

MINUTES
TN Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
MIC3
APRIL 27, 2012

The TN Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children met in person for an initial organizational meeting at 12:30 a.m., CST, on April 27, 2012. The meeting was held at the offices of the TN State Board of Education in Nashville.

Members Present.....7

Deanna McLaughlin, Chair
Scott Eddins
Trina Gillam
Many-Bears Grinder
Michael Harris
Bobbi Lussier
John Matthews III

Members Absent.....1

The Honorable Dolores R. Gresham

Others Present.....2

Brian McCormack
Gary Nixon

Chair Deanna McLaughlin called the meeting to order. **Dr. Gary Nixon**, Executive Director of the State Board of Education, welcomed the members to the facility and expressed support of the work to be done by this council.

I. Presentation of MIC3 Resources

John Matthews presented the MIC3 website resources and Facebook page to the council. He opened his presentation with a video that showcased the purpose and work of the MIC3 organization. Following the video, John presented a power point that focused on the following:

- Article I – purpose*
- Article II – definitions*
- Article III – applicability*
- Article IV – enrollment*
- Article V – placement and attendance*
- Article VI – eligibility*
- Article VII – graduation*
- Article VIII – state coordination*
- Article IX – interstate commission*

II. Discussion of BYLAWS

It was decided to use the Interstate Commission BYLAWS as a basic template. **John Matthews** suggested several edits making the document more appropriate for state level use. **Chair Deanna McLaughlin** agreed to finalize the edits and present the draft to the council electronically before the next meeting.

ACTION: **Chair Deanna McLaughlin** asked for a motion to create BYLAWS. **Michael Harris** moved approval. **Bobbi Lussier** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. New Business Discussion

Bobbi Lussier spoke about an issue concerning the use of a specific form for immunization. Only doctor's offices and the health department have the ability to issue the forms. **Chair Deanna McLaughlin** asked how to communicate the details of this issue to the DoDEA. **John Matthews** addressed the process and gave a history of interstate compacts in general.

Trina Gillam spoke about concerns for transfer students and the issue of transferring credits, specifically with regard to math credits. She reported an incident where a student was asked to pay for an online course. Discussion followed on how the Common Core Standards would relieve this type of situation.

Bobbi Lussier pointed out that communication is a key factor and that school counselors need to be more informed. Some ideas about how to do this were discussed including the need for a presentation at the school counselors conference and the superintendents conference.

Discussion concerning cut-off dates for kindergarten enrollment took place. TN's new date will be August 31st.

IV. Officers

Michael Harris nominated **Bobbi Lussier** as Vice Chair.

Scott Eddins was nominated as Secretary. Both accepted these duties and responsibilities.

ACTION: **Chair Deanna McLaughlin** asked for a motion to adjourn. **Many-Bears Grinder** moved to adjourn. **Trina Gillam** seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m., C.S.T.

Chair Deanna McLaughlin thanked members for being available to participate in the meeting. The meeting was adjourned with next meeting dates being planned for August, 2012. That meeting may or may not be a conference call. More information concerning that meeting will follow.