

Year End Report
Political Action Committee
2020-2021

Mandate:

The mandate of the Political Action Committee is:

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- A. The Committee shall maintain contact with all major provincial political parties including, if possible, as members of those parties.
- B. The Committee shall monitor the policies and practices of the major provincial political parties for the purpose of identifying issues impacting on education and NSTU Members. The Committee shall then advise the NSTU President and Provincial Executive of these issues.
- C. During provincial elections, the Committee shall monitor the major provincial political parties for their public education platforms and policies and inform the NSTU President and Provincial Executive of any concerns.
- D. The Committee shall identify educational issues for consideration by the Provincial Executive for political action.
- E. The Committee shall identify corporate social responsibility and social justice issues for consideration by the Provincial Executive for political action.
- F. The Committee shall develop strategies for encouraging NSTU member involvement in the political process.
- G. The Committee shall develop strategies for encouraging NSTU member involvement in the election process including exercising their democratic right to vote.
- H. The Committee shall seek opportunities to build relationships with educational stakeholders.

Committee Members:

Joey MacIsaac, Halifax County (Chair)
Sarah Tutty, Queens
Kate Sircon, Hants West
Sean McLennon, Cape Breton District
Deena Jewers, Provincial Executive Member
Wade Van Snick, Provincial Executive Member
Ian Leblanc, Provincial Executive Member
Mark Laventure, NSTU Staff

Committee Meeting Dates:

February 22, 2021
April 16, 2021
May 28, 2021 (cancelled due to COVID)

The budget for Committee meetings was \$12,780.00 and the Committee spent

\$2,107.00.

The activities and accomplishments of the Political Action Committee included the following:

- The committee met with NOW communications to advise on a campaign to promote the work teachers undertook during the pandemic.
- The committee reviewed and provided input into campaigns and strategies to promote keeping schools safe from COVID-19.
- The Committee reviewed strategies for election engagement in 2021.
- The Political Action Committee provided input in the development of an election questionnaire.
- The committee planned communications conference activities for May (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- The Committee reviewed NSTU public opinion polling.

Respectfully submitted,

Joey Maclsaac

Political Action Committee Chair 2020-21