

**Missouri State Council Meeting**  
**October 2, 2019**  
**Minutes**

Participants:

Joe Driskill  
Steve Lynch  
Dorsey Newcomb  
Norris Johnson  
Walter Mattil  
Joan Barrett  
Jerrod Wheeler  
Dr. Margie Vandeven  
Brian Henry

- I. Call to Order- Henry
- II. Minutes- Motion to approve- Driskill, Second- Newcomb
- III. Old Business
  - a. Review approved Ex Comm Policies- Henry
- IV. New Business
  - a. Reviewed old and new strategic plan
    - i. Joe Driskill asked about the funding for agencies such as Department of Defense Educational Authority. In addition, Joe referenced the educational effectiveness study conducted by Air Force and the lack of a release date for the study. Jarrod Wheeler commented on article written by Ed Week on recent panel and getting more positive stories out about military school effectiveness. Brian Henry expressed concern over funding for future grants through DODEA. Dorsey Newcomb is working on a letter with MG Martin to be sent to the Secretary of the Army regarding school effectiveness.
    - ii. Dr. Vandeven mentioned the military student identifier and inquired about concerns with implementation of the identifier. Joe Driskill shared that the concern related to various states accurately collecting information associated with the identifier.
    - iii. Jerrod Wheeler asked about developing an advocacy group in the Association of Defense Communities. Joe Driskill mentioned there was not a significant push for developing this group but indicated the group does support strong education in communities and will link people to information.
    - iv. Brian Henry mentioned the large installations are not under a threat for reduction; therefore, military school advocacy groups lose some traction without these groups being highly engaged.
    - v. Norris Johnson commented on the importance of messaging for MIC3. He was active duty and civilian service for over thirty years and had not heard of the compact prior to Fort Leonard Wood. Norris Johnson stated the need to incorporate the dissemination of information to military professional

organizations, as well as educational professional organizations into our communication plan. Norris Johnson asked if we have a directory of SLOs. Joan Barrett shared that DODEA has a directory on their webpage.

- vi. Dorsey Newcomb encouraged MIC3 to raise awareness among military family members. In addition, Dorsey Newcomb asked if school district websites include information regarding the Compact in a prominent area, as well as being in prominent locations on garrison webpages.
  - vii. Joe Driskill shared progress on the process for credentialing for military service members. Standardization of higher education credits and professional credentialing is extremely important. This would include articulation of credits from military training to civilian and standardized process for obtaining licensure. Missouri needs to develop a coordinated effort to accept military training to credential. Norris Johnson commented on the partnerships developed with universities and colleges on or around Fort Leonard Wood. Brian Henry mentioned efforts in the Waynesville School District to develop credentialing and college coursework for military service members. Norris Johnson explained the two tracks of credentialing for the Army, and the tuition assistance programs for soldiers.
- b. Annual Business Meeting
    - i. No additional questions, comments, or input for the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting.
  - c. Other
    - i. Dorsey Newcomb discussed his work to develop a letter regarding educational effectiveness with the Commanding General at Fort Leonard Wood to be sent to the Secretary of the Army. Jerrod Wheeler asked for a copy of the letter.
    - ii. Norris Johnson shared information on the combined college graduation at FLW, 357 graduates from on-post schools, Nutter Field House 10 a.m.
  - d. Adjourn
    - i. Motion- Joe Driskill, Second- Walter Mattil
    - ii. All were in favor.