

West Virginia Council for the Interstate Compact Educational Opportunity for Military Children

05/20/22 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendees:

Ted Diaz (State Council member)

Brittany Watson (State Council member)

Ryan Saxe (State Council member)

Kendall Carson (not a council member)

Chris Hendrix (DOD Representative)

Robert Mellace (State Council member)

Phillip Cantrell (State Council member)

Daryle Bayless (not a council member)

Time:	Meeting Notes:
9:55 AM	Logged onto meeting
10:00 AM	Waiting for people to join
10:02 AM	Meeting started; introduction RM Microsoft intro; asking people to be muted if not presenting Welcome slides; RM's background and contact information
10:05 AM	Summer Agenda overview; Role Call Begins Mr. Phillip Cantrell: here; introduction to come later during remarks Mr. Clayton Burch: absent at this time Dr. Ryan Saxe: here; 2 year on commission; Cabell county has received purple star district award CPT Brittany Watson: family programs director for the national guard Mr. Edward Diaz: veterans and their families with being able to identify the benefits they are eligible for (state and federal benefits) Mr. Ryan Weld: absent at this time Mr. Bill Anderson: absent at this time Mr. Robert Mellace: presenting Mr. Chris Hendrix: regional leader with perspective from other areas
10:11 AM	Motion; approval of the minutes for the meeting Ryan Saxe; motion to approve the minutes for the meeting Secretary Diaz; seconds the approval Approve the agenda, say I: Yes has approval, move forward with the meeting
10:13 AM	Mr. Phillip Cantrell Introduction Remarks; State Compact Commissioner Notes: goes over background, praises the collaborative nature of the WVDE and partners; Educate, Employ, and Enlist—worth their weight in gold; MIC3 is a way to say that we care about our kids; praise RM for his work at the WVDE
10:18 AM	Remarks; State Superintendent of Schools CB absent at this time; RM presents for Mr. Burch Notes: STEM focus in the military, goes over their experiences with the Golden Knights; RM states that CB embraces these concepts and leads by example; expanded efforts on the three E's: educate, employ, and enlist during his time at the WVDE
10:22 AM	Quick Overview of MIC3: Summary Info, Business Info, etc.

	Notes: MIC3’s Compact that was developed in DC by all 50 states; compact only applies to public schools; Compact Quick Fact Guide overview; WV’s Approach: Stakeholders at the local level (WV Common Ground Partnership State’s Superintendent’s update message; brochure and guidance for WV, WVDE MIC3 page on the common ground website
10:25 AM	MIC3 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Updates Notes: Proposition to expand coverage; dues remain at \$1,300; Videos on the compact can be viewed at link; Dr. Cardona voiced support of these ideals and MICS
10:27 AM	MIC3 Inquiry and Scenario Read Time; During FY 2020 there was 1 inquiry; During FY 2021, there were 0 inquires; RM discusses the situation from the scenario, and describes how MIC3 makes a positive impact for the students
10:30 AM	MIC3 Inquiry and Scenario Read Time; During FY 2022 there was 1 inquiry Notes: RM: everyone wanted to be helpful in the situation, sometimes these situations aren’t always black and whites; policies play a role in these situations Comments: Ryan Saxe: sometimes it’s the capacity of the district that impacts how these situations are handled—talks about how these situations could be handled in Cabell County no problem; talks about how the compact, along with state policy (that could require revision), should be able to handle the situation
10:36 AM	Importance of MIC3 in WV Military readiness of our country (COVID-19, Civil Unrest, Russia and Ukraine, other events) has impacted how we interact with our students; RM highlights the relevance of MIC3 in WV right now
10:38 AM	Questions about MIC3? No questions at this time
10:38 AM	Overview: Common Ground Partnership 18 partnering organization of the common ground partnership; new organizations getting involved as soon as this summer (Martinsburg VA center; Marshall ROTC mentioned)
10:41 AM	Common Ground Compact Signing Event Video Dec. 7 2021 Some people are not able to hear the video; RM states that videos are on WVDE website; RM goes over the details of the event and the attendees
10:43 AM	Supporting the Success of All Students; resources available for students, families, and educators available on the website; continue to build resources on website; also online educator request system for the speaker series (35 days in advance); Miliary Signing Week (26 high schools hosting events) Comments: Ryan Saxe: Attended both signing events in his county; speaks on how the events were super moving and empowering for everyone in attendance. His guess is that things will expand and get more attention from people—really elevated the status of the students making the commitment. Made them equal with their counterparts that are getting athletic scholarships, etc. RM: agrees with Ryan Saxe

10:49 AM	Second Class of Purple Star Award Recipients--Purple Up Day, Spirit Week, Military members and their involvement with the school communities
10:50 AM	MIC3 state specific professional development; will be required for the third class; mentions that it is a free training for WV educators covering the basics of MIC3.
10:51 AM	Video (RM suggested to view it at a different time due to audio concerns); Rm speaks about Governor Justice at the Monroe County signing event; General Hoyer at university event at Morgantown; RM speaks on the fact the Gov. Justice, General Hoyer, and General Holt went back to their own high schools at the request of the high schools, not the state department—these leaders were very receptive to the request
10:52 AM	Communities in Schools Program; RM goes over the services this organization provides and how it could connect to military family’s needs when they enter a school system; How Communities in Schools and Common Ground could support each other
10:54 AM	<p>Roundtable Discussion Time: MIC3 and Supports for Military Families</p> <p>Phillip Cantrell: MIC3 is a good platform because it does help military and state dependents, future of WV depends on military members. As MIC3 design grows, it will reach children not connected to the military. Hopes that all 55 counties will use every resource available to support these children. If answer to question can’t be found, go to Family Resources at the National Guard. States that he is hopeful for the future.</p> <p>Ryan Saxe: Wonderful group of superintendents across the state that are working with these initiatives. One thing that can be beneficial would be a presentation for the WV Superintendents Association, like today’s presentation—Common Ground Compact, Purple Star, etc. Asks for RM and Phillip Cantrell. RM: give us details and we will attend; easy request.</p> <p>Ted Diaz: Give thanks and support to MIC3. We need to be able to attract and bring our veterans home. MIC3 is such a large part of making our state greater for veterans and military members and the guard and reserve. He thanks everyone for their service. RM: the more we have supportive educational system, the more success we have in WV</p> <p>Chris Hendrix: thankful to be involved with this, thankful to the state of WV for being involved in this; everything that we can do to help the resiliency of these kids, we should do without lowering the standards for everyone around. RM: thankful to have you, apologizes for giving short notices, voices appreciation for him being there</p> <p>CPT Watson: thanks everyone for making things come together, especially as a military member and mom. States that younger generation lacks resiliency, sees this as an opportunity for military children to stand out with the resiliency they gain throughout their military journey from their parents RM: Mentions potentially sending out care packages out to educators to support the families; thanks CPT Watson for her services and speaks on how all services are interrelated</p>

11:05 AM	Closing Remarks; recording available soon, Ryan Saxe: asks RM to send an email requesting the opportunity to attend and present and work with Phillip Cantrell to present RM: says he'll follow up as soon as possible
11:06 AM	Meeting Ends