



EXECUTIVE NOTES

November 28, 2014

Your NLTA Provincial Executive met in St. John's on November 28, 2014. *Executive Notes* is a summary of discussions and decisions that occurred at this meeting.

For further information contact any member of Provincial Executive or the staff member as indicated via the email link.

President's Report

Since the October meeting of Provincial Executive the President has made visits to schools in Green's Harbour and Kelligrews, and has attended numerous meetings and events in his capacity as President. Specifically, he attended several Remembrance Day ceremonies, laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day parade and ceremony at the National War Memorial, signed the Provincial Collective Agreement, attended meetings with the Minister of Education, Minister of Finance and the Premier re various education issues, presented to two Education classes at MUN and attended the Association for Community Living luncheon and the Kids Eat Smart breakfast.

For further information contact James Dinn, President.

Association Priorities

The priorities for 2013-15 are: negotiating a collective agreement; beginning teacher initiatives; strategic plan for membership engagement; implementation of the NLTA IT Strategic Plan; school board amalgamation; and non collective agreement issues that impact on teacher work life. Provincial Executive reviewed the updates on the priorities and were provided with the opportunity to ask questions or seek clarification.

For further information contact James Dinn, President or Don Ash, Executive Director.

Business from Standing Committees

Table Officers

Advisory motions from the October Joint Council Meeting were approved as follows:

- The NLTA will meet with the NL English School District to discuss and develop a protocol for small schools that would ensure support in areas of administration,

IRT, guidance and preparation time.

- The NLTA will ask the NL English School District not to schedule mandatory professional development during Education Week.
- The NLTA Communications/Political Action Committee will be asked to give consideration to changing Education Week back to mid-winter, i.e., the first week of March.
- Prior to the first Joint Council meeting each year an information session be held for first-time branch presidents.
- A proposal from M5 re NLTA Marketing and Communications Services will be accepted and implemented by the Association. The proposal will be funded from within the current budget for communications.
- The proposal from archivist Carman V. Carroll and Associates will be presented as part of the 125th Anniversary celebration of the NLTA.

For further information contact James Dinn, President or Don Ash, Executive Director.

Ad Hoc Committee on Integration of Education Technology

Fourteen recommendations presented from the committee concerning technology in education policy were accepted by Provincial Executive.

For further information contact Jeanne Williams, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Integration of Education Technology or George Tucker, Staff Consultant.

Communications/Political Action Committee

The NLTA Communications Policy and the NLTA Social Issues Policy (Environmental Policy) were revised.

For further information contact Bill Chaisson, Chair, Communications/Political Action Committee or Lesley-Ann Browne, Communications Officer.

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Membership Benefits and Services Committee

Proposed changes to the Legal Aid Policy and the Collective Bargaining Policy were accepted.

For further information contact Jean Murphy, Chair, Membership Benefits and Services Committee or Miriam Sheppard, Staff Consultant.

Discussion Topics

Provincial Executive reviewed the following for comment, actioning or further discussion and follow up: after school professional development for new report cards; taking attendance on Power School; NL Premier's Summit on Health Care; training of branch presidents; district travel claims/substitute pay; calculation of sick leave; and assessment and data analysis.

For further information contact James Dinn, President or Don Ash, Executive Director.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for February 18 and 19, 2015 followed by a Joint Council meeting on February 20-21.

For further information contact James Dinn, President or Don Ash, Executive Director.