

MIC3 Meeting

October 9, 2019, 9:00 - noon
Olympic ESD, Bremerton
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

1. WA MIC3 Commissioner Greg Lynch
2. Representative Chris Gildon, MIC3 State Council
3. Representative Laurie Dolan, House Education Vice Chair
4. Senator Emily Randall
5. Linda Owens, Legislative Assistant for Senator Rolfes, MIC3 State Council
6. Dixie Grunenfelder, OSPI K12 Support Director
7. Cherise Imai, National MIC3 Executive Director
8. Tim Ames, Superintendent Medical Lake School District
9. Rey Ornelas, Military Family Advocate, Medical Lake School District
10. Kelly Scheese, Navy Region NW School Liaison
11. Captain Alan Schrader, Navy Region NW Chief of Staff
12. Candy Gray, Spouse, Commanding Officer Navy Region NW
13. Kriste Donn, Spouse, Naval Station Everett
14. Norma Melo, JBLM School Liaison
15. Victoria Duncan, Spouse, Garrison Commander, JBLM
16. Command Sergeant Major Timothy Marble, JBLM
17. Randy Spaulding, State Board of Education (SBE) Executive Director
18. Peter Maier (SBE) Board Member
19. Mick Hoffman, Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Executive Director
20. Antoinette Walker, JBLM School Liaison Office
21. Sky Bledsoe, JBLM School Liaison Office
22. Candy Walters, WA PTA Representative
23. Kristin Wiggins, Mission Readiness
24. MG (USA Ret) David De La Vergne, Mission Readiness
25. MG (USA Ret) John R. Root, Mission Readiness
26. Ronnie Larson (OSPI)
27. Tim Winter, Superintendent South Kitsap School District
28. Tammie Perreault, Dept. of Defense Regional Liaison
29. Stephanie Parker, Olympic ESD Board Member
30. Tom Seigel, Superintendent Bethel School District
31. Laurynn Evans, Superintendent North Kitsap School District
32. Sarah Meyers, Legislative Assistant to Senator Randall
33. Jennifer Denham, Spouse, Naval Base Kitsap
34. Jay Brower, Community Connections Director, Bethel SD
35. Shannon Turner, Legislative Assistant for Representative Appleton
36. Carolyn Perkins, BSD Board Member
37. Susanne Beauchaine, Exec. Director HR, Steilacoom School District
38. Kathi Weight, Superintendent, Steilacoom School District
39. Lance Gibbon, Superintendent, Oak Harbor School District
40. Adrienne Perez, Military Liaison, North Thurston Public Schools (NTPS)
41. Carmen Lopez, Military Liaison, NTPS
42. Natalie Wimberley, Parent
43. Captain Jed Boba, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Base Seattle
44. Karen Remy-Anderson, Executive Director of Student Support Services, North Thurston Public Schools
45. Susan Lathrop, OESD Assistant Superintendent T&L

Overview:

Commissioner Lynch provided background information regarding the Interstate Compact: 2009 recommendations; 2010 legislation; Compact components: number of military impacted students (28,197 for 18-19); compact member states (all 50). He also reported an increase in annual dues rate change increase (\$1/student to \$1.15/student). The results of past MIC3 survey information regarding how well school districts (SDs) in WA were managing and promoting the MIC3 Compact was also shared. He briefly reviewed the members/positions of the MIC3 State Council. Commissioner Lynch introduced Cherise Imai, MIC3 National Executive Director. She and Commissioner Lynch then recognized Norma Melo, JBLM SLO, for her advocacy. Norma has been involved with the Compact Council since its inception; and continues to be a voice for military families.

Dixie Grunenfelder, OSPI K12 Support Director, provided an update on student data collection; implementation of recently passed legislation; and, requested technical assistance.

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The 2018-19 reporting relative to the student military indicator in the state student data system is increasing (26,655 for 2018-19, with 203,888 student files remaining with “data not available.” This reporting began for the 2016-17 school year. OSPI data governance is discussing options for eliminating this option to encourage full reporting. Bethel Superintendent, Thomas Seigel, shared a concern -- the reporting system is not allowing for data submission; Dixie committed to sharing this information with OSPI Student Information. Dixie also shared the OSPI School Report Card diversity report visuals where the data is being displayed.

Dixie opened a discussion with participants on House Bill 1210 (2018-19), allowing military impact students transferring into the state to enroll prior to residency, with the requirement to show proof of residency within 14 days of arrival. Participating Medical Lake Superintendent Timothy Ames reported this is a regular practice for the district, while Oak Harbor shared this is cumbersome with military parents enrolling in a particular school, and due to attendance boundaries, often end up at another school.

Dixie reported most inquires at the state level involve state graduation requirements and access to special education services for incoming students. These questions are like national trends reported by Commissioner Lynch.

Last, Dixie shared a national Military Student Mentoring resource developed in partnership with North Thurston Public Schools. The free resource includes a video for providing mentors with guidance on how to work with military impacted students.

Participating Superintendents were asked to share any updates: Top issues are Special Services enrollments, transcripts & record requirements. Washington State History is a problem for high school students when they transfer in from another state; they are allowed to use other state’s history class for that credit.

Each of the four representatives from the military installations provided brief updates:

JBLM: Troops from JBLM, including National Guard, will be deployed in the coming year. The deployments will be longer and without break. (10 months) Over half of the WA National Guard will be deployed in the spring. Families are moving further away from base, so schools need to be aware.

Navy Region NW: We were reminded that many families choose Washington State because of the intensive services available for families. More ships coming to Naval Base Everett. Navy SLO asked for districts to keep their residency maps up-to-date and easy to find so they can more effectively serve families moving to Washington.

US Coast Guard: Captain Jed Boba, Commanding Officer USCG Seattle, discussed the possibility of stationing three additional vessels in Seattle. Also discuss the effects of still recovering from federal shutdown and no pay for service members.

Public Health Administration: Not Present.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: Not Present

WA PTA: Representative: Candy Walters shared that March is the Month of the Military Child, and the PTA would like this information added to websites & newsletters.

State Board of Education: Executive Director, Randy Spaulding shared information concerning several SBE initiatives to include using the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) as a career connect pathway for post-secondary opportunities.

Washington Interscholastic Activity Association: Executive Director, Mick Hoffman affirmed WIAA's commitment to help military families with their transition into WA and access interscholastic activities. Several examples were provided around how WIAA adjusted eligibility rules to help military connected children access WIAA programs.

Department of Defense: Military Community and Family Policy NW Region Liaison Tammie Perreault shared policy priorities, including continuation of enrollment in online courses after leaving the state. Discussion concerning this proposal included:

- 1) how many students are impacted?
- 2) could DOD organize a military on-line education provider?
- 3) could we look to existing homeschool online course practices for ideas?

Tammie also discussed some potential state legislation to recognize Purple Star Schools, awarded to schools extra friendly and involved with military families. The suggestion is to use Ohio legislation as a model. The comments of the group were that the proposed practices were already in place and information about individual school progress and quality of education are available. It would be an unwise use of money and time to create a program that would need to be managed at the state and school district levels and create additional requirements that may go unfunded and not necessarily add values to the educational environment.

Mission Readiness: Council for Strong America WA Project Director, Kristin Wiggins, Major General De La Vergne, US Army, Ret., & Major General Root, US Army, Ret., Discussed barriers to service among youth, stating 70% of current 17-24 year olds do not qualify for military service due to: obesity, drug use, education, or criminal activity. This is a national security issue.

Next State MIC3 meeting tentatively scheduled for September 16, 2020.

National Military Interstate Compact Meeting will be Oct. 1-2, 2020, in Little Rock, AR.