

2022.5.18 MIC3 Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Attendance: **Chad Delbridge, Erica Legerski, Shelley Hamel, Thom Jones**, Lachelle Brant, Representative Burt Marshall, Edward Red, Senator Lynn Hutchings, **Nancy Warner, Phillip Wheeler, Jeffery Sheppard**. **Bold** denotes those in attendance

Welcome and Introduction:

3:30 – Meeting called to order

3:30 - Thom conducts Roll Call - Quorum Met

Introductions –

Old Business:

3:32 – Minutes from the 2022.3.24 meeting read –

Chad offered an amendment for accuracy to change line 106 to read “mail” instead of “email”

Nancy Warner made a motion to approve the minutes as amended

Col Wheeler seconded

3:34 - 2022.3.24 Meeting Minutes approved as amended

Updates:

-Purple Star – Jen Davis at the Governor’s office is leading this up.

Nancy Warner – Ken Reynolds at WDE was appointed the point of contact for the program. Nancy will work with Ken to get him up to speed on the program. The hope is to get the program finalized so districts can start applying by next school year

Thom Jones - Ken had asked for some time to get up to speed on what the application process will look like and what it will take to review the applications. Jen Davis will be setting up another meeting to finalize the details

Nancy – Schools that want to obtain the purple star status have to have an ambassador program to do that.

The student to student program is in use at Freedom Elem, Dildine Elem, Saddle Ridge Elem, Central HS, and McCormick Jr HS in Laramie County School District #1.

They will be adding Meadowlark 5-6 Elem to this next year. Nancy heard last week they she got funding for the entire training. Nancy is hoping that the Military Child Education Coalition will come at the end of September. Still working on the logistics to make sure this happens. It’s not just for military connected students. It’s like an ambassador welcome committee.

MIC3 Executive April Meeting held in Lexington, KY

Chad – Discovered an error in the compact, which we will have to look at. It’s not just WY’s compact, it’s the main MIC3 compact. May require an amendment

Chad – Committee began work around a new strategic plan. Will roll this out at the Annual Business meeting in October in New Orleans

– No other old business

New Business:

3:41 – Nancy introduces Tammie Perreault from the Defense State Liaison Office to discuss Advanced Enrollment with committee members. Tammie covers Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, and Alaska

Tammie – Advanced Enrollment (HB 57) is designed to allow a family to call in advance to register at a school. The family does not have to prove they are in that district/school boundary until 10 days after they arrive. This will require some coordination with the district to ensure the student will get to the school where they live.

Chad – Wanted to know how is it addressed if the school that the family wants to register in is full? The district (LCSD1) has historically enrolled the student in the next closest school and provided transportation.

Tammie – In other states there is a prioritization system for military students. Where they are prioritized like a student who has been attending the district. Tammie will send the committee some model legislation from other states. How is this is handled is a state / local school decision.

Chad – Expressed concern about the growing scarcity of housing with the upcoming Airbase refit

Nancy – Pointed out a systems issue for incoming families. They are required to enter an address during on-line enrollment but the Legislation says that families have 10 days after they arrive to provide that information.

Chad will meet with LCSD1 district superintendents concerning this.

3:51 – Chad introduces issues discussed at the Executive Committee meeting in Lexington, KY concerning MIC3 Compact language specific to kindergarten enrollment. The Compact language allows any student attending kindergarten to receive commensurate enrollment in WY. The issue is there was a statutory change that changed the age requirement that could potentially leave a district to disallow an incoming student if their birthday falls outside the updated statute.

Thom – Clarified that the MIC3 Compact language wasn't changed but instead a statute that the Compact references was amended by HB 174 which established to two different birthdates that districts could use when granting K enrollment.

Shelley provided the Attorney General's guidance on this change. Child has to be 5 before Aug 1st, however, if the parent feels their child is mature enough to start kindergarten then it is the parents responsibility to initiative that request and the district has to have a process and policy in place to field those requests.

Shelley has spoken to the two largest districts in the state. This would be handled on a case by case basis and most the time the answer would be yes. Doesn't feel this will create an issue for students who are already attending school in another state.

Question: Does the MIC3 compact supersede the state statute?

Chad spoke to Cherise at the National Office and she said the state compact should state that students should be accepted regardless of age if they have already started school in another state.

Shelley will take the concern to the AGs office to get their interpretation and ask how the MIC3 compact works in concert with the state statute.

Tammie – How many other states are facing these types of issues or cleanup?

Chad – Doesn't think there are a lot of states out there facing the same issues WY is with commensurate enrollment for Kindergarteners.

4:02 – Nation MIC3 Executive Committee law firm discovered that the language in the main MIC3 Compact is written in a way that children of National Guard/ Reserve service members would not be covered under the compact.

The law firm is going through each state's compact to see if states corrected it themselves or if this will require a change at the national level. ExComm was presented with the following options to correct the compact:

- Technical Update to the statute (preferred)
- Statutory Amendment

Tammie – This is an issue that will have to be correct in most states. Not yet sure how those changes will be addressed within each state

Chad – More information to come on this topic.

Chad - Call for any other new Business.

Col. Wheeler – Update and potential impact of the upcoming Airbase refit. Over the next 5-6 years. There will be a modest increase in military personnel on FE Warren. Most project employees will be housed in Nebraska and will not have their families with them. In Cheyenne, there will be a Program Office and Northrup Grumman employees which is estimated at 300-400 employees who may bring their families with them.

4:17 – Nancy moves to adjourn
Thom Seconds

4:17 – Meeting Adjourned