**Kansas Military Children Education Council (KMCEC)**  Those attending are in red.

**Membership:**

* Col. Duane L. Mosier Garrison Commander, Ft. Leavenworth
* LTG (Ret) Perry L. Wiggins Governors Military Council
* Senator Jeff Longbine Legislative Appointee, Emporia
* Ashley Parsons School Liaison Officer, Fort Leavenworth
* Sandy Johnson School Liaison Officer, Fort Riley
* Greg Martin School Liaison Officer, McConnell AFB
* Keith Mispagel Superintendent USD 207, Fort Leavenworth
* Reginald Eggleston Superintendent USD 475, Geary County – Ft. Riley
* Heather Bohaty Superintendent USD 260, Derby
* Dale Brungardt MIC3 Commissioner, KSDE School Finance Director

Membership met in a virtual meeting conducted on the Teams platform.

KMCEC Meeting MinutesFebruary 29, 2024 @ 13:00

**MIC3 Business:**

1. 1 of 4 Compacts adopted by all 50 states (KS was 1st; 4/9/2008)
2. Annual Business Meeting Briefs and Documents on National website

Link: [2023 Annual Business Meeting - MIC3](https://mic3.net/2023-annual-business-meeting/) Richmond, VA - Nov 8-9, 2023

Both Keith Mispagel and Dale Brungardt attended the ABM. Shared information on leadership changes and activities that occurred.

Executive Committee Elections

* Chair, Ernise Singleton, Louisiana
* Vice-Chair, Daron Korte, Minnesota
* Treasurer, Greg Lynch, Washington

We also discussed Dr. Mispagel’s presentation at the ABM. He teamed up with a district from New Jersey and presented on the Move2Learn grant initiative promoting physical activity and how it can positively influence the learning environment. The presentation was a good opportunity to share best practices.

Next year, the ABM will meet face to face in Albuquerque NM on 0ct. 16-17, 2024.

The finance committee will look at the balances to determine if there are adequate cash reserves to meet the goals and whether to continue holding the ABM face to face in the future.

1. Kansas Dues for 2024-25 = $11,487

$11,487 for 2023-24.

A question was asked to prepare a page showing the history of what the MIC3 dues paid each year. Executive Assistant Sherry is working on this. Dues are based on the number of students enrolled, and currently at $1.15 per student. We have heard there may be a conversation in the finance committee at the MIC3 level to increase the dues. The state department of education has authority to pay annual dues requested as a withdrawal from the general fund. The state department does not need legislative approval each year to pay the dues.

1. Kansas had no student issues reported to National Office in FY23 and thus far in FY24.
   1. Kansas Commissioner was made aware of a state level concern regarding student credits near the end of a semester – resolved by the receiving and sending schools.

Dale Brungardt shared that he had a concern raised on an interstate transfer student who was leaving Kansas towards the end of the semester and transfer credits were not issued. Conversations with principals in both states help resolved the situation. Student was granted credits after they completed schoolwork and finals that were proctored by the receiving State. All is good!

Additionally, there was a short conversation concerning district level concerns and issues districts face occasionally. Conversation may help others in the future – bottom line, in Kansas we really do put the student first.

1. April is Month of Military Child
   1. Governor Kelly Proclamation
   2. April 17th is Purple Up!
   3. For additional information: [Month of the Military Child - MIC3](https://mic3.net/motmc/)

KSDE has requested an official Proclamation for the Month of the Military Child from the Governor’s office. We have requested an in-person signing of the proclamation with the Governor and are waiting for confirmation. We haven’t heard anything official yet.

If she agrees to schedule this, we will reach out to the Purple Star Schools to invite superintendents, SLOs, some parents in uniform and children, to participate in the photo opportunity in the governor’s office when it is signed. We should hear in March if it can happen. We would ask to have the signing occur before April 17 if possible. (The Proclamation did occur on March 27th. Students, Parents, and Superintendents attended the signing in the Governor’s Office)

School Districts shared their plans for April and how they planned to celebrate their students and parents.

**Other Considerations:**

1. Purple Star School Application update

Last year (Feb 2023), the KMCEC Purple Star Committee had a conversation to update a few of the criteria on the Purple Star application, however, the updated version was not posted in a timely manner on the KSDE website. The changes were discussed, and no additional changes are needed. The revised application will be posted soon on the KSDE Military Families homepage for future applicants.

A conversation was had concerning how to increase the number of Purple Star Schools. How do we share information on this great program? How can we help other schools learn about Purple Star Schools? Schools may currently have many activities that support military-connected students, and we could help them with their application. Perhaps we can discuss this program with Kansas School Superintendents Association and the Council of Superintendents. Greg Martin (SLO at McConnell AFB, Wichita) stated he had a couple private schools reach out to him. It was agreed the more the better. All present agreed that a school’s Purple Star Status is becoming a question that military families are asking when they make their decision to move to new communities.

**Purple Star Committee reviewed an application by USD 453 Leavenworth. Non-voting members either left or stayed on and listened. Information from that review follows.**

Date: February 29, 2024

The PSS review committee met immediately after the KMCEC annual meeting held the same day.

(Members attending identified in red)

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Consider an application submitted by USD 453 Leavenworth requesting their school district and school buildings be awarded the designation of Purple Star School.

The committee will review their application and if they meet the criteria, they will be approved. Leavenworth representatives will be on standby in the waiting room and admitted during the review if we have additional questions on the application or criteria.

Once approved, KMCEC will recommend to the Kansas State Board of Education at the meeting on March 13, 2024, make a motion to officially approve USD 453 to be awarded the Purple Star School Designation.

At the April 10, 2024, State Board meeting, USD 453 leaders and guests, along with the garrison commander and SLO at Fort Leavenworth, will be invited to visit Topeka to be publicly recognized the designation of a Purple Star School, similar to the event held last year.

USD 453 used the original application to submit their request. Dale Brungardt was in touch with Dr. Adams, superintendent at USD 453 and they will adopt a Board Resolution to support becoming a Purple Star School to be passed at their April board meeting to comply with this new requirement that was on the revised application.

Prior to the meeting, each council member received the USD 453 application and document with a summary of their activities. After reviewing the application, the committee had the following comments:

All members agreed after reviewing the application that USD 453 Leavenworth schools met all criteria required to be awarded the Purple Star School designation.

Formal motion:

Heather Bohaty made the motion to approve the application submitted by USD 453 Leavenworth to receive the Designation of Purple Star District and Schools.

Keith Mispagel seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dale Brungardt will be in contact with the Superintendent Dr. Kellen to notify them of this award and ask them to be prepared to attend the April State Board meeting to be officially recognized.

Meeting adjourned.

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