



MEETING/PROJECT NAME:

Montana Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday April 12, 2022

TIME: 8:14 AM – 8:33 AM

LOCATION: Grizzly Bend (7025 Goddard Drive, Building 1180) Great Falls, Montana

MEETING OBJECTIVE: Business Meeting

PRESIDER: Elsie Arntzen Superintendent, Montana Office of Public Instruction, and Retired Sergeant Ray Shaw, Montana Compact Commissioner

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Jessica Flint, Communications Program Specialist, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Jessica.flint@mt.gov or 406-438-3400

ATTENDEES

PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ray Shaw, Retired Sergeant, Montana Compact Commissioner

Colonel Christopher Karns

Lisa Sapp, Malmstrom Air Force Base

Representative Ed Buttrey, Montana State Legislature

Elsie Arntzen, OPI Superintendent

LTC John Bleile, Montana Army National Guard

Tom Moore, Great Falls Public Schools Superintendent



ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mark Beckman, Montana High School Association

AGENDA AND NOTES, DISCUSSIONS, ISSUES (OPEN PRESENTATIONS)

TOPICS AND DISCUSSIONS

Meeting Begins: 8:14AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Presentations

Approval of December 7, 2021 Minutes

- Motion to Approve minutes from December 7, 2021 meeting made by Representative Ed Buttrey
- 2nd by LTC John Bleile
- Minutes approved – passed unanimously, no discussion

Additional Member to the Council Motion

- GFPS Superintendent Tom Moore discussed BG (R) Brad Livingston's military experience in the National Guard as his partnership with the school and community as an invaluable asset
- Representative Buttrey spoke to working with General Livingston in ESGR and that the Montana State Council has legislative authority to appoint additional members to the state council on educational opportunity for military children if they are recommended by a majority of the council.
- Superintendent Arntzen commented on the opportunity to help the Malmstrom AFB and publicly show progress and suggested the council add a parent to the council to aid in regional representation and further the longevity of the council.
- LTC Bleile added that there is no bigger champion than General Livingston for military families and that he will be a great asset to the council.
- Commission Shaw called the question and brought the motion to add BG (R) Brad Livingston to the Montana State Council to an immediate vote.
- Motion passed unanimously

Purple Star Campus Update – Jessica Flint

- Jessica shared that per the she has been working with and discussing the Purple Star Campus program with the Montana SCO and Veteran Support Leadership Team and MSU, UM, and MSUB veteran services directors at the suggestion of Scott Lemmon, OCHE to determine quantifiers for a Purple Star Campus designation from MIC3 and OCHE





- Jessica also provided summary regarding Ohio's completion of their own collegiate purple star initiative
- Scott Lemmon and Jessica will conduct committee meetings with the MSU, UM, and MSUB Veteran Services Directors as quantifiers are built out from the proposal Jessica has provided.
- State Council members will be invited to any and all future discussions regarding the Purple Star Campus Designation program

End of Meeting: 8:33 am