grant to the MEP in the amount of \$20,000. The institute requests a report on the success of recruiting educators, engineers, and healthcare professionals for southeastern Wisconsin from HBCUs.

(18) Mr. Randall followed up on HBCU's referral of a representative of the U.S. Military School's STEM Initiatives about the possibility of a one-day leadership event with students in Milwaukee.

(18) The MEP Executive Partners' meeting was held on June 18.

(19) A roundtable discussion with Ben Carson, Secretary for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), was organized by Mr. Randall and held at the Milwaukee Club on June 14. Secretary Carson encouraged attendees to form a collaborative that would establish special supports to individuals and families that receive assistance through HUD.

(20) Mr. Randall attended the Fellowship Open Annual Meeting/Honorary Chair Event on June 19.

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