

Chair's Report November 2022

Dates Since Last Meeting

October 14, 2022 – Virtual meeting of the Council of DEC Chairs.

October 20, 2022 – Retirement event for Zoe at Lily Lake.

October 25, 2022 – Meeting with Derek O'Brien re: contact signing

October 25, 2022 – Retirement dinner for Zoe at Shadow Lawn.

October 26, 2022 – Appeal hearing in Saint John.

Governance Review

Since the last meeting the Council of DEC Chairs has decided to engage a lawyer to write a letter to the Hon. Bill Hogan, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development outlining our concerns with proposed changes to the governance structure. The intent is for this to be followed up with a face to face meeting with the new minister.

The CDC is also planning for a face to face meeting with Susan Holt, Leader of the Liberal Party to bring her up to speed on this matter.

It is interesting that in the recent speech from the throne, to open the new session of the Legislature, there was no mention to changes in education governance. The only changes to education was a reference to changes in the Act with respect to negotiations????

French Immersion

I have been receiving a few questions regarding possible changes to French Immersion. It is my understanding that there will not be French Immersion for grade 1 in the Fall of 2023 but that students already in immersion will continue in that program. Grade 1 students will be introduced to a new program that will be phased in over the next 12 years with the goal of having all students graduate with a conversational level of French.