

SC MIC3 Council Meeting Minutes- June 20, 2024
Dr. Priester SCDOE MIC 3 SC Chair

Meeting was called to order at 2pm via MS Teams due to agency relocation.

In Attendance (Virtual):

Dr. Tremekia Priester

Sara Arnett

Kelsie Carter

Col Kevin Shwedo

Beth Shwedo

Fred Henley

David Jackson

Jason Fowler

Kimberly Wiley

Chris Gerry

Felix Childs

Meka Childs

Debra McQueen

- I. Dr. Priester provided the welcome, and introductions were given
Updates were shared using the attached agenda outline:
- II. Dr. Priester shared that she would continue to share links about compact 101 and 201 training offerings. That she was well aware that parents are watching these videos and referencing information from the compact when making inquiries to the SCDOE. She also indicated that the training would be offered in other languages to support the needs of our diverse families. In addition, these trainings should be family and kid-friendly and provided via district websites for Military families to access.
- III. Dr. Priester shared update on MIC3 ABM information from Nov. 2023 the concern with collecting military data from state agencies,

schools/districts to include tracking students who are enlisting. Smaller state committee information was shared with the council.

- IV. Dr. Priester, Dr. Sara Arnett, and Mr. Jason Fowler provided an overview of the goals for 2024 to include:
 - A. Increasing awareness of Military Student Identifiers (MSI) throughout SC. This will include information sessions across the state on MSI and its importance.
 - B. Increasing awareness of the military compact. We are finding out that our military connected families are not well-versed on the compact and its supports.
 - C. The goal will be to travel to state military installations to include the NGR and provide information sessions for military connected families.

- V. Dr. Priester, Dr. Arnett and Mr. Fowler provided an overview of the SC Education Oversight Committee's 2024 Military Academic Performance report. The report provided academic and demographic information on Non-MCS students as compared to MCS students in SC. The reports shows an increase of military connected students in SC by 19.5%. It also shows that MCS students are academically out performing Non MCS students in both the elementary and secondary educational levels, as demonstrated by state assessment data.

- VI. Dr. Priester, Dr. Arnett, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Henley, and Mrs. Carter participated as members of SC's first K-12 Military Readiness Task Force. The task force works to address military connected education concerns and recommendations. Please see below links to the SC EOC Military Academic Performance Report and the SC K-12 Military Readiness Task Force report.
 - SC EOC Military Academic Performance Report 2024
 - SC Military Readiness Task Force Report 2024

The conversation shifted to Purple Star designation information and follow up.

There are currently 13 Purple Star Districts in SC and 2 public charter schools. Purple Star is added to our council agenda because one of the requirements for designations includes compact training for staff/personnel.

Dr. Priester added that there is a push to include Higher Education Institutions as Purple Star Designations. Col. Shwedo followed by stating that having the colleges and universities on board would be a great.

Dr. Sara Arnett asked who would be attending the GTS (Global Training Summit sponsored by MCEC) in DC this July 2024. Dr. Priester, Mr. Fowler, Dr. Arnett, Mr. Henley, Ms. Carter will be in attendance.

Dr. Priester, Military Liaisons and SLOs shared out on their celebrations and upcoming events.

End of meeting-
Adjourned
3:12pm