

Metropolitan Milwaukee Area Deans of Higher Education (MMADE)

Meeting Notes
March 19, 2008

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

◆Welcome & Introductions

Meeting called to order by co-chair Tia Bojar at 11:47 pm. Those in attendance: Dean Alfonzo Thurman (UWM), Bill Henk (Marquette), Tia Bojar (Stritch), Arleen Dansby-White (MPS), Linda Post (UWM), Marleen Pugach (UWM) and Corliss D. Wood (UWM).

Guests: Principal-Alvin Baldwin-Vincent High School and Principal-Katrice Cotton-Audubon Technology and Communication Center (MPS), and MPA Director-Pat Keating.

Dr. Pat Keating was introduced as the new MPA director.

◆MPS Principal Panel Discussion-Alvin Baldwin & Katrice Cotton

Principals Baldwin and Cotton provided an overview of first year teachers at their prospective schools.

Dr. Donder from Riverside University was invited but was not available.

- Principal Baldwin stated that his teachers model and implement project based instruction. All new MPS teachers are provided with an MPS mentor who assists them with resources and serves as a “go to” when questions need an answer.
- Principal Cotton stated that she meets with staff and new teachers. She provides an audience for new teachers serving as another resource. As a charter school, Principal Cotton states that her new teachers are in need of the “how to’s” on classroom management. She stated that her teachers use the Harry Wong professional development strategies for classroom management.
- MMADE members would like to speak to new teachers and get their prospective on their first year in the classroom. MMADE extended the invitation for the principals to return with some of their first year teachers for the meeting in May.

◆Milwaukee Public School (MPS) Report – Arleen Dansby-White

Arleen reported on the following:

- A DIFI audit will soon be conducted on the district.
- The MPS district is assessing ways to instruct meaningful shape questions for students ages 13-18. This is in reference to the alignment of age level to that of the level of textbooks.
- The MPS district will participate in the reading cycle starting in October 2008.

◆**Milwaukee Partnership Academy (MPA) Update-Dr. Linda Post**

Linda provided on the progress of the MPA Workgroups:

●Workgroup # 1-Comprehensive Literacy and Comprehensive Mathematics Workgroup-will focus on a city-wide literacy initiative as well as math.

Workgroup #2 Family Literacy and Tutoring-will hold their Academic Tutor training for the faith based community. The training will be held at Calvary Baptist Church on Thursday, April 17th from 5:45-8:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

Workgroup # 3-Teacher & Principal Quality-is producing a white paper on teacher induction. They will also be guests of MMADE at the April 16th meeting.

Workgroup # 4-Shunksworks-

Workgroup # 5-Community Partners-transition stage

◆**Other**

◆**Next Meeting-**

Wednesday, May 21st

Reflections: First Year Teachers

Riverside University High School

Vincent High School

Audubon Technology and Communication
Center

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

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