

**Military Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
Florida Council Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2018**

Attendees:

Jacob Oliva – Representing the Commissioner of Education

Bob Buehn – Compact Commissioner

Nelly Richards – Representative of Military Installation

**Henry Kelly – Representative for the Superintendent of the School District with the
Largest Percent of Military Children**

Kelly Owens – Senate/House Appointee

Kaye McKinley – Military Family Liaison

Jordanne Stark – Florida High School Athletic Association – Ex Officio

Richard Pryor – Operations Coordinator – National Compact Office

Margaret Sanders – Senate Staff

Lynda Brown – SLO NSA Panama City

Carissa Bergosh – SLO NAS Pensacola

1. Welcome / Introductions

- Jacob welcomed everyone and thanked them for their service to the Compact.
- Jacob announced the upcoming Base Commanders Meeting.

2. Message from Compact Commissioner

- Reported on the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) held October 25-27, 2017 in Providence, RI.
- Reported that trainings were available at the meeting for new commissioners and school liaison officers.
- Reported receiving a letter recognizing Capt. Sean Haley, Commander of NAS Jacksonville, as the Dept. of Defense representative to the Florida Compact Council. Bob will meet with Capt. Haley soon and will brief the Council at our next meeting.
- Reported that the MIC3 Executive Committee will meet in December and part of the meeting will consist of team building activities. Curtis mentioned the numerous thanks from ABM participants regarding Florida's efforts to ease the school transitions for students displaced by recent hurricanes.

3. Update from National Compact Office

- Richard reported that the new year is off to a good start for MIC3.
- Reported that the PR and Training Committee was restructured to form the Training Committee and the Communication/Outreach Committee.
- Reported that Florida's Compact dues were received at the end of November.

4. Current Technical Assistance

- Curtis reported technical assistance questions related to Veteran's benefits for dependents and Graduation Requirements for displaced Puerto Rico HS students.
- Florida Compact Newsletter will go out this month. Curtis will send to Council.

5. Interstate Compact Trainings and School Liaison Officer Updates

- Curtis reported that has no planned Compact trainings
- Nelly reported that the MacDill/Hillsborough Council for Educational Excellence has been very successful and extremely helpful in resolving school related issues.
- Nelly reported that a workshop is planned for February on “Finding Scholarships”.
- Nelly reported that the Military Child Education Coalition has a training, “Supporting Military Children Through Transitions”.
- Lynda reported that it has been calm in Panama City schools.
- Lynda reported that there are new plans to provide Military Compact 101 to education classes for pre-service educators.
- Carissa was thankful for all that FDOE does to help military families.
- Carissa reported that schools near bases are often at capacity which creates some problems when military families transfer in after student assignments are made. Curtis offered to send the contact information for the local contact for controlled open enrollment.
- Henry reported that Escambia military families have controlled open enrollment extensions and offered to send recent district directives to the Council. Curtis will distribute.
- Henry reported a Hurlburt Field flyover has created traffic problems for a local elementary school. School system and military base partnerships have been very successful, and HB 3031 may provide some relief.

6. Other Business

Comments – Questions

- No additional comments
- Next meeting April 13, 2018

7. Future Meeting Dates for 2018-19

- July 13, 2018
- October 12, 2018
- January 11, 2019