

Report of the Board's Delegate to the Milwaukee Education Partnership (MEP)

February 22, 2018

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(1) Meetings and conversations were held among the Milwaukee Education Partnership'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) Discussions continued with leadership and staff at the UWM School of Information Studies (SOIS) concerning a grant application and revival of the IT 2000 program.

(3) Dr. Laci Coppins Robbins, Executive Director of the Milwaukee Teacher Education Center (MTEC), met with Mr. Randall to share information and updates on MTEC and the MEP. Discussion was held concerning possible collaborations between the two organizations.

(4) Mr. Randall and Columbia University staff met to work on a proposal to be submitted to the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation for scholarship support for Milwaukee high-school graduates entering high-value institutions of higher education.

(5) Mr. Randall and Dr. Shandowlyon Hendricks-Williams of the Department of Public Instruction discussed programmatic updates for the MEP, especially Leading Men Fellows and the HBCU Initiative.

(6) HBCU Initiative:

- o Job Fairs/Recruitment — Planning continued for the spring-summer 2018 job fairs.
- o Health Care Components — Discussions continued.
- o Funding Support — Efforts continue to gain funding support for the HBCU Initiative and the 2018 HBCU Conference. A proposal was submitted to the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation that would include expansion of the HBCU Initiative's partnership to include Wisconsin Tribal Colleges and include Native Americans in the target populations of the initiative.

(7) Mr. Randall attended the Department of Workforce Development's Economic and Employment Information Briefing, which focused on advanced employment opportunities in manufacturing in southeast Wisconsin, including Foxconn. Discussion took place concerning economic, employment, and talent-development resources available to connect Milwaukee-area residents to opportunities in southeast Wisconsin.

(8) Tracey Sparrow from Next Door-Milwaukee and Mr. Randall continued work and regular conversations with The Literacy Lab/Leading Men Fellows leadership and other people and organizations concerning bringing the Leading Men Fellows program to Milwaukee. Work concluded on an application to the Department of Workforce Development for a training-and-recruitment grant, which was then submitted on February 15. Some site-visits to the Leading Men Fellowship program in Washington, DC, have taken place, and more are being planned.

(9) Mr. Randall attended the follow-up meeting on Milwaukee early childhood care needs held at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

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