

**Rhode Island State Council  
Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children  
Oliphant Administration Building**

**March 5, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Commissioner Rosemarie Kraeger.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rosemarie Kraeger, Abby Dunn, Ken Duva, Colleen Burns Jermain, Pamela Martin, Captain Ian Johnson, Andy Andrade, Master Chief Paul King

- I. Introductions** – All members were introduced. Mrs. Kraeger welcomed Lindsey Dablow, Training and Operations Associate, MIC3, based in Kentucky.

**MOTION:** 1) Pamela Martin, 2) Colleen Jermain. *To approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting.* Unanimous vote.

**II. Key Components of the Compact**

- R.I. General Law - The law was distributed to all committee members. Middletown joined the Compact in its second year and has been involved for eight years. There is a large contingent of National Guard member's children attending school in Middletown. The Compact has leveled the playing field for these and other military students.

- III. MIC3 Website – Update from National Level** – There are seldom complaints, but most get resolved at the district level. Complaints generally revolve around the age for Kindergarten enrollment, end of year exams for high school students and Special Education situations. Everyone involved said that Ms. Martin is very helpful in resolving issue for the district.

- IV. Ideas for Dissemination of Information** – There is a lot of information on the MIC3 website and it is updated daily. There is also a Twitter feed on the website and many links to resources and brochures. There have been issues with students missing deadlines to register for summer tryouts for sports, so information needs to get to parents in a timely manner. The website also contains templates and downloadable flyers for the Month of the Military Child. April 24<sup>th</sup> will be kick off day for the Month of the Military Child.

- V. Current Engagement Plans** – Middletown conducts trainings with Guidance Counselors and registrars. Superintendent Duva sends emails with all dates of activities at beginning of year so parents can plan. There are Navsta Newport and PTG Facebook pages which gets information out to parents. Work will begin soon on ideas for Month of the Military Child.

**VI. State Council Members** – It was suggested to add a parent and a service member to the committee.

**VII. Share Challenges/Opportunities** - There was discussion about the military identifier where parents check off if they are active or retired military. This needs to be done for ESSA. A lot of parents do not want to identify that they are military connected.

There was a big movement in Washington last year regarding vouchers to go private schools. This would take away from Impact Aid.

Middletown is listed as a “Compassionate Base”, but many military families are not aware of this.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be announced at a later date. The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie K. Kraeger  
National Commission, Chair