

Minnesota P-20 Education Partnership

April 16, 2015 (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
Minnesota Department of Education, Room 16, Conference Center B
1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113

Meeting Notes

Voting members and designees in attendance:

Tim Benz, Dan Brooks, Brenda Cassellius, Captain Mindy Davis, Steve Dibb, Eric Kaler, Larry Pogemiller, Sarah Radosevich, Steven Rosenstone, Kirk Schneidawind, and Jeremy Hanson Willis.

Others in attendance:

Mary Lou Dresbach, Rose Hermodson, Angie Johnson, Daron Korte, and Matthew Porett.

1. Commissioner Cassellius welcomed the group, and members introduced themselves. It was noted that a quorum of members was not present so formal business items could not be addressed nor could the minutes be approved. All business items will be forwarded to the next meeting.
2. Daron Korte, Minnesota Department of Education, who serves as the State Compact Commissioner Designee, presented information about the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The Compact deals with the challenges military children and their families face due to frequent relocations and allows for uniform treatment as military children transfer between school districts and states. Minnesota became a member state in 2014 by adopting the Compact through legislation (Session Law 272, Article 10 and Minnesota Statute 127A.85). All fifty states and the District of Columbia are Compact members. Approximately 200 students are eligible in Minnesota. The Compact and associated rules apply to the sending and receiving schools in four areas: educational and enrollment records; graduation requirements; placement and attendance; and eligibility for enrollment.

Member states are required to have a State Council as an advisory body of state policy makers. Minnesota's legislation made the P-20 Education Partnership the State Council and the P-20 Chair the State Compact Commissioner. Minnesota statute also requires a representative appointed by the adjutant general of the Minnesota National Guard. The appointee, Captain Mindy Davis, the Education Services Officer of the Minnesota National Guard, was introduced. The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) is the interstate governing body of the Compact. Next steps include periodic updates from the State Compact Commissioner's Designee, the designation of a Military Family Education Liaison, and a visit from the MIC3 Executive Director. More information can be

found at <http://www.mic3.net>. If members have any questions, Daron Korte can be contacted at daron.korte@state.mn.us or at 651.582.8215.

3. Rose Hermodson, Minnesota Department of Education, provided an overview of the *Minnesota P-20 Education Partnership 2015 Report to the Legislature*, which communicates the recommendations of the workgroups that were developed in response to 2014 legislation related to career pathways and technical education:
 - Work group 1: Realign the governance and administrative structures of early education, kindergarten through grade 12, and postsecondary systems in Minnesota. (P-20 Amendments, Page 1, Minn. Stat. 127A.70, Subd. 2). Chair: President Eric Kaler, University of Minnesota, through his designee Geoff Maruyama.
 - Work group 2: Revise a P-20 education system premised on students' individual career and college readiness plans and goals. Chair: Commissioner Larry Pogemiller, Office of Higher Education.
 - Work group 3: Organize and implement a framework of foundational skills and career pathways. Chair: Chancellor Steven Rosenstone, MnSCU.
 - Work group 4: Redesign teacher licensure and restructure staff development and training. Chair: Commissioner Brenda Cassellius, Minnesota Department of Education.
 - Work group 5: Create a web-based hub with career, employment trends, and needed educational pathways for students and families. Chair: Commissioner Katie Sieben through her designee Jeremy Hanson Willis.

Rose Hermodson commended the work group leaders and indicated that some of the recommendations are being considered for legislation now. The recommendations from each work group are detailed in the *Minnesota P-20 Education Partnership 2015 Report to the Legislature*. The report can be downloaded from the Partnership's Web site at <http://www.mnp20.org/>.

4. Commissioner led discussion to review the P-20 Education Partnership. How well has the Partnership been able to accomplish its legislative charge? Is the current structure effective?

Members acknowledged that relationships and information sharing are important; however, with the increasing use of work groups on specific issues, the P-20 Education Partnership members already cooperate and work closely with each other on work groups and task forces as needed. Goals may be accomplished in other types of venues. If there is a change to the Partnership structure, oversight of SLEDS and the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children currently with the P-20 Education Partnership will need to be addressed. Commissioner Cassellius will further pursue the need for the P-20 Education Partnership in its current structure with members of the legislature.

5. Commissioner Cassellius adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m. The next meeting date is to be determined by President Kaler as the Chair position responsibilities move to the University of Minnesota in the fall of 2015.

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