

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

April 19, 2018

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(1) Mr. Gerard Randall, Executive Director of the Milwaukee Education Partnership, met with and engaged in conversations with 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 and April Swick, Director of the MPS Department of Organizational Development, discussed the teacher pipeline.

(3) Mr. Randall met again with Maureen Hoyler, President, and Dr. Arnold Mitchem, President Emeritus, of the Council for Opportunity in Education in Washington, DC, to develop a strategy around TRIO and GEAR-UP funding.

(4) Planning continued concerning the upcoming summit of Wisconsin deans of schools of education being planned for June 2018, including a meeting with Rebecca Larson, Senior Vice President for Advocacy at the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU). Discussion focused on inclusion of deans and leaders of educational programs that are housed in non-state-supported institutions.

(5) Tracey Sparrow from Next Door-Milwaukee and Mr. Randall continued work and regular conversations with the leadership of The Literacy Lab/Leading Men Fellows and other people and organizations concerning bringing the Leading Men Fellows program to Milwaukee. A site-visit by Milwaukee Public Schools representatives to the Leading Men Fellowship program in Washington, DC, took place on March 5-6, 2018.

(6) On March 21, Mr. Randall attended the Pipeline to Progress community event, which was designed to inform, to engage, and to inspire Milwaukee's stakeholders and further the collective advancement towards a stronger Milwaukee.

HBCU INITIATIVE:

(7) HBCU Conference: Planning continued for the MEP's fifth annual HBCU Conference in April. Conference calls were held with all of the work group co-chairs concerning the work groups' meeting that will be held during the HBCU Conference and how to keep the work moving forward.

(8) Job Fairs/Recruitment: Planning continued for the spring-summer 2018 job fairs. The first fair will now be held in Washington, DC, on May 3, 2018, and will be co-hosted by Howard University and Morgan State University.

(9) Funding Support: Efforts continue to gain funding support for the HBCU Initiative/the 2018 HBCU Conference. A \$50,000 grant was awarded to the MEP by the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation.

(10) The HBCU/Tribal College Fair Planning Committee, led by Senator Lena Taylor's office, held its first meeting to begin planning this year's fair. Mr. Randall is a member of the planning committee.

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