

**MSLC/State Council for Military Children**  
**Joint Meeting**  
**December 4, 2025**  
**Meeting at Beacon Point Homes Community Center**  
**100 Tern Road, Groton, CT 06340**

## **MINUTES**

Attendees State Council: Captain Litty, Jason Hartling, Susan Austin, Laura Anastasio, Miranda Chapman

Attendees MSLC: Groton-Susan Austin, Anne Marie Mancini, Lauren Casini; Ledyard- Jay Hartling; Norwich- Deb Martin; LEARN- Ryan Donlon; Canterbury- Seth Danner; US Navy-Captain Litty, Beth Mosier, Sarah Huband, Miranda Chapman; CT National Guard- Carrie Joseph; Subforce Museum Educator-Jennifer Bourque

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Review, amend and approve MSLC/MIC3 minutes from the November 2024 meeting. Due to a lack of quorum, the minutes were not approved.
3. Update on MIC3 ABM:  
Attorney Anastasio provided updates from the ABM: (1) the Commission approved the dues increase for states, (2) approved a policy to implement an assessment to states for noncompliance with the Compact, (3) MIC3's Executive Committee appointed Lindsey Dablow as the Interim Executive Director (ED) in place of former ED Cherise Imai who is now the ED of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools, which includes the Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA).
4. The group discussed a case in Farmington, which resulted in a positive outcome for the family. This case highlights the importance of informing districts that are not in the vicinity of the submarine base that the Compact exists and that the districts must accommodate students in accordance with the rules of the Compact. The case also highlights the importance of a family having knowledge of the Compact. Briefly discussed additional ways to reach more districts/schools.
5. The group watched several videos on student experiences with the Compact (via [www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net)).
6. Outreach and Education opportunities:  
Discussed possible presentation or panel discussion for the CABA Conference—perhaps using the Compact as a lead in to best practices in accommodating highly mobile students. Another option is “what boards need to know about the Compact.”
7. Attorney Anastasio gave a quick overview of the Bloom Kids Field Guide to the Military Teen as a possible resource for school staff. [www.bloommilitaryteens.org/fieldguide](http://www.bloommilitaryteens.org/fieldguide)
8. MIC3 Training online offerings-<https://mic3.net/mic3training-net/>
9. State Council concerns, issues, other items
10. DSLO communications
  - a. “Education Policy Implementation and Information Enhancements” is a new DSLO priority

- b. The focus is on the four areas that the SPEAK report addressed: Advanced enrollment, Compact, MSI and Purple Star
- c. Although CT has passed legislation to meet the initial DSLO priorities, they are looking to make 'enhancements'
- d. Keep an eye out for additional legislative proposals. Most legislation comes thru the veterans affairs committee; connect with Bob Ross to help monitor legislation being discussed in that committee.

#### 11. Local School Updates

- a. Ledyard- Jay Hartling – Congressman Courtney visited regarding impact aid and is assisting to correct the online registry that DoE uses for impact aid verification. There was a fire at a school Ealy November. The district will be doing a safety seminar as follow up. The STEM program at elementary level is going well; in March, the Invention Convention will return to Ledyard.
- b. Canterbury- Seth Danner – Canterbury is continuing to develop their partnership with SFLM and is planning field trips to the museum for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- c. National Guard- Carrie Joseph – Operation Elf will be December 20<sup>th</sup> for deployed families. National Guard children/teens continue to struggle with feeling understood at their schools and connecting with others in their similar experience. Carrie is seeking ways to increase the knowledge base at schools servicing NG children and help find ways for the teens (in particular) to connect.
- d. Navy CYP- Beth Mosier and Sarah Huband – CYP has hosted several successful events including Trunk or Treat and several Month of the Military Family events. Youth center has started new clubs and is planning their service project to provide treat bags to single sailors.
- e. Groton- Susan Austin, Anne Marie Mancini, and Lauren Casini- Groton has received smart start and early start grants; planning to reopen Mary Morrisson Elementary school and have 4 yo full day classes offered. Also developing the Department of Robotics, Engineering, Architecture, and Manufacturing at FHS in partnership with Electric boat.
- f. Montville- Deb Martin- Montville is pursuing impact aid and if they are eligible to apply for military impact aid.
- g. Submarine Force Library Museum- Jennifer Bourque-The SFLM continues to network with local entities. Planning their April family day event – April 11<sup>th</sup> for their Submarine Birthday Bash.
- h. LEARN- Ryan Donlon- LEARN operates 4 magnet schools; RMMS will be transitioning to 2-7 for Fall 2026 and TFS will be PK-1 in Fall 2026. Eventually RMMS will be 3-8 and TFS will be PK-2 with some younger infant/toddler classes within the building. Co-hosted a regional choice fair in November; another school choice fair will be on January 10<sup>th</sup> from 10-12pm at Marine Science Magnet School. LEARN continues to partner with the CG museum and develop project-based curriculum.
- i. SUBASE- CAPT Litty- The USS Idaho will be joining the SUBASE waterfront officially this spring. Newport News will be changing homeports to Virginia in the spring/summer.

#### 12. Upcoming military-related programs, initiatives, or resources

- a. SFLM Holiday event- Dec 6<sup>th</sup>

- b. Snow Much Fun – Dec 12th
  - c. Snowflake Spectacular – Dec 13th
- 13. Announcements – MSLC and MIC3 meetings for the Winter/Spring of 2026 will be scheduled as soon as able and will be communicated to the group when finalized.
- 14. Adjournment

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