

**Wisconsin State Council for the Interstate Compact  
for the Education of Military Children**

Meeting Agenda/Minutes

AUG 13, 2018

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Conference Call Meeting

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1. Welcome, Call to order at 8:01 a.m. on AUG 13, 2018.
  - a. Comments from Michael Thompson for State Superintendent Tony Evers
    - i. Tony regrets not being present, but sends his greetings. Mike shared that they have been doing much work around the budget to increase funding for mental health, after school programming, and more. He shared that the folks at DPI are very excited about the positive progress they are making in numerous areas to support students and educators.
  - b. Congratulations to Cindy Zharte, President Elect of Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators ([JUL Newsletter](#))
2. Roll call
  - a. Mike Thompson for Tony Evers (State Superintendent, WI DPI), Gregg Curtis (DPI Liaison), Ryan Nilsestuen (DPI Legal Counsel), John Hendricks (Sparta Chamber of Commerce), Becky Walley (WI School Liaison Officer), Dave Anderson (WIAA), Wade Labecki (WIAA), Michelle McGrath (WASC), Lynn Sisco (Military Families, Social Workers), Cameron Campbell (WI DMA, Children & Youth Programs), Matt Wimmer (Legislative Staffer), Shelley Joan Weiss (Wisconsin Commissioner for the Education of Military Children)
  - b. Superintendent Cindy Zharte sends her regrets. Today was the opening day for her staff and she was involved in welcoming all back to the 2018-19 school year.
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion by John H., seconded by Dave A. Approved.
4. Approval of [Minutes](#)
  - a. Motion by John H., seconded by Dave A. Approved.
5. Update on 2018 Purple Up Activities (Cindy Zharte & Becky Walley)
  - a. [Resources - Month of the Military Child](#)
  - b. Becky W. reported that the Purple Up Activity was held in April at the Cranberry Lodge in Tomah. Choirs and students presented at the successful event.

- c. Notify Gregg ASAP of the date for 2019.
- 6. [DPI Military Children Website](#) Updated
  - a. Thank you to Gregg C. for his leadership on updating the website. There are numerous resources available. Gregg will add a link to DPI mental health resources to make it readily available to all.
- 7. Update on newly implemented [DPI processes](#) to collect data on military children.
  - a. Kurt Kiefer, DPI, invited Shelley to work with his team to develop the questions to meet the requirements of ESSA.
  - b. Mike Thompson thanked Shelley and the team for making this happen. As we learn more from the field and users, DPI will modify the questions to ensure they are user friendly.
  - c. Gregg C. also added comments that the DPI will be monitoring the incoming data. This information will help all to be more aware and better serve our students.
- 8. Information on joint activity between the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs and the Army National Guard.
  - a. AUG 10-12, St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, WI
    - i. Shelley summarized the very successful activities of the weekend. The goal was to develop teamwork, leadership, and support networking while sharing the types of educational programs the Army National Guard has available and can bring to classrooms. Additionally, the Soldiers shared opportunities they can offer graduating seniors. Approximately 60 folks including educators and military members were involved. The WI DMA and the WI Army National Guard fully funded the event. Educators commented throughout the weekend on how applicable the activities and information was to their classrooms. Mark Mueller, DPI and Scott Lafler, Education Liaison to the WI DMA were instrumental to this successful event. Lt Col Dean Nemecek, Army National Guard was the Officer responsible for the funding and personnel involved. We are already planning for next year and will increase the number of people involved.
    - ii. Shelley shared with Gregg C. that there was discussion about the need for a similar camp for School Counselors. Lisa Koenecke was involved and provided great insights.
    - iii. Cameron C. would like to be involved in the future.
    - iv. Shelley will connect with Michelle M. on the potential for the WI DMA and WI Army National Guard to be involved with the WASC.
- 9. Sharing information
  - a. Wisconsin PTA

- i. Angie Mattes, President of WI PTA, continues to involve Shelley and share resources. Shelley will work with Angie to provide a presentation at the state conference in 2019.
    - b. WASDA/AWSA
      - i. Shelley will continue to share information.
    - c. Other
      - i. Shelley would like an opportunity to present (3-5 minutes) from the podium at conferences such as WASDA, AWSA, State Superintendent's Conferences, Military Conferences. She is willing to do a "sectional" but has found that few people attend as they do not realize the number of military children we have in the state. It would be beneficial to make an "announcement" from the podium and include information on where resources can be obtained.
        - 1. Mike T. and Gregg C. shared that they will work with Shelley to try and make that happen.
10. Activities at the National Level, [MIC3](#)
- a. [Resources](#)
  - b. Videos being produced
    - i. Shelley chairs the Outreach and Communications Committee at the National Level. Her group is in charge of the Public Service Announcements (PSA). Three have been produced and have been forwarded to all members of the Executive Committee for approval. Once approved, they will be available on the website. Shelley will share them with all Council Members.
  - c. Annual Business Meeting - Cleveland, OH, OCT 17-18, 2018
    - i. Shelley will represent the WI Council.
  - d. Thank you to Gregg for paying our required MIC3 dues in a timely manner. Dues are assessed based on the number of children of active duty members in the State.
11. November - [Military Family Appreciation Month](#)
- a. Shelley requested that members send information on events they are involved in so that she can share with a wider audience.
  - b. John H. shared that the Chamber of Commerce (in Sparta) does an activity typically in SEP to recognize and celebrate military families.
  - c. Michelle M. shared that monthly her office shares ideas with all advisors. She would like information to share with a wider audience.
  - d. Gregg writes an article for the School Counselors and would like to share more information with a wider audience.
12. Input from Members

- a. Question from Shelley on the need or desire of Council Members to add additional meetings (e.g., quarterly). If the current method of meeting twice annually with communication between meetings works well, we will continue with the format. Please contact Shelley with your insights.
  - b. Dave A. and WIAA staff are always prepared to respond to questions. WIAA makes every effort to connect students, particularly children of military families who move frequently, with schools/teams/activities as they move into new schools.
  - c. Cameron C. shared that he is eager to collaborate to support the youth of students and reach as many as possible.
  - d. Lynn S. shared that she is pleased to be involved with the Council and share information with others.
13. Future Meeting, FEB 2019 (Date/time to be announced)
- a. Shelley will notify folks of the date and time as soon as it is available.
  - b. Shelley will work with Becky, Cindy, & John on the APR Purple Up Activities and share the date/time/location as soon as it is available.
14. Adjourn (8:52 a.m.)
- a. Thank you to all WI State Council for the Interstate Compact for the Education of Military Children for your involvement and ongoing support.