

Year End Report  
Technology Committee  
2016-2017

Mandate:

The mandate of the Technology Committee is:

- To ensure that the NSTU technology integration principles are being upheld
- To explore how technology is used in schools and how it affects teacher workplace environment
- To develop policy and recommendations for Provincial Executive to support the policies of the employer that are relevant technology issues
- To provide advice on the content, delivery and design of technology
- To make recommendations to the Provincial Executive for possible action on issues related to technology
- To explore equity issues relating to technology for both teachers (*suggested to edit "teachers" to "members"*) and students
- To inform members of trends and developments in technology
- To consider such resolutions as may be referred by Annual Council and make appropriate recommendations
- To participate as required in the NSTU Policy Review process by providing recommendations for the Provincial Executive's consideration

Committee Members:

Suzanne Greenlaw, Annapolis  
Lauchie MacKinnon, Colchester-East Hants  
Mario Eleftheros, Dartmouth  
Allen Whittaker, Yarmouth  
Rona Chisholm-Cleary, Halifax County  
Duncan Smith, Antigonish  
Peter Day, Provincial Executive  
Betty-Jean Aucoin, NSTU Staff Liaison

Committee Meeting Dates:

October 3, 2016  
January 6, 2017 – Cancelled  
March 31, 2017

The budget for Committee meetings was \$6405.00 and the Committee spent \$3156.00.

The activities and accomplishments of the Technology Committee included the following:

- The committee reviewed the Principles for Technology Integration in Public Schools and the Community College from 2002.
- The committee reviewed resolutions and gave voice on technology resolutions at Annual Council
- The committee discussed regional technology concerns

Recommendations:

- The committee discussed several internal technology recommendations to ensure communication to all members is assessable ( email, Facebook Live, more social media training/workshops to locals )
- The committee discussed the Council of Education in regards to Resolution 2017-33: The equity behind technology. The overall consensus was having a technology mentor in each board or possibly resurrecting tech/library, tech/math mentors and consultants to address the equity concerns within boards and the province.
- The committee discussed the Commission on Inclusive Education in regards to technology, a few concerns were TIENET and the ease of use, an administrative assistant could be hired for this recording of information as the resource teacher turn-over rate is concerning and this may be part of the issue, second language learners could have more access to online ESL programming to support their transition.

Future Meeting dates:

October 6, 2017  
January 26, 2018  
April 13, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Greenlaw  
Technology Committee Chair 2016-2017