

2022.8.25 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

3:32 – Thom Jones calls meeting to order

Adjustments to the Agenda

Chad offers:

- Correction to agenda language. Under New Business “Compact Citation Correction” changed to “NGR Options”
- Add under New Business Nancy Warner to request assistance with information on strengths/challenges of MIC3 committee in Wyoming
- Add under New Business “Cherise Imai - Executive Director MIC3”

3:34 – A motion to adopt adjusted agenda was made by Senator Hutchings and seconded by Nancy Warner. Adjusted agenda adopted by unanimous vote.

3:35 - Rollcall – 5 of 11 members present - Meeting lacks a quorum

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2022 tabled

3:37 - Old Business:

Updates:

Purple Star Program - Nancy Warner

Nancy provided a synopsis of the program and examples of activities. Mrs. Warner informed the committee that Ken Reynolds at the Wyoming Department of Education is leading the program and is ready to announce the roll out the program.

3:41 -New Business:

Chad Delbridge – Opens discussion on Memorandum on Military Interstate Children’s Compact to NGR Members dated February 16, 2022

- Current MIC3 Compact does not cover the National Guard or Reserve unless they go under Title 10 status, which makes them active duty.
- What the National MIC3 committee wants to look at is do we need to add National Guard and Reserve regardless of Title 10 status.
- On August 16, 2021, the Wyoming MIC3 Committee voted on option #6 (No action)
- Last year’s an annual business meeting last year, all 50 states plus DC, DC, and we voted on this and didn’t come to any conclusion whether we were going to move forward with this as a commission
 - Some states were not sure what they wanted to add National Guard and Reserve
 - Some states were concerned because if we added the National Guard and reserve, each state pays dues to the Commission depending on the number of military dependents they have in that state and for larger states their dues would increase.
- The national committee has raised the issue again

- Chad suggested the committee may want to consider Option #1 (external Legislation)
 - Under Option #1 Wyoming would pass external language in legislation separate from the MIC3 Compact.
 - It would provide all the same privileges under the Compact to all our National Guard and Reserve.
 - It wouldn't cost our state council anything extra or it would not cost the state the national commission anything extra as far as dues.
- Senator Hutchings
 - Agree with previous vote of the committee to take no action
 - Does not see the National Guard and Reserve coming under this compact because their scope and their duties don't fall under the same type as active duty.
 - Urged committee to stay with option #6 (no action)
- Erica Legerski
 - Previously discussed with General Porter and his team.
 - Question was “what kind of need are we trying to fill”?
 - Wyoming doesn't have a lot of kids whose parents are deployed.
 - Original recommendation was to not do anything due to concerns over additional dues for something that may not be beneficial for those (NGR) individuals.
- Chad Delbridge
 - Will send out an email to committee members to get thoughts on this.
 - Will committee continue to take no action?
 - Would committed want to add external language?

3:54 - Next Topic - Compact Citation Correction

Chad Delbridge – Opens discussion on Memorandum on Compact Citation Correction dated May 18, 2022.

- It was discovered that when the National compact language was written, that there is an error in the citation.
- Second paragraph states “*Section* 1209 and 1211” when it should have been “*Chapters* 1209 and 1211”.
- As currently written the compact could be construed to exempt National Guard or Reserve even if they fall under title 10.
- The National Committee’s law firm reviewed every state's compact to see if any states had caught the mistake and made corrections. Most states did not, Wyoming did not.
- Two ways we could correct this
 - Technical update to the statute. – easiest if allowed by rules
 - Amendment to the state compact. – would require legislative action
- Does Wyoming have a technical update process where a simple correction could be made to our state compact?

Senator Hutchings

- Scrivener’s error process has been used for corrections before in the legislature
- Simple Process
 - Involves bill drafters and Legislative Service office
 - Legislator explains on the floor the needed corrections (Chapter versus Section)

- Voted on by members
- May be the easiest method to make correction
- Would be willing to run those corrections for the committee if needed.

Chad Delbridge

- The language does need to be changed,
- Checking to see if Wyoming may have a technical update process
- If not, will reach out to Senator Hutchings
- Will send an email to committee members informing them of the Section versus Chapter issue and potential remedies.

4:02 - Next Topic - MIC3 Compact Language and Statute Changes made by HB174

Chad Delbridge – Without a quorum present, recommendation is to table discussion until next quarterly meeting

- Members present agree to table discussion until next meeting.

4:03 - Next Topic - Nancy Warner request for assistance

Nancy Warner annually compiles a slide for the Department of Defense

- Synopsis of MIC3 and its work in Wyoming
- Asking for ideas for inclusion
 - Challenges or trends
 - Educational challenges or trends
 - 3 of our best practices
- Suggested trend – Wyoming MIC3 is fully represented, meets quarterly, and engaged in the work.
- Possible Challenge - Advanced Enrollment - intent and process may not have been not fully communicated between the state and school districts.
 - A presentation from Regional Director, Tammie Perrault on May 18 2022, provided the committee with a better understanding of the process, however, a disconnect still exists between military member and district policies
 - Concerns were addressed over Military families living out of state but assigned to FE Warren Airforce base asking for assistance getting their children in Wyoming Schools.
 - MIC3 is unable to support this

Chad Delbridge - Families assigned to FE Warren AFB, living in out of state. and wanting to enroll their child in Laramie County School District #1 (LCSD1)

- By law Wyoming cannot educate an out of state student without the family paying tuition
- For information of the committee on this topic
 - A parent reached out to Lachelle Brant at the governor's office over this issue.
 - Chad is currently working with Lachelle to address the parent's concerns.
- Point to note – This issue does not fall under the purview of the MIC3

Nancy Warner – Additional challenges noted

- Cheyenne Virtual School (CVS) is now only offered K-5 (Chad will verify grade levels)
- Access to pre-kindergarten programs
 - Only in Title I schools – 10 Pre-K programs

- LCSD1 added two Pre-K programs that are tuition based
 - No Data on how many children have enrolled in the new programs
- Needs input on other Educational challenges or trends

Chad Delbridge - Suggested

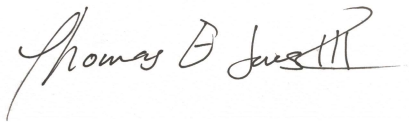
- Positive - the effort made to get information on MIC3 to families within LCSD1
- Challenges - the need to get the same information out to the rest of the state on what MIC3 is and how it can support.
- Challenge – getting information/Resources on MIC3 to members of the National Guard and Reserve
- Chad –Information on either challenges or best practices can be emailed to Nancy Warner.

4:16 - No Further New Business

4:17 – Meeting adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made by Erica Legerski and seconded by Nancy Warner. Motion to adjourn approved by unanimous vote.

Secretary:



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