



EXECUTIVE NOTES

April 27, 2018

Your Provincial Executive met in Marystown on Friday, April 27. *Executive Notes* is a summary of discussions and decisions that occurred at these meetings.

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. He has also continued to visit schools throughout the province. The full President's Report is available here.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President.

Association Priorities

Updates on the NLTA priorities were provided to Provincial Executive and they were provided the opportunity to comment or ask questions. 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. Read Association Priorities.

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

Business from Standing Committees

Professional Issues in Teaching Committee

Kellie Baker and Patrick Wells will receive Centennial Study Awards in the amount of \$2500. Ashley Byrne, Paul Heppleston and Allison Tucker will receive Johnson Bursaries in the amount of \$666.66. Should either candidate withdraw or not meet the criteria, the remaining funds will be distributed equally to the other recipients.

For further information contact Joe Santos, Chair, Professional Issues in Teaching Committee or John Veitch, NLTA staff consultant.

Membership Benefits and Services Committee

Five pre-retirement seminars will be held, in accordance with Association Policy, during the Fall of 2018 in the following locations: Corner Brook, Grand Falls-Windsor and three in St. John's. The dates and sites will be determined by Programs and Services, subject to hotel and presenter availability.

For further information contact Donna Reddick, Chair, Membership Benefits and Services Committee or Ian Crewe, Staff Consultant.

Table Officers

- The NLTA will request that the NLESD release the results of the

voting on the calendar options when the successful option is released.

- The NLTA will adopt land acknowledgement protocol during large gatherings such as Joint Council and BGM and encourage land acknowledgement at the Branch level. This is to promote the idea that education plays a key role in striving for reconciliation.
- As is current practice, the NLTA will continue lobbying the NLESD to allow schools to determine parent/teacher interview sessions as they deem necessary, subject to Schedule E – MOU re Class Size and Workload.
- The NLTA delegation to the CTF AGM will be Table Officers and the Executive Director.
- The NLTA will contribute \$1000 to the NL Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists annual conference.
- The NLTA will place a half page advertisement in the Royal Canadian Legion – Military Service Recognition Book.
- The NLTA will provide in-kind printing to a maximum of \$1000 to the Signals of Hope – Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention conference.
- The NLTA will nominate Jim Dinn for CTF Vice President.

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Other Business

- The NLTA will contribute \$1 per member to the campaign for the Humboldt Broncos Tragedy.
- The NLTA will investigate the protocol on replacement of primary/elementary play-based science toys that break and/or wear out.
- The NLTA will approach the NLESD and the Department of Education to provide more training to teachers in the effective use of G-Suite.
- The NLTA will explore with the Department of Education an additional Pervasive Needs category for Mental Health/Psychiatric Disorders.
- The NLTA will lobby the NLESD to provide K-6 teachers a bank of comments that are to be utilized in K-6 report cards.

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Discussion Topics

The following topics were reviewed and discussed by Provincial Executive: teachers' use of twitter for classroom activities; coalition for a proportional representation referendum; certification for OHSCC committee members; primary/elementary report cards; special needs report cards; and survey re school closing.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for **June 8-9, 2018** in St. John's.

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