

MINUTES

STATE COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

October 17, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Submarine Force Library & Museum (USS Nautilus)

Members present: Bob Ross, Elizabeth Gianacoplos, Assistant Superintendent Kerry Clery, Groton Public Schools, and Laura Anastasio

Non-voting members present: Miranda Chapman, Captain Carl Lahti.

1. Since there was no quorum, the approval of the minutes from the meeting on April 4, 2014, was deferred until the next State Council meeting.
2. Interstate Compact Commission Update: All fifty states have joined the Compact. The meeting of the Compact Commission will be in Nashville this November.
3. Outreach: Ms. Anastasio reported that she is consulting with SDE staff to contact the state school guidance counselor organization to offer information about the compact and how it may impact school guidance counselors. Ms. Gianacoplos noted that CABE and CAPSS could also assist the State Council in its efforts to inform school districts of the Compact. The CABE/CAPSS convention might be a future vehicle for presenting information on the Compact. Ms. Anastasio and Ms. Gianacoplos will discuss this issue with CABE to see CABE might be willing to provide Compact brochures at their convention. If the CABE convention does not interfere with the Interstate Compact Commission's annual meeting, Attorney Anastasio could offer to make a presentation at the 2015 CABE meeting. If next year's meeting conflicts with the Compact meeting, she suggested that Louis Tallarita might be able to make a presentation.
4. Expansion of Council membership: It was noted that some of the school districts that serve the largest number of military families (such as Ledyard and Waterford) do not have representation on the State Council. Ms. Anastasio will review the Compact language to see what the process would be to add or replace members on the State Council. Mr. Ross suggested that the State Council make a motion at its next meeting to enact a policy for membership of school districts on the State Council. Captain Lahti advised that in order to add representatives from the Coast Guard and the Reserves to the Council, the SDE might need to request the Department of Defense for permission to have these entities represented as non-voting members.
5. Case Studies: Ms. Anastasio stated that the Interstate Compact Commission had asked all Compact Commissioners to come to the November meeting with a case study of Compact issues in their respective states to discuss at the breakout sessions. Mr. Ross also noted that it is important to track outcomes in order to demonstrate the successes and possible limitations of the Compact. Ms. Chapman stated that many of the cases she encounters are resolved between the parents and the school district, so it has been difficult to track outcomes. The Council discussed several past cases that have been addressed in Connecticut.

6. Next meeting will likely be in March or April, depending upon the testing period for SBAC. Mr. Ross suggested that the Council consider another venue to provide more exposure for the State Council, such as the Coast Guard Academy.