

Professional Development Committee Year End Report 2018-19

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.

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 2018-19 school year was comprised of the following members:

Keri Butler, Chair (Halifax City)
Susan Noiles/Shelley Luddington (Halifax County)
Nicole D'Eon (Yarmouth)
Nigel Tinker (Annapolis)
Michael Carrigan (Cape Breton District)
Wendy Gould (Colchester-East Hants)
Angela Deagle (Provincial Executive Liaison)
Paul Syme/G rard Cormier (NSTU Staff Liaison)

Meeting Dates: The Professional Development Committee met on the following dates during the 2018-19 school year:

October 18, 2018
January 11, 2019
March 29, 2019

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

- The committee organized a conference on November 2nd and 3rd, 2018. The theme was Remember, Reflect, Recharge. Sessions included a smudging ceremony, Role Sessions, Restorative Practices, Article 60 around the Province.
- The committee vetted applications through the online system for Educational Research Awards (5 awarded), Out-of Province Conference Grants (48 awarded) and Full-Time Study Grants (2 awarded) and supervised the distribution of the Summer Travel Fellowship from Johnson.

- The committee reviewed resolutions to Annual Council and gave voice on professional development resolutions at Annual Council including ones directly involving the existence of the committee and its grants.
- The committee reviewed existing policies as required under the Policy Review Procedures.

Budget: The budget for the committee was \$6,390. The actual cost for the committee's business was \$6,322.

Respectfully Submitted, Keri Butler, Chair