

**Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children  
Missouri State Council**

**Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

**Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (MDESE)  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Ms. Kathy Aydt, Deputy Garrison Commander, Fort Leonard Wood  
Mr. Joe Driskill, Military Advocate, Missouri Department of Economic Development  
Dr. Brian Henry, Missouri State Compact Commissioner, and Superintendent,  
Waynesville School District  
State Rep. Steve Lynch, Missouri House of Representatives  
Mr. Dorsey Newcomb, Leonard Wood Institute  
Dr. Margie Vandeven, State Commissioner of Education, MDESE  
Mr. Jerrod Wheeler, Superintendent, Knob Noster School District

1. Dr. Henry welcomed attendees to the first council meeting. Missouri was one of the eleven original states to sign onto the compact in 2008 and adopted the model language. He welcomed special guest, Ms. Imai, Executive Director of the national office of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission as the day's keynote.
2. Attendees introduced themselves to the group. Several expressed appreciation for the sacrifice made by the men and women in the armed forces, and that supporting military families and children was paramount.
3. The meeting was called to order at 2:17pm by Dr. Henry.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Newcomb to approve the day's agenda, seconded by Mr. Driskoll. Motion passes.
5. Ms. Imai provided a background and overview of the compact, the rules, and the resolution chain of command. Members asked clarifying questions on the rules. Mr. Wheeler and Dr. Henry provided examples of compact related cases in their districts. Dr. Henry also provided insight into Missouri's compact implementation.
6. Ms. Imai provided data on cases and topics that were encountered by the national office in 2016-17. Most inquiries to the national office were from parent stakeholders, while a majority of the cases were not compact affiliated. While the information was helpful, she noted that a majority of cases are resolved at the school or district levels, and that most cases do not reach the Commissioner

level. Dr. Henry reported that over the past three years, he has handled a dozen cases, with just three in the past year.

7. Dr. Henry reviewed the role and responsibilities of the council. He added that both he and Ms. Aydt are ex-officio or non-voting members. As commissioner, he will lead and facilitate the council meetings and activities. Meetings will be facilitated by Robert's Rules of Order, which is the standard for facilitating discussions and group decision-making.
8. The council agreed to Dr. Henry's proposal of two council meetings per year. The first will follow the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in November, and the second will be scheduled at the end of the school year - to allow for council discussion and feedback to the national commission's ABM.
9. The council suggested the following for future meeting discussion items:
  - a. Adding appropriate council members, such as a representative from the state athletics association and from the Knob Noster School District.
  - b. Key issues encountered by schools and students:
    - i. varying graduation requirements
    - ii. course placement
    - iii. kindergarten enrollment
    - iv. home school transfers (into public schools)
    - v. standards based grading vs. traditional grading
    - vi. homeschool data and curriculum
  - c. Missouri education outreach to stakeholders on the compact. Dr. Henry and Mr. Wheeler will consider sharing information at regional superintendent meetings. Members also questions how the military members are educated on the compact.
10. Mr. Dorsey commended Dr. Henry for his work on the compact and on his successful case resolutions. Dr. Henry and other members expressed appreciation for the information shared. Dr. Henry thanked all members for attending the meeting.
11. With no further business to conduct, Dr. Henry adjourned the meeting at 4:02pm.