



EXECUTIVE NOTES

January 19, 2018

Your Provincial Executive met in St. John's on Friday, January 19, 2018. *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 last meeting of Provincial Executive, the President has attended meetings and appointments in his capacity as President. The full President's Report is available here. For further information contact Dean Ingram, President.

Association Priorities

An update on NLTA priorities can be accessed here. The priorities for 2017-19 are: workload concerns; teacher health and wellness – teacher mental health; Premier's Task Force on Improving Educational Outcomes; promoting the profession; inclusive education/student support services; and collective bargaining.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

Business from Standing Committees

Table Officers

- Rick Duffy will be appointed Chair of the 2017-19 Electoral Committee.

- The NLTA will donate \$5000 to the Kids Eat Smart Foundation for 2018-19 sponsorship.

- The NLTA will lobby NLESD to provide the necessary resources to meet the needs of technology integration and technology-related demands of our schools.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

Contact Report Form

A new branch contact reporting form was utilized for this Executive meeting. There were some suggestions to be incorporated into the use of the form for the next Executive meeting, but overall there were no major concerns.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

Invest in Our Kids

The new initiative called Invest in Our Kids was reviewed with Provincial Executive. The initiative was launched during the week of January 22 and includes online research, videos, facts and figures regarding the importance of investing in education.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President or Lesley-Ann Browne, Communications Officer.

Pre-Budget Consultations

The NLTA has prepared a submission to the Pre-Budget Consultations outlining concerns with the state of public education in this province. Copies of the submission were sent to the Minister of Finance as well as MHAs and educational stakeholders, and will be sent to all teachers with a memo from NLTA President Dean Ingram. Teachers are encouraged to take part in the online public consultation process and complete an online questionnaire.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

NL Employers' Council

The Provincial Executive was updated re recent concerns on comments from the NL Employers' Council. A meeting was held with the Executive Director of the NLEC on December 4 and correspondence sent to the Board of Directors and Patron members. Executive will be advised of any further updates on this issue.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

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Complaint to the Privacy Commissioner

The NLTA had requested information under the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act from the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Provincial Executive was advised that the information from the NLESD was refused and the NLTA has pursued the issue with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

For further information contact Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

Other Business

- After consideration of legal opinions obtained from NLTA's lawyers, the NLTA will engage with the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of School System Administrators (NLASSA) regarding Senior Education Officers' (SEOs) rights under the *Teachers' Association Act*.
- The NLTA will lobby the NLESD to train teaching staff in First Aid such that the ratio of First Aid providers be equivalent to that which would be provided if students were included in the formula established under occupational health and safety legislation.
- The NLTA will lobby the NLESD, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, and Government to provide the necessary resources to meet the needs of technology-related demands of our schools.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for **March 8** followed by a Joint Council meeting on **March 9 and 10**.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.