

WY MIC3 1st Quarter 2024 Meeting Minutes (DRAFT) 2024.03.21

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 conducted Roll Call – Quorum Met.

Review of November 2023 Meeting Minutes- Minutes approved

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

Old Business:

- **WyMIC3 Web page updates-**
 - Thom shared that updates were made to the WDE website [MIC3 page](#), to include:
 - the Wyoming MIC3 Quarterly Meeting Schedule
 - the State Commissioners (Chad) contact info
 - MIC3 link
 - Wyoming's Title 21 - Chapter 24 'Interstate Compact' Legislation link
 - Thom mentioned that the page would have more information in the future
 - Thom asked Ken if he would have the role to facilitate page additions & updates submissions to WDE Communications Team s to publish. Ken confirmed.
 - Thom recommended that the WDE MIC3 page could also be linked from the to the national MIC3 page.
 - Chad recommended modeling the WDE WY MIC3 webpage after the national [MIC3 page](#).
 - Chad suggested that possibly the WY MIC3 meeting agenda, minutes, and the sitting Committee members could be added to the webpage as well.
 - Ken reminded that any revisions to the WDE MIC3 site would need review and approval of the WDE Comms Team.
- **Discuss commission membership-**
 - Replacement for Lt Col. Wheeler
 - Mary shared that the military representative for this Council needs to hold rank of O6, and the current O6, (Col. Dynes) will PCS in June. She will connect with replacement O6 then to guide through the appointment process. New O6 should be in that slot for the next couple of years.
 - Mary said that the Group Commander may delegate the MIC3

- representative role to the Deputy Commander.
 - Mary remarked that she had intended to invite the current Deputy Commander (Lt. Col. Duncan) to this meeting, but he is on leave.
 - Chad offered that if current WY MIC3 members know of anyone that would be beneficial or crucial to sit on the commission, to let him or Thom know.
 - Discussion of past Navy representation on the Commission
 - Thom offered to reach out to member, Jeffrey Shepard, to determine if he or another is still interested in participation
- Mary asked of any interest from the WY Air or Army NG on the Commission
 - Thom mentioned that Erica Legerski (Governor's Office) maintained contact as liaison with NG's as a channel with WY MIC3 to relay questions or concerns - both ways.
 - Mary conveyed that she maintains contact with WY Air and Army Guard, including Cindy Vroman.

No other Old Business

New Business:

- **WY Purple Star Schools Liaisons- 2024 Spring Catchup-**
 - Ken provided an update on the 2024 Spring Catch-up Meeting of the Purple Star Schools Liaisons-
 - The Liaisons met on 20 Mar. We welcomed Paul Menihan, Cheyenne High School Liaison, and Cindy Vroman, Lead Child and Youth Program Coordinator at Wyoming Army National Guard.
 - Ken conveyed that the liaisons are designated in a Purple Star Schools application as POC's and alternate POC's, and mentioned that the POC's are usually counselors or Principals. He mentioned that Chad is a Liaison for his school.
 - He said that he also shared changes in the WY MIC3 membership, and contact list.
 - He said he shared the WY MIC3 & Purple Star Stakeholders Sheet
 - Ken discussed the different MCS related groups (National MIC3, WY MIC3, PS Schools Workgroup and PS Liaison Group, and the PSSP Applications Scoring Group) and the roles of each.
 - Ken conveyed that at the Liaison meeting, he asked the group if they would be interested or willing to be part of the larger PSS Workgroup, and all present responded with 'yes'. He then contacted the principals and asked if they had any issues with that. Chad replied via email that he supported.
 - Ken then mentioned that the PSS Workgroup was in need of a 3rd PSS Application Reviewer/Scorer. Chad volunteered. A discussion followed, primarily between Chad and Ken, about a potential conflict of interest. Ultimately, both agreed that Chad's experience as a PSS Principal, MIC3, PSS Workgroup and PSS Liaisons Group member would make him uniquely qualified, and that he could also advise schools to help meet requirements. Agreement that there is no conflict.
 - A discussion followed on the authority of Ken, as the 'Workgroup' lead and not a committee, to make unilateral decisions.

- Ken offered that he would get clarification at the next workgroup meeting. All agreed that was a good approach.
- Ken said he reminded the Liaisons that April is the MOTMC and the group reviewed the [Supps Update \(DRAFT\)](#), and discussed the upcoming events and celebrations. Ken conveyed that the WDE Comms Team thought that it was too much info for one memo, so decided to publish a MIC3 and MOTMC memo in March, followed by a Purple Star Schools memo in April, with local promotion of Purple UP Day and MOTMC events via WDE social media.
 - Chad asked Ken if he would provide copies of MC related communications from WDE to him for his Commission report before December. Ken committed to do so.
- Ken shared a conversation from the Liaisons meeting about the suggestion to ask the WY SIS providers to develop a feature to ‘flag’ or designate an MCS (perhaps a purple star icon beside the students name) so that it is persistent and obvious throughout all screen views, to indicate to the educator that the child may need additional support.
- There was also a discussion of a designator to indicate a deployed parent, although a concern was raised about privacy, as some parents may not want that info readily available. Consensus was for each school to continue to use their current SOP, and not go beyond that.
- The discussion then returned to the Infinite Campus MCS designator idea, and Chad said that the Laramie 1 WISE Coordinator and he had conversations about this recently, and she indicated that it should be ‘doable’.
- Ken conveyed that he had a conversation with his supervisor about WDE requesting such a feature, but was informed that it may be best for the districts to request this feature from the SIS developers, as WDE is not an actual customer. Ken offered to reach out to his SIS contacts to determine the feature request process to pass along to the districts, and that the more schools/districts that request the feature, the better the odds.

