

CC 2.0 April Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2022

Attending: In person: Decoteau, Mulholland, Deschaine.

- No March minutes – they will be approved at May meeting.
- Legislative update discussed. General attention given to the passage of Crossover, with House bills moving to Senate and Senate bills moving to House. Additional discussion given to upcoming legislative deadlines for committee action and reporting bills out. Further discussion given to committee of conference process and associated deadlines.
- Discussion concerning SB 344 regarding ability of public bodies to meet virtually, and a narrow committee recommendation of ITL.
- Additional discussion concerning SB 420 establishing an extraordinary needs grant for schools, with unanimous bipartisan support coming out of House committee and funding source.
- General discussion of education trust fund and uses.
- General discussion of bills referred to interim study and the process over the summer by which those bills are heard, and deadlines for study committees to submit reports.
- Communications discussed. Jim Merrill spoke of his zoom meeting with Zach Sheehan, Engagement Manager for the NH School Funding Fairness Project about potential areas of collaboration, acknowledging it may be worth following up later in the year. Sheehan noted to Merrill that NHSFFP was more focused on advocacy than it had been previously and anticipates being engaged in monitoring interim studies on education funding.
- General discussion of interim study process, and opportunities for engagement through testimony, letters or otherwise, with the anticipation of initial meetings in June.
- General discussion of CC 2.0 preparing a survey of education funding issues to send out to candidates for elective office in 2022. Additional discussion of the process to follow to solicit comments, and sending the survey out once the field of candidates has been determined following the June filing period.
- Additional discussion on what to do with survey results once received and whether to consider any candidate scoring. Decision made to not publish survey results, only use them internally, and not do any candidate scoring.

- General discussion on the Governor's views concerning education funding, and the views of potential additional candidates for Governor.
- General discussion of pending Con-Val litigation and where it is in the process.
- General discussion of assessments and valuations for member communities
- Meeting Adjourned.