

Metropolitan Milwaukee Area Deans of Higher Education (MMADE)

Meeting Notes
December 19, 2007

Theme: “Teacher Preparation and the Bridge between College/University and Actual Practice

◆Welcome & Introductions

Meeting called to order by co-chair Dean Alfonzo Thurman (UWM). Those in attendance: Bill Henk (Marquette), Tia Bojar (Stritch), Arleen Dansby (MPS), Debra Dosemagen (Mount Mary), Deryl Davis Fulmer (MATC), Nancy Jelen (Alverno), Marleen Pugach (UWM), and Corliss D. Wood (UWM). Guests: Cris Anderson (NEA) and Superintendent William Andrekopoulos (MPS)

◆Milwaukee Public School (MPS) Report - Superintendent Andrekopoulos (Mr. A)

Mr. “A” addressed the Value of Quality Teaching in the following:

1. To improve instruction.
2. To change and or modify contract of teachers.
3. To support principals in the dismissal of teachers that are in great need of improvement.

MPS is attempting to create a climate/culture that addresses quality work, improves the school’s atmosphere and raises the standards for teaching and learning. Mr. A went into detail regarding MPS becoming more committed and passionate about learning. He noted that when staff begin to understand what quality work is, then learning will begin.

Arleen Dansby further reported on the following:

- MPS is retooling and improving the entire district by providing resources and support to all teachers.
- MPS staff are being held accountable for learning in the schools.
- Characteristics of a High Performing Classroom will hold a “walk thru” to analyze teaching and learning at each school.
- DIFI Schools will be put on line. Parents are asking how they can help their child(ren). MPS has implemented various strategies that allows for quality teaching and learning.
- Quality instruction must become an important concept if master teachers and master principals are to develop.
- Leadership Succession Planning is being developed using the Stanford model.

Ms. Dansby distributed The MPS District Improvement Plan and the Action Plan to Improve MPS from 2007-2012.

◆National Education Association (NEA)

Dr. Cris Anderson reported the following on behalf of the NEA:

- First Things First received a grant for 500 students to participate in readiness and preparedness in taking the ACT.
- Ten Action Research Fellows will participate in the Closing the Achievement Gap project.
- All schools with Learning Teams will receive an \$ 8,000 dollar mini-grant to assist with quality teaching.
- Professional Development is needed at all schools for all staff. Some of the Learning Team funds may be used to assist in this area.

- The budget for NEA schools will support/assist Learning Teams, the Education Plan, and Curriculum Teaching with consistency.
- Twenty-four NEA Schools received a \$ 2.5 million dollar grant for five years to improve the quality of teaching and learning.
- Distributed a document on data analysis regarding the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concept Examination (WKCE)
- Teacher’s Union (MTEA) is a Supplemental Services vendor. Tutoring services are offered to all MPS students. The YMCA’s One on One Program is also a Supplemental Services provider that provides tutoring and they are established in five NEA Schools.

◆Milwaukee Partnership Academy (MPA) Report-

Dr. Marleen Pugach reported on the following:

- The Executive Director of the MPA will be hired soon. The Implementation Teams continue to function and meet regularly. Currently, the MPA Teacher and Principal workgroup is working hard on the teacher induction piece. Through the provisions of resources and professional development opportunities, quality teachers will make quality principals.
- The Teacher and Principal Workgroup is also facilitating a follow-up study on the Teachers in Residence (TIR) program.

◆Other

Corliss D. Wood announced that the MPA Workgroup 2 has rolled out their Tutoring and Family Service Database. Please visit the MPA website at: <http://www.milwaukeepartnershipacademy.org/database>

◆Future Meetings (Third Wednesdays 11:30-1:00)

February 20th

MPS Human Resource Department
Deborah Ford/MPS HR Staff

March 19th

Principal’s Perspective
Dr. Dan Donder-Riverside University High
Alvin Baldwin-Vincent High
Katrice Cotton-Audubon Middle

April 16th

Mentoring in MPS
Arleen Danby-MPS/MPA
Marleen Pugach-UWM/MPA
Vickie Frazier-MPS/UWM
Roxie Hentz-MPS

Meeting adjourned at 12.54 pm.

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