



EXECUTIVE NOTES

September 26, 2014

Your NLTA Provincial Executive met in St. John's on September 26. *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 last meeting in June, the President has attended the CTF Board meeting, the CTF President's Forum and the CTF AGM. He laid a wreath at the National War Memorial in St. John's on July 1, attended CONTACT in August and attended the news conference on full day kindergarten. He attended meetings in his role as President with the Minister of Education and Department officials, with the Federation of School Councils, and for the presentation of the tentative collective agreement. His school visits continued in Wesleyville, Summerford, Twillingate, Pilley's Island, Triton, Paradise, Mount Pearl, Springdale, Cow Head, Port Saunders, Flower's Cove, St. John's and Deer Lake. Media interviews took place with various media on the status of negotiations, the tentative collective agreement and full day kindergarten.

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.

Pension Reform

A presentation was made to Provincial Executive by Don Ash, NLTA Executive Director, on pension reform. There are meetings scheduled throughout the province during

October to advise teachers on the current status of the Teachers' Pension Plan.

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

Business from Standing Committees

Table Officers

- Jean Murphy will be appointed as Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Substitute Teachers. The Chair will work with the Executive of the disbanded Substitute Teachers' Council to develop terms of reference using the mandate of the 2005 ad hoc committee as a guide. Permission was granted for committee members to be selected from outside the "general locality" of the Chair as outlined in the policy on committees.
- The meeting schedule for Executive and Table Officers for 2015-16 and 2016-17 were approved as follows:

2015-16 Meeting Dates (Table Officers/Provincial Executive/Joint Council)	
August 25	Table Officers (11 a.m.-1 p.m.)
August 25-27	Provincial Executive
October 1	Table Officers
October 2-3	Provincial Executive
November 25	Table Officers
November 26	Provincial Executive
November 27-28	Joint Council
January 21	Table Officers
January 22-23	Provincial Executive
March 16	Table Officers
March 17	Provincial Executive
March 18-19	Joint Council
April 28	Table Officers
April 29-30	Provincial Executive
June 9	Table Officers
June 10-11	Provincial Executive

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2016-17 Meeting Dates (Table Officers/Provincial Executive/Joint Council)	
September 22	Table Officers
September 23-24	Provincial Executive
October 26	Table Officers
October 27	Provincial Executive
October 28-29	Joint Council
December 1	Table Officers
December 2-3	Provincial Executive
January 19	Table Officers
January 20-21	Provincial Executive
March 1	Table Officers (a.m.)
March 1-2	Provincial Executive
March 3-4	Joint Council
April 18	Table Officers
April 18	Provincial Executive (pre-BGM)
April 18-21	Biennial General Meeting
April 21	Provincial Executive (post-BGM)
June 8	Table Officers
June 9-10	Provincial Executive

- The NLTA will provide \$535 to the St. John's Firefighters Association to sponsor a one-half page advertisement in the Children's Fire Safety Booklet.
- The NLTA will provide an amount of \$295 to Child Find to sponsor a one-quarter page advertisement in the Child Find NL Children's Safety Awareness Booklet.
- The NLTA will provide \$695 to the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Association to sponsor an advertisement in the 24th Annual Community Guide focussing on Family Violence Awareness.
- The NLTA will provide an amount of \$900 to fund the mentoring of three people for the Roots of Empathy program.
- The NLTA will contribute \$10,000 to the NL Arts Council for the 2014-15 Arts Smarts Program.

For further information contact James Dinn, President.

Ad Hoc Committee on Integration of Education Technology

The current policy on Technology in Education will be replaced with the new policy recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee on Integration of Education Technology.

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

Discussion Topics

Provincial Executive reviewed the following for comment, actioning or further discussion and follow up: non-availability of substitutes; substitute time; splitting of student assistants; testing of assignment requirements; NLTA President's Award; and unpaid leave.

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for October 23, 2014 followed by a Joint Council Meeting on October 24 and 25.

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