

Professional Development Committee
Year End Report 2011-2012

Mandate:

The mandate of the Professional Development Committee is:

- To support and develop strategies and programs to promote professional development for the membership of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union at the individual, school, Local and provincial levels.
- To provide advice to the Provincial Executive on matters relating to professional development and in-service education.
- To monitor the professional development needs of the membership.
- To liaise with the Local Professional Development Committees. To meet annually to identify themes and topics for future issues of Aviso
 - to set editorial policy
 - to set advertising policy
 - to evaluate issues of Aviso
- To make recommendations with regard to future directions for the publications; and to prepare recommendations for the Provincial Executive
- To consider such resolutions as may be referred by Annual Council and make appropriate recommendations for the Provincial Executive
- To participate as required in the NSTU Policy Review Process by providing recommendations for the Provincial Executive's consideration.

Activities of the PD Committee include:

- Administering the Out-of-Province Grants
- Administering the Full Time Study Grants
- Administering the NSTU Summer Travel Fellowship Grant Program
- Administering the NSTU Education Research Award Program
- Supporting and assisting Local PD Committees
- Offering professional development opportunities, in cooperation with Local PD Committees, to enhance skills at the Local PD Committee level
- Recommending policy to the Provincial Executive on matters relating to the professional development needs of the membership

The NSTU Professional Development Committee for the 2011-2012 school year was comprised of the following members:

Tonia Cromwell, Chair (Digby)
Roland Hannem (Yarmouth)
Catherine McCarthy (Halifax County)
Jill Burton (Richmond)
Jaylene Chase (Lunenburg County)
Tonia Cromwell (Digby)
Pat Hillier (Provincial Executive)
Betty – Jean Aucoin, NSTU Staff Liaison

Meeting Dates

The Professional Development Committee met on the following dates during the 2011-2012 school year:

October 14th, 2011

January 13th, 2012

April 20th, 2012

The activities of this year's Professional Development Committee included the following:

- The committee organized and facilitated a very successful PD Conference, 'Celebrating Our Successes, Meeting Our Challenges' This conference was held Nov. 4-5, 2011 at the Delta Halifax.
- The committee vetted applications for Summer Travel Fellowships, Education Research Awards, Out of Province Conference grants, and full time study grants.
- The committee reviewed resolutions to Annual Council and gave voice on professional development resolutions at Annual Council.
- The committee reviewed existing policies as required under Policy Review Procedures.
- Committee met with the AVISO Editorial Advisory Board. The committee provided feedback on recent issues and selected themes and features for the 2012 -2013 year.

Fall 2011 – Teacher Unions in the 21st Century

Winter 2012 – Wellness/Self-Management for a Healthy Soul

Spring 2012 – Supporting our Boys and Girls in Education

- The budget for the committee was \$6,300. The actual cost of the committee's business was \$6,300.

As outgoing chair, I wish to thank all of the committee members for their commitment of time and their energy and expertise.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonia Cromwell, Chair