

MINUTES

STATE COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

June 1, 2011

1:00 p.m.

Submarine Force Library and Museum

Members present: Valerie Nelson, Beth Gianacoplos, Laura Anastasio

Non-voting members present: Captain Marc Denno, Miranda Chapman,

1. Because there was not a quorum, the approval of the September 13, 2010 minutes was deferred until the next meeting.
2. Update on the Interstate Commission
 - The Commission has 39 states as members with West Virginia, Nebraska, Vermont, and North Dakota enacting legislation.
 - The Training Committee is expecting in the next year to expand the state commissioners' manuals, create a school counselors' brief and a distribution list, identify national and state education related organizations, identify best practices, and strengthen communications with DOD liaisons. There are several power point presentations (for parents, administrators, and commissioners) on the Commission website at www.mic3.net. Council members may wish to browse the website.
 - DoDEA representatives noted that it is not eligible for membership in the Compact and therefore asked all states to voluntarily extend the Compact provisions to students transferring back to the United States from overseas.
 - State dues will probably be adjusted in the near future to provide some relief to the states with large populations of eligible students.
 - The annual meeting will be in Louisville, Kentucky next fall.
3. Physical Examination for Military Children: Legislative Proposal for Amending Section 10-206 of the Connecticut General Statutes
 - Bill No. 1039 is expected to be approved by the legislature within the next week. This bill permits a student health assessment required by Section 10-206 of the General Statutes to be conducted by an APRN stationed at any military base licensed by the State of Connecticut.
4. Families displaced by the Japan earthquake
 - The Council was updated on the temporary relocation of families from military bases in Japan. There were only two known families affected by the earthquake, and the enrollment issues with the school districts were addressed promptly.
5. DOD Letter Concerning the Appointment of the State Liaison.
 - DOD sent a letter to all states indicated that school liaisons (SL) employed by DOD cannot serve as the State Liaisons because they represent the DOD, not the State.

- Because Connecticut had originally appointed the School Liaison at the Submarine base (Miranda Chapman) to serve as the State Liaison, the Council must appoint another individual. This person is charged broadly with working with the State Council, parents, and the school districts concerning the implementation of the Compact in the State of Connecticut.
- There was not a quorum of members to formally appoint another individual to act as the State Liaison. However, Ms. Anastasio will remove Ms. Chapman's name from the Compact website as the state liaison and will act in the interim as the liaison.
- Ms. Anastasio noted that the Department of Education (SDE) could provide a consultant as an option for the Council to consider. The SDE has a consultant who assists families eligible under the McKinney-Vento Act, and assists such families in enrollment issues.
- The Council will appoint a state liaison at the next meeting this fall. If any Council members have other alternative persons they would like to consider as state liaisons, they may discuss such options at the next meeting.