

Professional Development Committee
Year End Report 2017-2018

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 Provincial Executive 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 relative to the professional development needs of the membership

The NSTU Professional Development Committee for the 2017-2018 school year was comprised of the following members:

Mai-Ling Storm (Lunenburg County),
Stephanie George (Colchester-East Hants),
Michael Carrigan (Cape Breton Local),
Nicole d'Eon (Yarmouth)
Keri Butler (Halifax City)
Nathan Orman (Shelburne County)
Angela Deagle (PE Representative)
Betty Jean Aucoin (Staff Officer), Adela Njie (Staff Officer)

Meeting Dates:

The Professional Development Committee met on the following dates during the 2017-2018 school year:

Friday, October 13th, 2017

Friday, January 12th, 2018

Friday, May 11th, 2018

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

- Reviewed the Professional Development Annual Report 2016 - 2017
- Reviewed Charting Your Course: the framework for booking online professional development.
- The committee reviewed the policy Economic Welfare and Working Conditions, with staff providing the Resolutions Committee with an overview of their amendments.
- Committee members were assigned RRC Zone Contacts to seek concerns, questions and applause.
- The Committee vetted 43 Out-of-Province Conference grant applications, in October, recommending sixteen recipients of \$475 each with four alternates to the Provincial Executive. In the January meeting, the Committee vetted 29 Out-of-Province Conference grant applications, recommending the PE award fourteen members \$475 each with two alternates. In the April meeting, the Committee vetted 33 Out-of-Province Conference grant applications, recommending the PE award sixteen members \$475 each with two alternates.
- Reviewed the recommendations put forward by the Council to Improve Classroom Conditions and submitted a response to recommendation #5.
- In review of the 2016 PD Conference Evaluations, the committee noted that consideration should be given to having the Article 60 session repeated, along with a session regarding the history of Article 60.
- The Committee received and recommended to the Provincial Executive to award the three applicants for the Education Research \$475 each.
- The Committee discussed focusing on the promotion of the Education Research Award, recognizing that a misunderstanding that the award is for Action Research completed only.
- The Committee vetted 11 applications for the Full Time Study grants and made the recommended to the Provincial Executive awarding five applicants \$2000 each.

For the NSTU Professional Development Conference which will place November 2nd and 3rd 2018, the following topics were brought forward:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keynote –Rev. Dr. Lennett J. Anderson -Roles and responsibilities of VP’s and PD -Moral and Member Engagement - Changes – Inclusion Report and Administrators -Members of Article 60 to discuss committee guidelines from various locals -Staff Officer to do online webinar -NSTU Chair or alternate be brought in -VP’s or PD’s – to offer sessions for members -New online access of PD’s and purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Investigate a format for VP’s of PD to liaise/forum -Collate Article 60 Guidelines from and give to CP’s or Chairs of Article 60 <p>Friday Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Open Space Café 	<p>Saturday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Culturally Relevant Teaching -Inclusive Education Report -PSP - Teaching Standards update <p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities/Resources -Guidelines -Offerings
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- Aviso representatives did not meet with the PD Committee, however themes were chosen; outside the box, alternative setup, discovery opportunities, project based leave, outdoor education, nourish your roots, and sustainable school communities.
- The budget planned for the committee was 6405.00 and they spent 5247.00.

The committee did not select meeting dates for the 2018-2019 school year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mai-Ling Storm, Committee Chair