

Year End Report
Technology Committee
2017-2018

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:

Duncan Smith, Antigonish (Chair)
Jane Berrigan, Lunenburg
Rona Chisholm-Cleary, Halifax County
Sandy Gillis, Dartmouth
Debbie McVeigh, Community College
Allen Whittaker, Yarmouth
Ian Kent, Provincial Executive
Preman Edwards, NSTU Staff Liaison

Committee Meeting Dates:

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

The budget for Committee meetings was \$6300.00 and the Committee spent \$5,741.68.

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

- The committee reviewed and discussed the efficacy of Bring Your Own Devices and exploring requesting a “safe” list from the employer of apps for education.
- The committee reviewed resolutions and gave voice on technology resolutions at Annual Council
- The committee discussed enhancing the app for the NSTU and input for what should be considered on the website.

Recommendation to PE:

- The Technology Committee would like to be considered to host a conference in during the 2019/2020 year, and every two years following.

Recommendations to Staff:

- The NSTU should encourage the staff to create Professional Development centered on applications and classroom technology. To help members create a streamlined vetting process that is quick so as to keep up with the change in technology.
- To investigate the creation of a presentation regarding legal ramifications around the use of technologies and new technologies in classroom to be delivered by professional Staff at the NSTU.

Recommendation requiring more details to be considered:

- The NSTU should look into finding ‘leaders’ (Provincial Executive, Staff Officers, Committee Members) to talk with members to gather data on the use of Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) from Members.
 - Items to consider:
 - ◆ Who is requesting the “leaders”?
 - ◆ Who will pay the costs of the leaders and the information gathering process?
 - ◆ Who will analyze and report on the data collected?

Future Meeting dates:

October 5, 2017
January 25, 2018
April 12, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Preman Edwards
Technology Committee Staff Liaison Officer 2017-2018