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Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association

Executive Notes

Your NLTA Provincial Executive met in St. John's on **May 25, 2012**. *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.

President's Report

Since the March meeting of Provincial Executive the President has continued visiting schools and has had media interviews on such topics as gay, lesbian and transgendered youth in schools, bullying, and the provincial budget. She attended the commemoration of the Terry Fox Mile 0 site, the union lock up for the provincial budget, School Administrators' Council Conference, Nova Scotia Teachers Union AGM, the speak-off for deaf and hard of hearing students, and brought greetings to the NL School Boards Association AGM. She also represented the NLTA in her capacity as President at the CTF Board of Directors meeting, the CAPTO Annual meeting, a meeting of the Federation of School Councils, the Waterford Valley Branch Retirement Dinner and presentation of the 2012 NLTA Special Recognition Award.

For further information contact Lily B. Cole, President.

Association Priorities

The Association Priorities were reviewed by the Provincial Executive. Administrative Staff presented highlights and updates from the report and Executive had the opportunity to ask questions. The 2011-13 priorities are: quality of teachers' work life/collective bargaining; membership awareness and engagement; inclusion; and technology in education.

For further information contact Lily B. Cole, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

Business of Standing Committees

Table Officers

- The NLTA will provide the amount of \$5,000 in support of the Togo Girls' Education Project for the 2012-13 school year.
- The Association will investigate other types of technology for communicating with teachers.
- The NLTA will lobby school districts to provide increased opportunities for teachers to avail of first aid training, in excess of OHS regulations.
- The Association will determine the amounts of rebate not being allocated to branches for substitute teachers on a yearly basis and investigate a more efficient method of rebating these monies to branches.

- The NLTA will pursue an increase in the kilometrage and meal allowances for teachers up to the NLTA rate when travelling on school board business.
- The NLTA President will communicate to teachers the NLTA policy and position regarding the assignment of duties to substitute teachers.
- The NLTA will undertake an examination of the amount of time schools are spending in parent-teacher interviews in an attempt to determine what would be an appropriate amount of time.
- The NLTA will communicate to its members the types of supports that are available to assist teachers who find themselves the subject of criticisms and complaints.
- The NLTA will provide the amount of \$500 to the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils towards the cost of the NLFSC AGM.

For further information contact Lily B. Cole, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

Communications/Political Action

The date of Education Week will be changed to October 2013.

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

Curriculum Committee

The NLTA will lobby government for improvements in the Learning Resource Teacher allocation that meets the allocation recommended in current NLTA policy.

For further information contact Gabe Ryan, Chair, Curriculum Committee or George Tucker, staff consultant.

Professional Issues Committee

- The policy on Special Interest Councils will be revised to eliminate the structure of levels-based councils.
- Proposed by-law changes will be submitted to BGM 2013 which would see the elimination of the structure of the levels-based councils.
- The process of CONTACT delegate selection will be changed to allow teachers to apply independently and directly to the NLTA without going through the branch. The selection of delegates would remain part of the mandate of the Professional Issues Committee.

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- In an effort to raise awareness of this opportunity for teachers to attend CONTACT and streamline the process, the actual application form will be published in *The Bulletin* and made available online for electronic submission.

For further information contact Sheri Rose, Chair, Professional Issues Committee or Beverley Park, staff consultant.

Electoral Committee

- The province-wide election for NLTA President and Vice-President for 2013-15 will take place on Tuesday, December 4, 2012.
- Notification will be sent to NLTA members, via school representatives, announcing the date of the election and informing members that nomination packages for the Office of President and Vice-President are available upon request from the NLTA office.
- The Candidates Forum for the 2013-15 election will take place at Holiday Inn, St. John's, on Saturday morning, November 3, 2012 from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. during the Joint Council meeting.

For further information contact Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

Discussion Topics

The following topics were reviewed by Provincial Executive for comment, actioning or further discussion and follow up: service delivery model for students with exceptionalities; teachers in isolated communities; CRTs; teaching assignments; Employment Insurance changes and substitute teachers; and Power School.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for **September 28-29, 2012** in **St. John's**.

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