

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 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) Dr. Keith Posley, MPS Chief School Administration Officer, and Mr. Randall met to discuss how the MEP could assist with community and corporate connections and the scheduling of meetings to aid the district in Dr. Posley's transition to Interim Superintendent of MPS.

(3) Planning continued concerning the upcoming conference for Wisconsin deans of schools of education being planned for June 2018 to present ideas that will improve teaching and learning in Wisconsin schools, especially in the Milwaukee region.

HBCU INITIATIVE

HBCU Conference

(4) Final preparations were made for the MEP's fifth annual HBCU Conference. Radio ads were run, and invitations were sent concerning the two public events of the conference:

- (a) the HBCU Alumni Reunion Reception; and
- (b) a panel discussion, "Enhancing the Pipeline & Partnerships between Regional Milwaukee K-16 Institutions, Corporations and HBCU." Panel speakers included Dr. Cassandra Herring, President & CEO, Branch Alliance for Educator Diversity; Senator Lena Taylor, Wisconsin State Legislature-4th District; and Dr. Patricia McManus, City of Milwaukee Commissioner of Health.

(5) The conference was held April 9-11, 2018. There were 18 representatives from 16 HBCUs attending, including deans of the schools of education, engineering and health care/nursing; presidents' designees; and MEP's HBCU work group members. The conference included presentations and meetings with MPS's senior directors and Talent Management leadership; tours of Washington High School's College & Career Center and culinary arts program; and school tours with staff and students at Riverside, Bradley Tech, Reagan, and Golda Meir.

(6) The six education workgroups continued their work, and discussions about engineering and healthcare collaboration continued and expanded.

(7) Conference participants also toured the city of Milwaukee and attended presentations from other MEP partners, including MATC, Racine Unified School District, and MKE Fellows. The engineering conference participants met with Ray Allen, Secretary, Department of Workforce Development, to discuss possible collaborations and student internships. The nursing/health care conference participants had continued conversation on potential initiatives with Reggie Newson of Ascension Wisconsin.

(8) The conference was sponsored by the MEP, MPS, and the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation, which was the presenting sponsor of the conference. Much positive feedback has been received about the conference. Follow-up is being conducted on conference discussions and ideas.

Job Fairs/Recruitment

(9) Planning continued and final preparations were made for the May 3, 2018, Job Fair to be held in Washington, DC, in collaboration with MPS Office of Human Resources. This included meetings with staff at Howard University, Morgan State University, and the MPS Department of Talent Management.

Flyers were distributed, and radio ads were run on campus and on local radio stations targeting African-American audiences in Washington, DC, and Baltimore, MD.

Funding Support

(10) Efforts continue to gain funding support for the HBCU Initiative.

General

(11) MATC hosted two showings of *Tell Them We Are Rising*, a film about the role of HBCUs in African-American history.

(12) Mr. Randall met with Dr. Eric Gallien, Deputy Superintendent, Racine Unified School District, to share an overview of the HBCU Conference and to discuss upcoming responsibilities with the MEP.

MISCELLANEOUS

(13) Tracey Sparrow from Next Door-Milwaukee and Mr. Randall continued work and have regular conversations with leadership of The Literacy Lab/Leading Men Fellows and other people and organizations concerning implementation of the Leading Men Fellows program in Milwaukee. Further discussion was held with MPS staff, including leadership in the Department of Black and Latino Male Achievement, to ensure readiness for a full recruitment strategy with MPS students. A site visit to Milwaukee near the end of April was coordinated for staff from The Literacy Lab of Washington, DC, and included visits to several MPS schools.

(14) The Literacy Lab has been soliciting candidates for the local program manager position. The MEP has assisted in this effort as well as with the effort to recruit fellows for the initiative. Mr. Randall met with Dr. Alan Shoho, Dean of the School of Education at UW-Milwaukee, to provide updates on the initiative and to discuss future collaboration among UWM, Leading Men Fellows, and MEP.

(15) The MEP continued coordinating efforts to position the MPS Carver Elementary School to be a K-8 STEM-focused school. Scheduling of tours is in progress for local business leaders who support the effort to train teachers in the Project Lead The Way method. Teachers at Carver are registering for upcoming training.

(8) Coordination of the MPS-Cardinal Stritch Literacy Collaborative (ongoing) continued, including expansion of Project METRO.

(9) Discussions took place concerning the possibility of developing a new bioscience grant proposal for the National Science Foundation. A new proposal will be submitted this fall 2018.

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