



# EXECUTIVE NOTES

April 29, 2016

Your NLTA Provincial Executive met in St. John's on April 29, 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

The President updated Provincial Executive on meetings and activities that have occurred since the last meeting. He has been attending meetings in his capacity as President including the CTF Board of Directors, branch meetings, Common Front NL, and the Education Budget lockup. He has been in the media on the Provincial Budget and concerns with teacher allocations and multi-grading, as well as the Sunshine List and the Inclusive Education Committee.

For further information contact James Dinn, President.

## Association Priorities

The priorities for 2015-17 were reviewed by Provincial Executive and updates were provided as required. The priorities for 2015-17 are: teacher health; workload; inclusive education; membership engagement and awareness; and fostering and maintaining relationships with external agencies. Members of Provincial Executive had the opportunity to ask questions and/or make comments.

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

## Other Business

- The following recommendations regarding the providing of BGM kits to BGM 2017 delegates were accepted by Provincial Executive:
  - Electronic copies of binders will be provided to delegates rather than mailed
  - Paper copies of kits will be provided to delegates at BGM
  - Delegates at BGM 2017 will be surveyed re:
    - a) whether they found the electronic copies vs.

paper copies more or less convenient for reading/preparing for BGM

- b) whether they would prefer to have electronic copies emailed in advance or have paper binders mailed in advance of BGM
- c) whether they would prefer paper binders or electronic files at BGM 2019

Based on the survey of delegates, it will be determined as to whether further investigation of this matter is warranted.

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

- The NLTA will investigate the use of electronic payroll stubs by the NL English School District to ensure that NLTA members cannot be denied access to their electronic pay stubs.
- The NLTA will review the NLESD's policy for administration regarding the formation of school councils and respond accordingly if the workload is unreasonable.

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

- A run-off vote, if required, for the 2016 province-wide election of NLTA President and Vice-President will take place on December 19, 2016.
- The NLTA will explore obtaining insurance to protect branches/branch executive from legal action for 1) injuries sustained during a branch event or when conducting branch business; and 2) for errors and omissions from decisions made by a branch.

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

- The NLTA will lobby the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the NL English School District and the Conseil scolaire francophone de Terre Neuve et Labrador to make changes to the new K-6 report card for the 2016-17 school year as per feedback from teachers.

(see page 2)

## NLTA Executive

**Jim Dinn**  
President  
jdinn@nlta.nl.ca

**Dean Ingram**  
Vice-President  
dingram@nlta.nl.ca

**Bill Chaisson**  
bchaisson@nlta.nl.ca

**Maureen Doyle-Gillingham**  
mdoyle-gillingham@nlta.nl.ca

**Derek Drover**  
ddrover@nlta.nl.ca

**Craig Hicks**  
chicks@nlta.nl.ca

**Trent Langdon**  
tlangdon@nlta.nl.ca

**Donna Reddick**  
dreddick@nlta.nl.ca

**Sherri Rose**  
srose@nlta.nl.ca

**Gabriel Ryan**  
gryan@nlta.nl.ca

**Colin Short**  
cshort@nlta.nl.ca

**Jeanne Williams**  
jwilliams@nlta.nl.ca

- The NLTA will make available to teachers information that outlines clear approaches/guidelines to use when dealing with online abuse.

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

- The NLTA will explore means of lighting up the NLTA building in green lights during Mental Health Week, May 2-8.

- The NLTA will purchase signs for the May 7 Federation of Labor Rally re the provincial budget cuts.

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

## **Discussion Topics**

The following topics were reviewed by Provincial Executive: electronic executive kits; report on the Panel on the Status of Public Education; substitute teachers pay; school board leadership program; Council of Every Vote Counts Alliance; NL Federation of Labor; substitutes for guidance counsellors; and school interviews.

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

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for **June 10 and 11, 2016**.

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