

**Year End Report
Political Action Committee
2021-2022**

Mandate:

The mandate of the Political Action Committee is:

- i. Political Action
 - 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:

Sarah Tutty, SSRCE (Chair)

Sean McLennon, Cape Breton Victoria

Colleen Scott, Provincial Executive Member

Deena Jewers, Provincial Executive Member

Ian Comeau, TCRCE

Myla Borden, CCRCE

Lisa Brett, APSEA HRM

Kate Sircom, AVRCE

Mark Laventure, NSTU Staff

Committee Meeting Dates:

October 8, 2021 (Joint meeting with PR committee)

December 6, 2021 (Zoom)

March 25, 2022

June 6, 2022

The budget for the committee was \$12,960 and \$4,204 was spent

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

- The political action committee advised and assisted in the development of the NSTU's Spring advertising campaign.
- The political action committee provided input into the NSTUs provincial budget submission.
- The committee sent invitations to all Education critics and the minister to discuss education issues. The NDP Education critic, Suzy Hansen, attended the June 6th committee meeting.
- Discussions and initial planning occurred for the development of a political action campaign to combat child poverty across NS. The committee has been given a mandate by PE to deliver this campaign in the 2022-23 year
- Under the direction of the previous political action committee, the NSTU created questionnaires for all major parties in the summer provincial election. Briefing materials were also prepared on election issues and distributed to members. This happened after the last year end report.
- The committee engaged in planning for the 2023 communications conference.
- The committee met and discussed political issues around the province and how to encourage members to become more engaged in our political system.