

MIC3 4th Quarter 2023 Meeting Minutes (DRAFT) 2023.11.20

Attendance: **Chad Delbridge, Erica Legerski, Sean McInerney, Thom Jones, Lachelle Brant, Senator Lynn Hutchings, Jeffery Shepard, Mary Jacobsen, Ken Reynolds**
Bold denotes those in attendance.

Welcome and Introduction:

Meeting called to order.
Thom conducts Roll Call – Quorum Met.

Call for Adjustments to the Agenda.
No Adjustments offered to the agenda.
Agenda approved.

Review of May 2023 Meeting minutes. Minutes approved
Review of July 2023 Meeting minutes. Minutes approved

Old Business:

Membership update-

- Nancy Warner has retired and left the commission and will be replaced by Mary Jacobsen (once appointment approved).
- LTC Wheeler has PCS'd (replacement unknown at this time)
- Shelley Hamil has left the commission, replaced by Sean McInerney (once appointment approved).
- Chad mentioned the utility of a member contact list or sheet
 - Ken mentioned that he had created and shared a Google Sheets WY MIC3 Contact List' with edit rights to all.
- Discussion of LTC Wheelers position at FE Warren and need for inclusion on this commission.
 - Erica confirmed that LTC Wheeler's position has not yet been filled.
- Chad remarked that Mary Jacobsen will be an asset as the Military Liaison and they have a past working relationship.

No other Old Business

New Business:

Purple Star Workgroup Meeting Update-

Ken provided an update on the 20 Nov. Purple Star Workgroup Meeting

- Pam Morrow (McCormick Junior High Liaison) and Chad attended the meeting
 - Ken noted that LTC Johnson (Central High School Liaison) had suggested to ask the SIS vendors to include a feature to 'flag' Military

Connected' students in the Student Information Systems.

- This will be a topic of discussion at the Feb. 6 Purple Star Workgroup meeting
- Also discussed in the meeting for Liaisons to consider how WDE can better support the Purple Star Program and MC students
- We reviewed and discussed the '9/11 National Day of Service' event at the WY Joint Forces Readiness Center and 93rd Airlift Wing, and that feedback on the event was positive.

MIC3 Annual Business Meeting Report Update-

Chad provided an update and Highlights on the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting Report (Nov. 8 & 9 in Richmond, VA.)

- Some language in the initial compact that needed to be reworded
- Nine states (including Wyoming) passed the citation correction this past year.
- Mention of thanks to Thom and Senator Hutchings for involvement in the effort
- Still in process

Chad discussed that he is the Chair of the MIC3 Communication and Outreach Committee

- He encouraged members to visit the MIC3 website and participate in the MIC3 101 and 201 trainings.
- The 101 training "provides a really good briefing about what the Compact is, what it stands for, what its coverage is, and you even have to pass a test at the end of it.
- MIC3 has a national website with great information, reproducible, bookmarks, link trees.
- MIC3 has a presence on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook

Chad revealed that each state pays a certain amount into the compact, depending on the number of MC students. Wyoming pays roughly \$2,300.

- There is a concern that for the upcoming budget the MIC3 needed to dip into the reserves.
- Huge increase of requests for reproducible from districts and states.
- Discussion of if an annual in-person business meeting is necessary.
- A task force will be formed to review the budget and prioritize spending.
- Virtual meeting options may be considered
- The next ABM meeting is already on the books in Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Most Commissioners don't want to resort to raising dues.
- The Wyoming Department of Education pays the dues (since Wyoming joined the compact)
- Chad mentioned a "letter for inflation-proofing", to include considerations for in-state and out-of-state travel within the "next couple of weeks".
- Chad mentioned that the Commissioner's travel is already fairly scrutinized (for several years now) and that Commissioner's are being fiscally responsible.

Another topic was several amendments from the Rules Committee, including Data Collection and Reporting. The concern is that states "can do what they want." So there is an amendment put forth to clarify.

Chad mentioned a new incoming Chair, new Treasurer, and new Vice Chair.

Chad was asked to remain on the Executive Committee and Chair of the Communication and Outreach Committee, but that has not been finalized.

Chad mentioned of a new ex officio application, which is called the Blue Star families.

Chad provided a report from the Communication and Outreach Committee, and efforts in the Compact's Strategic Plan at the ABM.

A brief from the US Department of Education was received at the ABM.

Chad said that the MIC3 website has a tab titled 'ABM' that contains a digital form of the docket book.

There were no questions for Chad's update.

Standing Agenda Items-

Discussion/Planning for next school year

- Identifying possible presentations/Conferences
 - Wyoming School Counselors Association
 - Wyoming Association of School Administrators
 - Presentations and/or vendor table
- Principal's Conference Date
- Community involvement in Month of the Military Child (April 2024)

Thom mentioned the possibility of utilizing the WDE Superintendent Updates (Memo's) to convey information and the function of the MIC3 and ways to support the districts

- also mentioned provide info and the MIC3 101 and 201 trainings
- mentioned the possibility of utilizing WDE's social media for awareness
- Community involvement

Chad mentioned the possibility of getting on the agenda of the Wyoming School Counselors Association Conference (in February) for a break-out session on MIC3.

Chad asked for input.

Thom said that "the District's (Laramie 1) lead school counselor" provided feedback that it was "phenomenal idea".

Chad had concerns that time was short to pull it together for the Feb. conference.

Chad mentioned that maybe at least it could be promoted for the Cheyenne based counselors to participate in the MIC3 trainings.

Chad asked Ken what the process was to submit Superintendents' Updates (memos). Ken conveyed that any Sups' Updates are submitted to the WDE Communications Chief for review and approval, and he would be willing to submit on Chad's behalf.

Chad said that he has available MIC3 bookmarks with a QR code to the MIC3 website. Sean McInerney agreed to distribute the bookmarks to WDE and for conference schwag.

Chad mentioned the possibility of 'doing something big' to support the cause, such as lighting the missiles at FE Warren or the capital in purple lights during the 'Month of the Military Child'.

Erica pinged A&I Director and will ask Gen. Porter's staff about the possibility. Chad will ask ask Mary Jacobsen for involvement as well.

Erica mentioned concerns about discrepancies on the lists of committee members, and would like to get the lists reconciled, including current members that aren't listed.

Thom said that he would send his list to Erica

Chad mentioned the desire to have the WY MIC3 Quarterly meetings advertised on the WDE MIC3 webpage.

Ken mentioned that he would submit the meeting schedule to Comms to post on the website.

Thom said that he would devise a poll of members to determine the meeting schedule.

Chad mentioned that the next MIC3 Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Albuquerque, New Mexico on Oct. 16 & 17.

No Further New Business

Meeting adjourned at 4:22

Secretary:

Date of approval: