

**Military Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children  
Florida Council Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2017**

**Attendees:**

Mary Jane Tappen – Representing the Commissioner of Education  
Bob Buehn – Compact Commissioner  
Kelly Owens – Senate/House Appointee  
Kaye McKinley –  
Zackary Gibson – Executive Branch  
Jordanne Stark – Florida High School Athletic Association – Ex-officio  
Richard Pryor – Operations Coordinator, National Compact Office  
Curtis Jenkins – Staff Support – Florida Compact Council  
Elizabeth Ryon – Senate Staff  
Margaret Sanders – Senate Staff  
Dawn Mills – SLO Key West  
Sharon Kasica – SLO NS Mayport  
Lynda Brown – SLO NSA Panama City  
Tracy Banner – House Staff  
Teri Wannamaker – SLO NAS Jacksonville  
Randy Lambert – Regional Director for Navy SLO's  
Tina Paulson – Marine Corps SLO Program East

1. Welcome / Introductions – Mary Jane Tappen

- Mary Jane welcomed everyone and thanked them for their work on the Compact Council. Mary Jane said, “Children are better served because of our work.” Mary Jane asked that the council continue to push our agenda and work on behalf of children. Curtis presented Mary Jane with a Certificate of Appreciation and Challenge Coin from the National Compact Office for her years of dedication to the Florida Compact Council. Zack Gibson presented Mary Jane with a Proclamation for Month of the Military Child signed by Governor Scott.

2. Message from Compact Commissioner – Bob Buehn

- Bob reported on the upcoming MIC3 Executive Committee meeting in Lexington, KY and the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting in Providence, RI. Bob reported getting a number of calls regarding non-compact issues but with Curtis was able to get the callers the help they needed. Bob reported Curtis doing a wonderful job presenting on the Compact at the Florida Advisory Council for Military Education at Patrick Air Force Base.

3. Update from National Compact Office – Cherise Imai – Executive Director

- Richard echoed his regard to Mary Jane for her dedication with many thanks from MIC3. Richard followed up on Bob's comment about the MIC3 Executive Committee meeting May 3-4, 2017. Richard reported that the Annual Business meeting will be October 25-27, 2017 in Providence. The rework of the MIC3 newsletter has been well received. The May issue will highlight various Month of the Military Child activities around the country. MIC3 Purple Up! Day is April 25, 2017. Richard reported a site visit for the 2018 Annual Business Meeting for Columbus or Cleveland. Richard reported that four states have Compact Commissioner vacancies.

4. Current Technical Assistance

- MCEC/Columbia University- Curtis reported briefly on research on the Compact at Columbia University

- Continued gifted eligibility-Curtis reported on a recent Rule change approved by the State Board of Education regarding continued eligibility without further testing for students found eligible in another state when they transfer to Florida.
  - On-time graduation-Curtis reported on efforts for on-time graduation for a senior who moved from Florida to Kentucky. Curtis reported that the FDOE Purple Up! Day is the same as MIC3 April 25.
  - Richard mentioned the MIC3 discussions with Columbia University as well.
5. Interstate Compact Trainings
- Florida Advisory Council on Military Education-Curtis reported that this group provides contacts and support to military families looking for post secondary training or degree. Jordan Alexander from the Florida College System presented on post secondary supports and Curtis presented on the Interstate Military Compact and K-12 supports.
  - Family Café- Curtis presented on the compact and participated a number of panel discussions on supports for military students.
  - Kaye reported on her presentations to practicum students. Kaye was celebrating Purple Up! Day at her school April 14, 2017.
6. Update from School Liaison Officers
- Sharon-Military Family Life Counselors presented on the Compact in Clay and Duval. Sharon reported some push back from school personnel regarding immunization requirements. Finnegan Elementary featured a Purple Ball in honor of Month of the Military Child. Mary Jane mentioned the State University System (SUS) Tour as a possible outreach for Compact information. Bob agreed that the UNF trainings for pre service educators have been valuable on a number of fronts. Questions arose regarding SB 7069 and Charter Schools providing preference to military students.
7. Other Business
- Discuss Schedule for future meetings – Next meeting July 14, 2017
  - Everyone again thanked Mary Jane for her commitment to the Compact and wished her well in her retirement. Bob asked if Richard could send some Purple Up and MIC3 pins. Richard has a limited supply but will send a few .
8. Future Dates for 2016
- October 13, 2017
  - January 12, 2018
  - April 13, 2018