



EXECUTIVE NOTES

October 2, 2015

Your NLTA Provincial Executive met in St. John's on October 2, 2015. *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 beginning of the school year the President has attended meetings with the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour and other public sector groups re the NL Vote4 Coalition. The purpose of the coalition is to emphasize the importance of all public services. He brought greetings to the Special Interest Council Leadership Seminar, participated in the Ocean Learning Partnership Boat Tour and a number of other in-house meetings with staff and one-on-one meetings with teachers. He visited schools in St. John's and had media interviews with CBC *Here and Now* re the new school year, and was a guest on VOXM *Back Talk* with Pete Soucy re the Panel on the Status of Public Education in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Association Priorities

At the August planning meeting, Provincial Executive established the priorities of the Association for 2015-17. The priorities are: teacher health; workload; inclusive education; membership engagement and awareness; and fostering and mentoring relationships with external agencies.

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

Business from Standing Committees

Table Officers

- The NLTA will investigate the parameters of having teacher assistants in the classrooms of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- The NLTA will contribute \$1,000 to the Provincial Student Leadership Conference being hosted by Glovertown Academy.

- The NLTA will provide \$695 to sponsor an ad in this year's Crime Prevention Guide.

For further information contact James Dinn, President.

Public Awareness Strategy

Provincial Executive was provided with an update on the public awareness strategy. The first of three videos was viewed and the details of the strategy were presented. The roll out of the strategy is scheduled for the week of October 19.

For further information contact James Dinn, President or Lesley-Ann Browne, Communications Officer.

Provincial Election

The NLTA will be publishing a special provincial election issue of *The Bulletin* containing answers from the political parties on specific questions dealing with education issues. A candidates forum is scheduled for November 18 where the leaders of the parties will be provided with the opportunity to present and answer questions.

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

Panel on the Status of Public Education in NL

The Panel on the Status of Public Education in Newfoundland and Labrador has sessions scheduled and submissions are being received in person and online. The Panel, which is a partnership between the NLTA, the Faculty of Education at MUN, and the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils, wants to hear opinions, concerns or general satisfaction with the public education system. All teachers have been notified of the dates for the panel, information is on the NLTA website and advertisements have been placed on radio and in newspapers.

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Other Business

Provincial Executive reviewed the following for comment, actioning or follow up: pension agreement update; district emails during summer; impact of teacher allocation reductions; BGM 2019; teacher certification; pervasive needs; CPP integration update; teacher payroll; change in TCAS approvals; potentially violent students; and membership engagement.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for November 26, followed by a Joint Council meeting on November 27 and 28.

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