



Minnesota
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MMEP Board of Directors

September 18, 2008

1:00 – 3:00 PM

**Paul & Sheila Wellstone Center – Neighborhood House
Saint Paul, MN**

REVISED: Minutes

Board Members Present: Elona Street-Stewart, SPPS; Lydia Lee, MPS; Karen Woodward, Community; Mike Lopez, MNSCU; Leann Enninga, Community; Jackie Fraedrich, Robbinsdale Schools; Stephanie Crosby, Robbinsdale Schools; Raul Ramos, MNSCU; Avelino Mills-Novoa, St. Cloud State University; Tex Ostvig, U of M; Anthony Galloway, WMEP; Sunny Kase (for David Laird, MPCC)

MMEP Staff Present: Carlos Mariani Rosa, Jennifer Godinez, Caren Custer

1. Welcome and Introductions

Elona Street-Stewart called meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.
A quorum was present

2. Expression of our Values

Members shared recollections of Paul and Sheila Wellstone.

3. Consent Agenda

- a) **Approval** of Agenda
- b) **Approval** of June 19, 2008 Minutes
- c) **Approval** of July 17 Executive/Finance Report (includes authorizing salary adjustments)

M/S/P

Stephanie/Leann

To adopt the Consent Agenda and June 19, 2008, minutes

4. Finance Report

Tex and Carlos presented updates.

M/S/P

Mike/Raul

To receive August 31 report including authorization of salary adjustments.
Carlos shared that Jay had drafted new Finance Policy Procedures. It was agreed that the Exec/Finance Comte's review for recommendation to the Board.

5. Executive Director's Report

Carlos Mariani Rosa shared written and oral report highlighting results of the Board Summer Retreat, particular the list of "dreams" shared on possible MMEP activities. Board had extensive discussion of teacher development work unfolding in Minnesota. Question of what MMEP's role can best be on this issue was raised with consensus on keeping all players focused on the centrality of teacher's ability to have high expectations of students of color and to possess strong cross-racial/cultural competencies. It was agreed to have the Executive committee further determine how MMEP can do this for recommendation back to Board.

M/S/P

Lydia/Avelino

To receive the report of the Executive Director

Board did not discuss elections but all members were encouraged to nominate new members.

6. State of Students of Color/American Indian Students Conference Report (Action Requested)

Caren reported on behalf of Mona's written report sharing info on upcoming Gates/Page

Scholarship Night, the upcoming 20th anniversary of the Academic enrichment Guide and the State of Students of Color/American Indian Students Conference where Board volunteers are needed, particularly for press representation

M/S/P

Mike/Raul

To receive the report of the Program Director

VIP Dinner was not discussed. Carlos will follow up.

7. MCAN Report

Jennifer Godinez shared that MCAN's first supported College Center was opened by Neighborhood House. St Cloud continues to develop their center with MCAN technical advice and support.

M/S/P

Karen/Raul

To receive the report of the MCAN Director

8. State of Students of Color/American Indian Students Research Report

Carlos shared that full State of Students of Color/American Indian Students Report most likely will not be ready for the November Conference but that an Executive Summary is being prepared. Board members were asked to participate in shaping the Executive Summary.

Carlos also shared the search for the new MMEP Research Director

M/S/P

Karen/Raul

Motion to receive update on research report and search for Research Director

9. New and/or Other Business

- Board calendar

Board agreed to set January aside for a focused discussion on antiracism dynamics of MMEP's work. Executive committee will work to design meeting.

- Raul shared that MSNCU received grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation for anti-racism work on MNSCU campuses in collaboration with the HEART collaborative.
- Raul also shared that the MN Latinos in Higher Education group will hold a statewide conference on October 10 and 11. Carlos is participating as a speaker at the event.

10. Adjournment

M/S

Karen/Mike

There being no further business Elona adjourned meeting at 3:13 p.m.