



EXECUTIVE NOTES

September 23, 2016

Your NLTA Provincial Executive met in Gander on September 23, 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 member as indicated.

President's Report

Since the last meeting of Provincial Executive in June, the President was interviewed by the media on the release of *Better Together: The Final Report on the Status of Public Education in Newfoundland and Labrador*, austerity budgets and alternatives, split grade classes, bussing and overcrowding, potential number of teacher retirees, opening of school, and "scrounging for loose parts". He visited schools in Ramea, Grey River, Francois, Burgeo, St. John's, Torbay, Grand Falls-Windsor, North River, Eastport, St. Brendan's and Gander. He presented the Bancroft Award to the recipient, attended retirement dinners at Baccalieu and Green Bay branches, attended meetings of Common Front NL, CONTACT 2016, CTF Executive Committee, the summer planning meeting of Group Insurance Trustees, and visited the Burgeo and Rameaux branches.

For further information contact James Dinn, 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.

Business from Standing Committees

Table Officers

- The theme for BGM 2017 will be "Teachers Change Lives Every Day".
- The NLTA will contribute \$10,000 to continue the partnership with the Arts Smarts NL program to support arts projects in schools.
- The NLTA will support the Canadian Federation of Students in their "National Day of Action" with a financial contribution of \$2,000.
- The NLTA will contribute to the Council of Canadians for sponsorship and/or attendance at the Groundswell Conference to be held in St. John's in October.
- The NLTA will contribute \$3,850 to the Memorial on Parade Commemoration Project to recognize the site of the Normal School for training of teachers at the original Memorial University campus on Parade Street.

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Other Business

- Contact will be made with the NLESD regarding the new school district email system and the possibility of separating or filtering teacher and student email addresses into separate directories or lists. Teachers will be advised to exercise caution in checking to ensure they are sending emails to the intended recipient.
- All officially nominated candidates for the office of NLTA President and Vice-President will be made aware of the three school representative seminars taking place in October/November and informed that they are welcome to attend at their own expense.
- The meeting schedules for Executive and Joint Council for 2017-18 and 2018-19 were approved as follows:

2017-18 Meeting Dates (Provincial Executive/Joint Council)	
August 22-24	Provincial Executive
October 13-14	Provincial Executive
November 30	Provincial Executive
December 1-2	Joint Council
January 19-20	Provincial Executive
March 8	Provincial Executive
March 9-10	Joint Council
April 27-28	Provincial Executive
June 8-9	Provincial Executive

2018-19 Meeting Dates (Provincial Executive/Joint Council)	
September 21-22	Provincial Executive
October 25	Provincial Executive
October 26-27	Joint Council
Nov. 30 - Dec. 1	Provincial Executive
January 25-26	Provincial Executive
March 6-7	Provincial Executive
March 8-9	Joint Council
April 23	Provincial Executive (Pre-BGM)
April 26	Provincial Executive (Post-BGM, if required)
June 7-8	Provincial Executive

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for October 27 in St. John's, followed by a Joint Council meeting on October 28-29.

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