

Wisconsin Council of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Council Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2017 – 10:30-11:30 am
Room 535, Department of Public Instruction
Madison, WI

Phone in participation -
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1. Call to order, roll call (Shelley Joan Weiss, Commissioner)
 - a. Introduction of [Senator Patrick Testin \(24th District\)](#)
2. Welcome by State Superintendent Tony Evers
3. Update from State Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss
 - a. Report on annual national Commission meeting.
 - i. Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss is working with the Education, Training, and Public Relations Committee. She is specifically working with folks at the national headquarters on sharing information via social media.
 - b. Contacts.
 - i. Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss shared that most of the contacts were requesting help with families who were moving out of state. Additionally, she has had numerous contacts from military members seeking information on who they can contact about their own educational benefits. She refers those folks to their County Veteran's Services Office.
 - c. Planning for April 2017 - Month of the Military Child
 - i. John Hendrickson, Superintendent of the Sparta Area School District and Council Member shared that the APR 6 Purple Up Celebration will be held at the Cranberry Country Lodge in Tomah. The event will be held from 11:30-1:00. There will be box lunches. John shared that Sparta Area School District, Tomah School District and the Lisbon School District will all be participating and supporting financially.

- ii. Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss will update The Adjutant General, Major General Dunbar. She will invite Governor Scott Walker, Senator Patrick Testin, and Col Michael George.
 - iii. Lt Col John Blaha, Military Designee to the Council mentioned that his commander, Brigadier General Donahue may also participate.
 - iv. Greg Curtis, DPI Liaison suggested a proclamation for APR. Commissioner Weiss met with Benson Gardner about including information about APR, Month of the Military Child and will be sending information for a proclamation from State Superintendent, Tony Evers. John Hendrickson suggested making the proclamations large so that they would be highly visible. Shelley will work with Greg and Benson on the proclamation.
- 4. Ongoing efforts to disseminate materials, educate others (DPI, AWSA, WASDA, WASC)
 - a. Members discussed methods to get information to school secretaries. State Superintendent Tony Evers suggested contacting Skyward to see if they still hold meetings for school secretaries. He suggested that Shelley work with Assistant State Superintendent Kurt Kiefer. Shelley will follow up with Kurt Kiefer, AWSA, WASDA, and Skyward (once she has contact information).
 - b. Members also discussed working with Skyward to see if there is an easy way for parents/guardians to extract student record information from the online student information systems when families are moving. Gregg Curtis, DPI Liaison mentioned that there may be methods to obtain this information through the Career Cruising program. (Shelley will follow up with the folks at DPI in charge of this program to learn more.)
- 5. Potential invitation to Dave Anderson, Executive Director of WIAA for next meeting. (Shelley will contact Dave.)
- 6. Scheduling a meeting with WI PTO Executive Director.
- 7. Additional items.
 - a. State Superintendent Tony Evers requested information from other states on how they are collecting the information electronically on students who are the children of military families.
 - b. State Superintendent Tony Evers requested information from model states on how we can make our certification process more military family friendly so that spouses of military members who are licensed in other states can acquire WI certification for teaching.
 - i. Gregg Curtis shared, DPI Liaison information with Commissioner Weiss that he received from IA.
- 8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am, FEB 15, 2017. The next meeting will be scheduled for AUG 2017.

Follow up information:

- Shelley contacted Michael Hinman of Major General Dunbar's office to share the updated information on the location and time of the event on APR 6.
- Shelley invited Col Michael George, Coordinator of Family Programs at the Department of Military Affairs. He will be attending and bringing two of the representatives of the group.
- Shelley invited both Senator Testin and Governor Walker. Neither will be attending.
- Shelley contacted her counterparts in four states and at the National Headquarters for MIC3 to find out information on collecting student data electronically and also making the certification process for military spouses easier.
- Shelley contacted Kurt Kiefer to obtain contact information for Skyward.
- Shelley contacted AWSA and WASDA to investigate any training/communication with secretaries.
- Shelley shared information and a sample proclamation and the theme for the 2017 Month of the Military Child (Military Kids: At Home Across the World!)with Thomas McCarthy, Benson Gardner, Jihan Bekiri, and Gregg Curtis at the DPI.