

MONTANA STATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 16, 2022
Meeting held via Zoom

Present:

- Ray Shaw, MIC3 Montana Commissioner
- Col Christopher P. Karns, Mission Support Group Commander, Malmstrom AFB and USDOD Military Representative
- Lisa Sapp, School Liaison, Malmstrom AFB
- Brig. Gen. Bradley Livingston, Assistant Adjutant General, Montana Air National Guard (MTANG)
- Elsie Arntzen, State Superintendent of Instruction, Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
- Jenna McKinney, Director of Family Engagement, Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
- Cherise Imai, MIC3 Executive Director

Not Present:

- State Representative Ed Buttrey, Montana Legislature
- Brian Michelotti, Executive Director, Montana High School Association
- Tom Moore, Superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools
- Lt Col John Bleile, LG USA, 95th TC OIC/S3, Montana Air National Guard (MTANG)

1. Call to Order:

- MIC3 Montana Commissioner Ray Shaw called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM MST.

2. Roll Call:

- Ms. Lisa Sapp, School Liaison, Malmstrom AFB conducted roll call.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

- MIC3 Montana Commissioner Ray Shaw led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Welcome & Introductions

- Ms. Sapp introduced Jenna McKinney, the new Director of Family Engagement, Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI). She replaced Ms. Jessica Flint. Ms. Sapp also welcomed Ms. Cherise Imai, Executive Director, MIC3.

5. MIC3 Annual Business Meeting Updates

- Compact Citation Correction
 - i. Ms. Imai reported General Counsel discovered an error in the Compact citation regarding active-duty military. The citation references 10 USC Section 1209 and 1211. It should reference "chapter" instead of "section." Based on this, Counsel drafted a legal memorandum which recommended states correct the citation through a technical amendment if this process was available in states.
 - ii. The Commission approved the Headquarters to work with states on the correction to cover associated costs such as legal fees and advisement.
 - iii. OPI Superintendent Elsie Arntzen noted Montana has a technical amendment process and advised the council to work with State Representative Edward Buttrey on the matter.
- National Guard and Reserve
 - i. Ms. Imai reported the Commission voted on the matter at the recent meeting and determined they would not change the compact statute to include National Guard and Reserve dependents beyond those currently covered under active-duty Title 10 orders.
 - ii. Changing the statutes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia required a unilateral agreement by all members - which they did not have.

- iii. However the Commission authorized the Headquarters to work with General Counsel and develop a legislative toolkit for states who wish to adopt external language to the Compact. The toolkit is expected to be released to members by mid-December.
 - Purple Up! in April 2023
 - i. Ms. Imai reported the Commission selected April 19, 2023, for their celebration. However states could elect to select a different date. Ms. Sapp stated a Governor's proclamation was obtained last year, and several events at schools were held.
 - ii. Ms. Sapp noted she would work with Ms. McKinney on the plan for 2023.
 - iii. Ms. Imai also noted the Commission's Communication and Outreach Committee would release their updated Purple Up! Toolkit in January to the Commission. She encouraged sharing the activities with the Headquarters to reshare via social media.
 - Highlight New Resources
 - i. Ms. Imai reported a Compact 101 training in Spanish was launched this past year. The Communications and Outreach Committee was also developing a Compact 101 webinar in American sign language. The release for the latter was anticipated for next year's ABM.
 - ii. Ms. Imai reported monthly Compact 101 virtual training are scheduled throughout the next year. She encouraged members to share this information which is also available on the MIC3.net website.
6. Purple Star Applicants
- Ms. Sapp presented the school and champion candidates to the council for review.
 - i. School Candidates:
 1. Montana School for the Deaf and Blind
 2. Great Falls High School - Great Falls Public Schools
 3. Chief Joseph Elementary School - Great Falls Public Schools
 4. Meadow Lark Elementary School - Great Falls Public Schools
 5. Early Learning Family Center - Great Falls Public Schools
 - ii. Champion Candidates:
 1. Brian Holbein, Lt. Col (R) JROTC Teacher at Great Falls High School
 2. Michael Wonch, MSgt (R) JROTC Teacher at Great Falls High School
 3. Col Christopher Karns, Mission Support Group Commander, Malmstrom AFB
 - As the council did not have quorum, they agreed to conduct a symbolic vote on the matter to demonstrate support, followed by a formal vote via email.
 - Commissioner Shaw expressed his support for all the candidates. He added he toured the schools earlier this year and met with administrators and students.
 - **Brig. Gen. Brad Livingston motioned to approve the candidates, seconded by Ms. Sapp. Motion carried.**
 - Ms. Sapp would draft a summary of the candidates for review and Ms. McKinney would forward to members for the formal vote via email.
7. Next Meeting
- Ms. Sapp stated the council typically meets three times per year. Possible dates would be sent for Spring.
8. Adjournment
- Commissioner Shaw thanked members for their attendance and engagement.
 - With no further business to conduct, he adjourned the meeting at 10:41 AM MST.