



MEETING/PROJECT NAME:

Montana Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

DATE OF MEETING: April 29th, 2024

TIME: 3:00PM – 3:45PM

LOCATION: Zoom/Phone Conference

MEETING OBJECTIVE: Business Meeting

PRESIDER: Lisa Sapp, Malmstrom Air Force Base

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Kiera Moog, Family Engagement Specialist, Montana Office of Public Instruction, 406-594-7135

PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Lisa Sapp, Malmstrom Air Force Base

Brian Michelotti, Montana High School Association

Representative Ed Buttrey, Montana State Legislature

Tom Moore, Great Falls Public Schools Superintendent

Elsie Arntzen, Montana Office of Public

Ciro De La Vega, MSG Commander United States Airforce

Brad Livingston, (retired) Brigadier General

ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ray Shaw, Retired Sergeant, Montana Compact Commissioner

TOPICS AND DISCUSSIONS:

Meeting Begins: 3:00PM

Welcome and Presentations

- Superintendent Arntzen opened the meeting by expressing gratitude for the members and their work with MIC3.
- Lisa Sapp, spoke on awards ceremony in April at CMR High School in Great Falls and its success.
- Lisa also spoke about Purple Up Month and how different military personnel went to schools in Great Falls to actively engage students and staff in fun military-related activities. Including: bringing Humvees, and large vehicles to show, bringing in K-9 units and demonstrations, and hosting fun bootcamps related to physical fitness for students to participate in.
- Council voted to keep the application window for Purple Star and Purple Champion awards from August until October.

- Lisa Sapp spoke on reviewing application questions and that transitioned into outreach programs for the state so areas outside of Great Falls and Helena would have more information about our military programs for students.
- Tom Moore suggested that more conversations be had on a state level to assist in getting rural schools involved.
- Lisa Sapp suggested putting together a page of information that can be set out to staff and schools statewide to open the possibility of more individuals getting nominated for Purple Champion Awards. Lisa is also going to reach out to the Fort Harrison Base in Helena to start planning for Purple Up Day in 2025.
- Kiera Moog suggested creating an award for Military Students to honor their character, merit, and academics. This was met with approval from members. Superintendent Arntzen suggested we gather numbers for military students in Middle school and High school to approach creating those awards.
- There was discussion on assisting different military branches in being welcomed into more schools across the state to explain the opportunities the military has to offer to high school students.
- Brad Livingston will be working to find an individual to join the council who can represent the Army for MIC3.

End of Meeting: 3:45PM

