

MIC3 Meeting Minutes

20 February 2024

Call to Order

Call to Order - Commissioner Sojka called the meeting to order at 10:03 am

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome by Nick Sojka (Commissioner), Rep. Donnie Loftis, N.C. House of Representatives (Chair) and Rep. Erin Pare (House of Representatives Appointment)

Approval Previous Meeting Minutes, Commissioner Sojka

General Updates

MIC3 Professional Developments, Howard Lattimore.

A list of PD opportunities were provided and shared with meeting attendees. 10 Training Sessions are remaining. Sojka asked who is the targeted group for these sessions? Principals, Superintendents, the 10 targeted LEAs and others with the most military connected students are the targeted group.

MIC3 Guide Book - Provides information on the history, minutes and data on members, resources, etc. Angie Mullenix shared that the guidebook is on the DPI website. She suggested that the powerpoint presentation is also included so individuals can have access to all of the information. Please continually think about ways to connect the dots or awareness to military families - was the charge pushed by Commissioner Sojka. Angie Mullenix shared that she and Howard will put out some webinar training throughout the state to provide more communication throughout the state. School nurses being aware of military connected students. Commissioner Sojka was complimentary of how far ahead we are as a state than where we were five years ago with military connected families. Angie shared she will provide a PD in New Hanover to help them figure out how to help military connected families.

Dr. Godwin - MIC3 Training to different districts throughout the state. Doug Taggart - will have a data analysis to share throughout the state.

Love the idea of a communication plan and how to mitigate barriers for families throughout the state.

Commissioner Sojka believes that the communication plan will help. He agreed with Dr. Godwin to leverage the resources of the MIC3 organization to come, travel and be present and share in Wake County, Triad area, high impact meetings in targeted areas as another strategy to be intentional about reaching out to families.

Purple Star Submissions - 9/1/2023 - 2/1/2024. 60 more schools are aware of Purple Star that are familiar with MIC3. Awards Ceremony 5/9/2024.

Commissioner Sojka commended everyone for the Purple Star Ceremony. He will lock it on his calendar.

Lattimore thanked the SLOs and representatives for their assistance.

MIC3 Updates

Julie Fulton - provided updates

It would be helpful to have standardization on calendar start dates.

Parents Bill of Rights - would like something to share with families.

School Report Cards information to share with families. Looking forward to the changes that will be shared. NC School Score Card - draft will be shared. Provides a full picture of what military families can expect when they come to our area.

Opportunity Scholarship has opened up and it is important to provide military families with updates.

Clearer language is needed and a request is in place to put military students in school on a provisional basis if they are new students to avoid them missing school while parents complete paperwork.

NC Commander Council meeting - Differences between NC Schools and Dodea Schools - the military districts are impacted. Concerns about the qualified teacher shortage. Not having a qualified teacher is impacting military connected students. It shows up the most in SPED - non-certified teacher. It has helped to have less red tape for military spouses that may be certified in other states to get certified in NC.

Dr. Gowin - give military connected SPED kids a certified teacher in the classroom

SLO, Christy - commented on the importance of having the EFMP person. This role is necessary to advocate for the families.

DODEA schools do not do training on MIC3. It was brought up to them for awareness.

She highlighted the results from the Penn State Clearinghouse on Military-Connected Students. She provided areas of growth and strength.

Dr. Mullenix spoke to student identifier information, advance enrollment, orders for residency.

Superintendent Fleming - opportunities for more than 22 credits for diploma. JROTC programs will be impacted.

Dr. Godwin - shared the concern military students are having with testing after December for the first semester.

Dr. Mullenix shared that we have to follow the law and Hoegemeyer agreed.

MIC3 Commissioner Overview

Options for Increasing MIC3 Awareness and Capacity in Outlying PSUs - commended Dr. Mullenix and Lattimore for the Communication Plan they are implementing. Involve school board members in the conversation. He volunteered to work with Dr. Mullenix and Lattimore to push awareness to school boards. School Board Association meeting - present and share in these meetings. Share gaps.

Dr. Godwin - agreed with the Commissioner. School Nurses, support services, etc. Be sure district leaders know who their military students are in their district.

Mr. Lanier shared he is representing the School Board Association.

April 18th Central

April 26th Piedmont Triad

April 24th Northeast

April 27th Northwest

May 1st Sandhills

April 16th Southeast

April 30th Southwest

April 29th Western

Jose Vasquez shared information from the North Carolina Commander Council. He addressed quality of life. 70% of military families live off base. Want to work together. If those schools prosper military students prosper.

Guests

Anne Murtha - Army

Tim Hogenmeyer - Marine

Two additional visitors

Next Meeting: Cumberland County's Central Office on November 15, 10:00-12:00

Commissioner Sojka - thanked everyone! He adjourned the meeting at 11:25am