



EXECUTIVE NOTES

December 2, 2016

Your NLTA Provincial Executive met in St. John's on December 2, 2016. *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 NLTA staff person as indicated.

President's Report

Since the last Executive meeting, the President visited schools in Gander, Blaketown, Shoal Harbour, Paradise, Torbay, St. John's and LaPoile to hear teachers' concerns on issues in education. He attended meetings with the NL Federation of Labour, CTF Executive and Board of Directors, the RTANL Executive, and Common Front NL re reaction to "The Way Forward". He met with several candidates in the election for school board trustees, spoke with CBC re the upcoming town hall meetings, hosted town hall meetings in Corner Brook and Gander, attended the St. John's Centre Branch Retirement Dinner and the NLTA Music Council Christmas Suite. He also attended numerous meetings in his capacity as President including one with Minister Dale Kirby. Media interviews took place on the Association's call for the replacement of the Minister of Education, autism supports, school board elections, and teachers and social media.

For further information contact James Dinn, President.

NL English School District

Darrin Pike, Director of Education with the NL English School District, met with Provincial Executive to discuss concerns and issues in education. The Director was accompanied by Tony Stack, Associate Director of Education (Programs and Operations) and Lloyd Collins, Assistant Director of Education (Human Resources). Topics for discussion included the student assessment/evaluation policy, workload, hiring, inconsistent messaging from District officials, leaves, student violence, and PowerSchool.

For further information contact James Dinn, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

Business from Standing Committees

Table Officers

- The NLTA, through appropriate staff members, will dialogue with the NLESD regarding the creation of strategies for teachers for staying mentally healthy which could include the creation of short videos and/or a website and consultation with the NLTA.
- The NLTA will contribute \$1,000 to the EI Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to the EI affiliate in Turkey.
- The NLTA will lobby the Department of Education and NL English School District for required IRT time to sufficiently provide student supports in all grades, including full-day kindergarten.
- The NLTA will allocate time at the next Joint Council meeting to consider viable solutions to lessen the burden created by CDLI on school staff that can be presented to government and the employer.
- The NLTA will lobby the Department of Education and the NL English School District to provide services as needed when students transfer from one school to another.
- The NLTA will lobby Teacher Certification to streamline the process of upgrading to Certificate VII for those teachers who chose Option 3 to upgrade to Certificate VII and then notify the membership of any changes to the procedure.
- The NLTA will request the NL English School District to schedule mandatory professional development on different days than school-wide professional development.
- The NLTA will survey teachers as to the realities of class size and composition in various schools throughout the province.
- The NLTA will request that the NL English School District/Fire Marshall place a maximum capacity size sign on every room in school buildings.

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- The Association will contact the NL English School District regarding the change in extra-curricular bussing procedures.

For further information contact James Dinn, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

Ad Hoc Committee to Review Province-wide Election of President and Vice-President

The NLTA Communications Policy G – Release of Membership Information will be changed to add information on providing member information to candidates for NLTA President and Vice-President.

For further information contact James Dinn, President or Gabe Ryan, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee to Review Province-wide Election of President and Vice-President.

Association Priorities

The NLTA priorities for 2015-17 were reviewed by Provincial Executive and updates were provided on recent activities. The priorities for 2015-17 are: teacher health; workload; inclusive education; membership engagement; and fostering and maintaining relationships with external agencies.

For further information contact James Dinn, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

Discussion Topics

The following topics were reviewed by Provincial Executive: extension of length of evening parent-teacher interviews; gifts to BGM delegates from Executive candidates; teachers in remote communities; primary mathematics materials; meeting with MHA; teacher tax credit; and Review 360.

For further information contact James Dinn, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for January 20-21, 2017 in St. John's.

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