

Metropolitan Milwaukee Area Deans of Higher Education (MMADE)

Meeting Notes
October 17, 2007

Welcome & Introductions

Meeting called to order by co-chair Dean Tia Bojar (Cardinal Stritch) Those in attendance: Dean Bill Henk (Marquette), Arleen Dansby (MPS), Debra Dosemagen (Mount Mary), Linda Post (UWM), Deryl Davis Fulmer (MATC), and Corliss D. Wood (UWM).

Milwaukee Public School (MPS) Report- ♦Arleen Dansby

Arleen reported on the following:

- State Superintendent Libby Burmaster spoke to the MPS Board of Directors and announced that MPS is a district in need of improvement. Currently, MPS is at a level II. An encompassing DIFI prescriptive plan is due to DPI on Thursday, November 1st. Heavy emphasis will be placed on quality of instruction in reading and math. Ninety minutes of reading and 60 minutes of math is proposed in this plan.

Milwaukee Partnership Academy (MPA) Report-♦Linda Post

Linda reported on the following:

- The MPA Executive Partners are defining an agenda beyond reading, writing, and math.
- MPA is still searching for an executive director and a coordinator. The coordinator will come from within the ranks of MPS. A Job description for the executive director is currently being worked on.
- MPA continues to search for ways to fund the work group initiatives. Drafts of the work group-work plans will be given to members of MMADE to review.
- The Teacher Quality workgroup includes a mentoring component. This work groups has made great progress thus far.
- Two retreats were held last summer. One focused on teacher induction and the other was the annual retreat. At the annual retreat, work plans were developed and the Literacy Work Group was launched. The Math work group is also working diligently.
- Lastly, The MPS website is completed. Visit it at:
<http://www.milwaukeepartnershipacademy.org/>

Discussion Topic♦_ALL

Identify Issues/Topics to be addressed by MMADE

MMADE decided that we should focus on what we do well. Teacher preparation and induction. After much discussion, members of MMADE picked a topic to focus on: “Teacher Preparation and the Bridge between College/University and Actual Practice”.

At our next scheduled MMADE meetings the following topic and guest(s) will be welcomed.

1. Wednesday, November 21st-MPS vision for quality teachers and what they are doing to ensure it is happening. (Invite Supt. Andrekopoulos)
2. Wednesday, December 19th MPS Human Resources Dept.

3. Wednesday, February 20th -The Principals' Perspective-Invite three MPS principals (identified by MPS) to speak to MMADE.
4. Wednesday, March 19th-Mentoring in MPS.
5. Wednesday, April 16th-Topic to be determined.

It was also noted that MMADE should provide brief reports/updates at the quarterly MPA Partners meetings.

Lastly, members of MMADE recommended that MPA and MPS work with MMADE to find the best way to communicate.

Other

Members of MMADE will determine if the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 21st is the best time to meet since it is the day before Thanksgiving... Also, the third Wednesdays from 11:30-1:00 were considered to be the best time to meet for members that were in attendance.

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

2007

November 21st?

December 19th

2008

February 20th

March 19th

April 16th

No meeting in January

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Meeting Notes recorded by Dean Bojar & Corliss D. Wood