

**Wisconsin State Council for the Interstate Compact  
for the Education of Military Children**

Meeting Agenda/Minutes

AUG 19, 2019

3:30 - 4:30 pm

*Conference Call Meeting*

**The USA Toll-Free Number is 877-820-7831. The Participant Code is 625275.**

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1. Welcome, Call to order at 3:30 pm. on AUG 19, 2019
2. Roll call
  - a. Michael Thompson X (on behalf of Carolyn Stanford Taylor)
  - b. Gregg Curtis (DPI Liaison) X
  - c. Ben Jones (DPI Legal Counsel) X
  - d. Scott Jones (DPI Chief of Staff) X
  - e. Becky Walley (WI School Liaison Officer) X
  - f. Lynn Sisco (Military Families, Social Workers) X
  - g. Cameron Campbell (WI DMA, Children & Youth Programs) Excused
  - h. Patrick Testin (Legislative Representative) Absent
  - i. Matt Wimmer (Legislative Staffer) X
  - j. Cindy Zharte (Tomah) X
  - k. John Blaha (Military Representative) X
  - l. Angie Mattes (WI PTA) X
  - m. David Anderson (WIAA) X
  - n. Wade Labecki (WIAA) X
  - o. John Hendricks (Chamber of Commerce) Absent
  - p. Shelley Joan Weiss (Wisconsin Commissioner for the Education of Military Children) X
  - q. Guests -
    - i. Rebecca Boehlke (Military One Source) X
    - ii. Michelle McGrath (Wisconsin Association of School Councils) X
    - iii. Lt Col Dean Nemecek (Wisconsin Army National Guard) X
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion by Cindy Z., seconded. Approved.
4. Approval of [FEB 11, 2019 Minutes](#)
  - a. Motion by Cindy Z., seconded. Approved

5. Shelley shared that she has responded to contacts.
  - a. Most are not related to the Compact, but are education questions related to the military benefits.
  - b. Shelley works closely with the County Veterans Services Officers and representatives from the VA to resolve questions.
6. Continue to work on [DPI processes](#) to collect data on military children.
7. Sharing updates on Rendezvous 2019, AUG 7-9, 2019, Fort McCoy, WI
  - a. Camp included TOYS, Teachers of Promise, Representatives from DPI, WAMLE members, Recruiters from WI Army National Guard.
    - i. State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor and Brigadier General Joanie Mathews joined us on AUG 8, 2019.
8. Activities at the National Level, [MIC3](#)
  - a. [Resources](#)
  - b. 2019 Annual Business Meeting, Colorado Springs, CO, OCT 23-24, 2019
    - i. Shelley will represent Wisconsin..
9. Input from Members
  - a. Cindy Z. - Setting a date for 2020 Purple Up, FRI, APR 17, 2020.
  - b. Cindy Z. - Volk Field ANG and Community Council are bringing in teachers to share STEAM information and high tech possibilities for teachers/students. This is for the region. Superintendents were invited and encouraged to attend and share information with other staff.
  - c. Angie M. - Shared information on the 110th WI PTA conference and meeting. Proposed and unanimously passed a resolution focused on electronic cigarettes and vape pens. Important to all members to have this resolution in place. Have recently seen increasing numbers of students who have been hospitalized due to vaping. WI PTA is working with legislators to propose protection for youth from advertising targeting youth. Would like the results of use discussed with students at the middle level. Has reached out to representatives to have a bill proposed.
  - d. Dave A. - Discussions with WIAA and other organizations have been asked what will be done with the results of the Aspen Institute studies. We may be able to partner to advocate for participation in a variety of activities and remove barriers to participation (e.g., fees). Some school booster programs have “scholarship” type programs, but some families won’t even come forward to seek support. In some cases, participation fees are major obstacles. There are other obstacles that we need to remove.
    - i. Questions have been forwarded to Dave on any rules related to opportunities for participation by transferring students.
  - e. Mike T. - Shared that he has received a variety of questions related to participation in co-curricular activities (e.g., sports), particularly in relationship to

the expense of participation. Often the costs related to programs (e.g., special uniforms, additional travel, etc.) are prohibiting factors for students. This is an ongoing issue that extends beyond military children.

- f. Rebecca B. - If military students are participating and their parents are deployed, there is a grant program to help support participation.
  - g. Cindy Z. - Tomah does not have any participation fees, but there are numerous hidden costs involved in participation (e.g., getting practice uniforms, transportation, etc.). Tomah has been working on increasing communication to remove barriers.
10. Future Meeting, FEB 2020 (Date/time to be announced)
- a. Shelley will notify folks of the date and time as soon as it is available.
  - b. Please always provide input for the agenda prior to the meeting.
11. Adjourn at 4:05 p.m.
- a. Thank you to all members and guests of the WI State Council for the Interstate Compact for the Education of Military Children for your involvement and ongoing support.
  - b. Thank you to our guests for their input.