Ken concluded his WY Purple Star Schools Liaisons Meeting update

DoD Penn State Report, Brief on MIC3-

- Chad shared that Penn State conducted a research study on how well each state implemented four initiatives to support military connected students.
 - The agreement was that the study report would not be released until review by the MIC3 National Office. Unfortunately, they didn't follow that protocol and released the data before allowing MIC3 to review it.
 - Chad said some states, including Wyoming, have issues with the report, including data that is incorrect.
 - Chad opined that “The report makes it look like that MIC3 isn't doing anything at all for military students, more or less, except for a few states.”
 - Chad said that the MIC National Office Executive Committee drafted then submitted a formal rebuttal. Chad offered to share the letter with the group.
 - He said that it is the responsibility of the WY MIC3 to review the WY

section of the report to verify what is accurate, and what isn't, and record inaccuracies.

- He suggested that we collaborate on this topic via email, or add the topic to the next meeting agenda.
- Chad explained that the research was based on the SEA's websites, and that if the information wasn't found "in about three clicks", it was considered non-existent. If the researchers could not quickly find MCS related information, it was a negative.
- Chad mentioned that some of the researcher's criteria included: a general webpage for military families; information on advanced enrollment; the compact military student identifier, and of course purple stars.
- He said that although "Wyoming is doing all lot of these things, it may not be in one place."
- Chad asked again for the Commissioners to review the report and let him know of concerns so that we could respond accordingly.

LCSD1 School Counselor PLC Presentation-

- Chad shared that he presented to the Laramie 1 School Counselors Professional Learning Community on Feb. 22, stating that the "WY MIC3 had talked often about how important the counselor's role is in the schools and they're the ones that see these kids the most often."
 - He was invited by Lauren Carroll (head of the district's counselors and social workers) to present to the counselors in a Zoom meeting to share information about MIC3 and what we do for MCS.
 - Chad and Sherry also received some reproducibles from the National MIC3 Office (pamphlets with QR codes and other resources) for parents and counselors.
 - Chad said that he believed the presentation went well.

Standing Agenda Item-

Discussion/Planning for next school year

- Thom talked about potential events for MIC3 to participate, including:
 - WYSCA (Casper Feb), which has already passed
 - Wyoming Association of School Administrators in Casper on April 24
 - Chad said there was an offer to bring in from the National MIC3 Office, Lindsey Dablow, to present.
 - Chad also advised for any member who hasn't already, to take the Compact 101 training, which takes about an hour, through the MIC3 Training Portal, conducted by Lindsey Dablow.
 - Chad and Thom discussed the possibility of MIC3 National Office Executives Lindsey Dablow and Cherise Imai presenting to the state counselors convention or the WASA Conference.
 - Chad expressed concern about the Superintendent's Conference or the Counselor's meeting, and which would have better value for the effort.

Community involvement in Month

of the Military Child (April 2024)-

Discussion of attempts to get the Capitol Building lit in purple

- Mary remarked that a military liaison responded “that they didn’t have the lights.”
 - She said that we will try again next year.
 - Mary said that she would follow up with the request to light a static display at FE Warren in Purple for April 12
- Mary will contact Cindy Vroman to ask about a Purple Up Day announcement on the Wyoming Military Department marquee
- Discussion was to keep the Capitol, or at least a portion, on the wishlist to light up.
- Chad said he talked to his school’s counselors about sending a reminder about April 12 Purple UP day
 - Mary replied that she is working on a flyer to send out

WDE Supt Updates - Information-

Ken asked the group if they would like to review the draft social media posts for the events and celebrations

- The group was interested, and Ken shared on screen
 - Sean remarked that the info would be posted on all WDE social media sites
- Chad asked if South High School had applied for Purple Star School
 - Ken replied yes, but the principal had submitted a defunct PDF form, and inadvertently sent to the Nevada DoE (who contacted Ken). Ken then contacted the South High Principal and shared with her the WDE PSS online application.

Chad shared that “there is work going on right now on some congressional resolutions for the Senate and the House, specifically around the Month of the Military Child. Once these bills are finalized, the information will be released to each of the state Commissioners, who will then be asked to utilize our resources here within our state, or our people, our processes to forward the information to their congressional delegation, and encourage them to sign on the bill as co-sponsors.”

“So once that comes through, and we know they’ve passed, I don’t know what the process is for us.

But so we are aware and then we can sign on as co-sponsors to those bills as well. So I wanted to make a point to do that. So I don’t know how that works.”

- The group discussed who would best be able to offer guidance, including
 - Erica Legerski
 - Lachelle Brant
 - Sen. Hutchings
 - Chad said he would reach out to Sen. Hutchings

Thom asked of any new business.
No Further New Business

Meeting adjourned at

Secretary:

Date of approval:

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