

2020-2021 Year End Committee Report – Curriculum Committee

Submitted by Nadine Palmizi, Chair

The mandate of the Curriculum Committee focuses on the study of the Nova Scotia Public School curriculum and any changes proposed to the curriculum, as well as informing members of trends and developments in curriculum. The Curriculum Committee members for 2020-2021 were: Nadine Palmizi (Chair), Heather Mills, Penny Auld, Lindsay Crossman, Sarah Hillier, Yolanda Aubrecht (Provincial Executive), and Pamela Langille (Staff Liaison). The Committee held two meetings, the first meeting on December 14, 2020 and the second meeting on February 5, 2021. Due to the extenuating circumstances of the pandemic lockdown in the spring and unexpected return to in-person learning for June, the Committee canceled their final meeting of the year.

The budget for the Curriculum Committee was \$4,860.00 for the 2020-2021 academic year. The committee spent a total of \$0.

The Committee moved forward in the 2020-2021 academic year focusing on the following business:

- The EECD provided an overview of the recently implemented pilot of the technology Advantage Program (TAP) at some of the Nova Scotia Community College campuses;
- The EECD shared that they have been focusing on updated science and social studies for grades 7 and 8 and getting the resources and professional learning support on Moodle;
- The Provincial Executive accepted the Committee's recommendation that the NSTU publish a discussion paper examining best practices in reading acquisition. This recommendation also included consultation with the Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Association and the Psychologists in Schools Association be consulted in the research;
- The Committee reviewed and made recommendations regarding resolutions related to its mandate for Annual Council 2021; and
- The EECD provided an overview of the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and Inclusive Education Policy.

The Curriculum Committee had great success this year. The guest from the EECD were very informative and receptive to any questions and/or feedback. For the incoming committee, it is recommended that they invite the EECD to present on the African Nova Scotian Education Framework and the Treaty Education Framework. In addition, a presentation by the EECD outlining the entire curriculum development process, including the aspects of communication and implementation, would support the ongoing work of the Committee.

As Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the committee members for their time and valuable contributions.