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WEAC Board Report, 10-16-09 Lei Lund, Phil Knier & Tara Leithold

The WEAC Board met on October 16 – 17. Here are the highlights:

W3 Panel

W3 is an unprecedented collaboration between Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC), Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB), and the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators (WASDA). Its purpose is to develop, model, and sustain a culture of respect and collaboration that promotes synergy for our shared value of insuring a world-class public education system for all Wisconsin students.

The Board heard about the work of W3 from a panel made up of the Executive Directors of the three collaborating Associations, all of whom agreed that we can only make public schools better and increase students' achievement and success by working together instead of against one another. In the two meetings so far, the group has identified some of the characteristics of collaborating districts and have begun formulating a Successful Collaboration Starter Tool Kit. During the upcoming meetings, the members representing eight school districts and association staff will work to define what "student success" is, from our perspective as well as from the public's.

WEAC Strategic Plan and Priorities

The Board learned about the work of the Strategic Planning Committee, which began early this year with interviews to gather input from the WEAC Board of Directors, local presidents and staff, WEAC staff, and UniServ Directors and staff. Using those responses and considering the economic, social, and political situation in Wisconsin and within WEAC, the Committee created a shared vision for WEAC and public education in 2010.

As a result of the work of the Committee, the following strategic focuses for the next three years were brought to the Board of Directors for review and comment:

- ◆ Support and Empower Our Members
- ◆ Work for Fully Funded Schools
- ◆ Work to Ensure Quality Education for All
- ◆ Continue Our Stewardship of WEAC Resources and Operations.

The results of the Board's discussion will be compiled for additional processing by the Leadership Team and will come to the November Board meeting as proposed priorities for Board action. Once adopted, the leadership team will begin work on building a budget proposal based on the adopted priorities for consideration at the WEAC Representative Assembly in April.

The Milwaukee Opportunity Plan

As an answer to the proposed mayoral take-over of the Milwaukee Public School Board, the Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association and the Wisconsin Education Association Council have unveiled the Milwaukee Opportunity Plan, a strategy to bring together all of the stakeholders who make up the MPS community to bring new changes and lasting impacts for students.

The plan calls for innovative ideas such as Opportunity Centers, schools where these strategies could be demonstrated. It also calls for lengthening the school day/year, reducing class sizes so they are comparable to those across the rest of our state, and establishing methods to provide intervention and more individualized attention at the 9th grade level (when many students drop out of school).

More information about the plan can be found on the WEAC website, www.weac.org. It is crucial that locals around the state support this plan as what happens in Milwaukee eventually affects all of us in the state.

KMUC Board Report, 10-12-09 Stacy Gloede, Vice President

The October board meeting was held Monday, October 12.

Planning for the Emerging Voices program is on schedule. Names of recommended candidates are coming in from local leaders.

The Electronic Newsletter was discussed and more preliminary work will continue along with a member survey.

The Midwest Leadership Conference will take place this coming January in Minneapolis. The theme

this year is "Today's NEA: Hope...Innovation...Transformation ...". KMUC will be funding four members to attend.

The WEA Academy offers a number of classes to members and some of them have credits attached to them. Visit <http://weacademy.org> for more information and a list of classes.

Effective December 1, KMUC will have a new phone number:
800-967-9322
Please use this number when calling the KMUC office. Our other lines will no longer be in service.

ESP Workshop "Health Information & Tools for ESPs"

Thursday, January 21 & 28, 2010
 5:00—7:30 p.m., KMUC Office

This class will provide background information and skills to support children's health — and their own — when interacting with children in classrooms, hallways, and playgrounds. It covers a range of topics including how Wisconsin schools are organized to support children's health, strategies to foster students' connections to school and create a welcoming school environment, and realistic strategies ESP can use when working with students with specific health conditions. The registration form is available online and will be distributed to members.

KMUC-Retired Luncheon Honors New Retirees

Sweet Basil's restaurant in Plymouth was the place to be on October 14th, as the KMUC-Retired Chapter held its annual Luncheon to honor those KMUC teacher who retired during the 2008-09 school year. A total of 50 people attended, including 21 recent retirees who were treated to a complimentary lunch entrée of stuffed chicken breast or Tuscan meat loaf. Following a short program that included greetings and a state level update by Dustin Bielke, WEAC staff person for the Retired Chapters, about 20 door prizes were given out before the group headed over to the Wreath Factory for a tour and an opportunity to make wreaths or swags at a discounted price. Next up for the retired colleagues is a matinee theater outing to Milwaukee to see "Pearl Bailey-By-Request" in late January/early February.

Just a reminder to all of you "active" KMUC members, you can lock in a membership in KMUC-Retired by joining now as a "pre-retired" member. You join at today's Live Membership rate (avoiding any potential future dues increases), and when you retire, you are a paid in full member. Contact the KMUC office for information brochures and membership forms explaining the many reasons and benefits that come with being a member of the Retired Chapter

KMUC Calendar

<p>November 11 CBC/President's Meeting KMUC Office 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>November 16 KMUC Executive Committee Meeting KMUC Office 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Happy Thanksgiving</p>	<p>November 26 & 27 Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed</p>	<p>December 7 KMUC Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.</p>
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