

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING/PROJECT NAME: Montana Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children			
DATE OF MEETING: May 25, 2017		TIME: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	
PRESIDER: Elsie Arntzen			
MINUTES PREPARED BY: Chrissie Tharp		LOCATION: Great Falls Public Schools District Office Building, Aspen Room	
1. MEETING OBJECTIVE			
Business Meeting			
2. ATTENDEES			
PRESENT		ABSENT	
<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>	<u>INVITED GUESTS</u>	<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>	<u>INVITED GUESTS</u>
Elsie Arntzen, OPI Supt. Brig. Gen (Ret.) Harold Stearns, Compact Commissioner Capt. Dan Bushnell, Montana National Guard Tammy Lacey, GFPS Supt Rep. Jean Price Leisa Drain, School Liaison Officer, Malmstrom AFB	Kim Ray, Loy Principal, GFPS Steve Yates, Associate Principal, GFHS Susie Hedalen, OPI Director of Educational Services & ESSA	Sen. Edward Buttrey Mark Beckman, Exec. Director, MHTA	
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:			
Minutes provided and offered by Supt. Lacey. The following addendums were included: 1) Large population of military students at Loy remaining consistent at 95%-96% 2) Discussed transportation 3) Discussed gate safety to school from Malmstrom AFB since 9-11 Approved unanimously.			
4. AGENDA AND NOTES, DISCUSSIONS, ISSUES (OPEN ISSUES/PRESENTATIONS)			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Report on Air Force Global Strike Command Education Symposium Barksdale AFB Louisiana Apr 26-27, 2017 <i>Leisa Drain and Kim Ray</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First time attending the initial three-day symposium • MT recognized as a leader/innovator • Discussed roles and responsibilities shared with base and schools • 3 of 8 bases submitted BEST Practices (MT presented) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connections to school ○ Academics ○ Liaison officer • Half day in-service with staff at Loy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff went on base, including a tour ○ Logistics of this was discussed at symposium • Teacher takes classes on field trip to the base <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Military parents can't always attend school events, so students go to them ○ Gives the children a chance to showcase their parents' work • Staff checks base website when scheduling events • Skype/live feeds for parents who are away • One-Stop Shop to enroll all family members K-12 		

<p>GFPS Air Force JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) Class-- Presentation</p> <p><i>Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.) Jeffrey M. Johnson, Sr. Aerospace Science Instructor</i></p> <p><i>Steve Yates, Associate Principal, GFHS</i></p> <p><i>Website: gfhsjrotc.weebly.com</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester-long course of three major components <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can be taken during any semester ○ Any student from grades 9-12 eligible ○ Students wear uniforms on Fridays ○ Cost shared equally with school district ○ Hopes to double number of students enrolled next year • Component #1: Leadership Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Character development ○ Good Citizenship ○ Introduction to Air Force organizational structure • Component #2: Aerospace Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ History of aviation ○ Cultural studies of major world regions ○ Science of flight ○ Basics of space exploration • Component #3: Wellness/Physical Training Program • Extracurricular programs (Completely voluntary) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Color Guard ○ Drill and Ceremony Team ○ Archery Team ○ Marksmanship Team ○ Multi-Copter Club ○ Physical Training Club
<p>Report on GFPS Military Family Members (PowerPoint Presentation)</p> <p><i>Tammy Lacey, GFPS Supt.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military Appreciation at athletic events • Purple Up Day • Pack The House for USA Pride • Welcome Band for Red Horse return from deployment • Live feeds for presentations and concerts • Barksdale Trophy Application (awarded every other year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community award for most support for military base program ○ 8 bases can apply ○ GFPS submitted application for the first time this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May 15 deadline ▪ No word on winner yet • Infrastructure increase to support the students from the base • Impact Aid • TROOPS Grant
<p>Lunch</p>	
<p>ESSA Presentation</p> <p><i>Susie Hedalen, ESSA Director for OPI</i></p> <p><i>(See ESSA attachments for more info)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief overview of ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Signed into law in 2015 ○ Replaces No Child Left Behind ○ Reauthorizes the Elementary & Secondary Education Act of 1965 • Purpose of the Montana ESSA Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Show how Montana is working to ensure federal standards are met ○ Allow flexibility ○ Ensure community input <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statewide visits ▪ Presentations to various organizations/legislative groups • ESSA and College & Career Readiness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Military pathway as Career ○ Mathematical pathways ○ STEM paths ○ Collaboration between schools, Higher Ed, OPI, CTE and military

5. NEW BUSINESS	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Board of Regents Policy <i>From Angela McLean, Academic & Student Affairs, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (via email)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Board of Regents Policy: H. 1. Notwithstanding the residency requirement, the following classes of persons are eligible for in-state status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Members of the armed forces of the United States assigned to active duty in Montana, their spouses, and their dependent children during the member's tour of duty in Montana. • OCHE also has these waivers available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Honorably Discharged Veteran Waiver ○ War Orphans Waiver
Congressional Delegation Reach-Outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing invitation to the meetings • Notes/synopsis of the committee
Reporting Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutorily required to report to Interim Education Committee every even year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will report to current Interim Education Committee on June 13 ○ Will report to SAVA (State Administration of Veteran Affairs) on July 20 • Rep. Jean Price volunteered as liaison • Inviting media to meetings/Press release • Include information on OPI website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Possibly start a Facebook page
Montana Digital Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to Dr. Curry at University of Montana
Dual Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insure equal opportunity in all AA to C schools
Divisions at OPI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Little challenges with Special Ed services in the continuum ○ Most issues with record transfers • Title I (Family & Community Information) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently send information to Helena schools as well as Great Falls • Military student data identifier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No official collection of data as AIM system is being changed this summer ○ OPI has an early warning system but dropout rates are not accurate • Teacher Learning Hub <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Potential Professional Development Courses to recognize and empower teachers/leaders to advocate for military students
New Member Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Education member
NOTES/FOLLOW UP FROM THIS MEETING	
WHO	WHAT
Tammy Lacey	Model District Policy (Joe Brott—MTSBA Policy)
Hal Stearns	Create Bylaws
Jean Price/Hal Stearns	Budget Discussion
Hal Stearns	Travel Reimbursement Procedure
Elsie Arntzen	Requested PowerPoint presentations be sent to OPI
7. ADJOURNMENT (TIME): 2:00 pm	