

# NSTU CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

## Year End Report 2018 – 2019

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### Committee Membership

The Committee consisted of the following members from the given regions of Nova Scotia:

- Liam Timmons (Chair) (2019 – Colchester East Hants)
- Holly MacDonald (2019 – Cumberland)
- Marilyn MacDougall (2019 – Cape Breton District)
- Stephanie McMillan (2019 – Hants West)
- Jennifer Barro Ralph (2020 – Dartmouth)
- Martin Doucette (2020 – Kings)
- Judy Rogers (2020 – Yarmouth)
- Peter Day (Provincial Executive – Cape Breton District)
- Adela Njie (Executive Staff Liaison up to January 2019)
- Pamela Langille (Executive Staff Liaison from February to April 2019)
- Louis Robitaille (Executive Staff Liaison from April 2019)

### Meeting Dates

The Committee met on the following dates:

- November 2, 2018
- February 22, 2019
- June 10, 2019

### Summary of Committee Activities

At the November meeting the Committee met with several Department of Education and Early Childhood Development personnel.

- a. **Tom Henderson**, ACSD Consultant, presented the Departments work and accompanying research regarding culturally responsive pedagogy.
- b. **Lynn Hogan Gillespie**, Director Career Exploration and Experiential Learning, presented work on entrepreneurship in the curriculum.
- c. **Steve Machat**, Director of Personal Development and Wellness, shared information regarding cannabis legalization.
- d. **Jennifer Burke**, Director Innovative Curriculum Development and **Elaine Melanson**, Director French Second Language Programs, shared information regarding the 7/8 curriculum renewal and the pilot for the curriculum review.

At the November meeting, at the request of the Resolutions Committee, the Curriculum Committee reviewed the Government section of the Policy Manual. Recommendations were forwarded to the Resolutions Committee regarding possible amendments to NSTU Policy Statements.

At the February meeting the Committee discussed the PSP draft, technology supports for curriculum, Citizenship 9 replacing Social Studied, Health 9 outcomes and Power Teacher Pro.

At the request of the Resolutions Committee, five Resolutions sent to Annual Council 2019 were reviewed for Committee recommendations.

At the June meeting the Committee met with several Department of Education and Early Childhood Development personnel.

- a. **Jennifer Burke**, Director Innovative Curriculum Development and **Elaine Melanson**, Director French Second Language Programs, updated information regarding the 7/8 curriculum renewal and the pilot for the curriculum review.
- b. **Melina Kennedy**, Mathematics Specialist and **Joe MacDonald**, Mathematics Specialist, shared information regarding updates to the grade 11 and 12 pre-calculus courses as well as explained why grade 7 and 8 mathematics is not part of the 7/8 curriculum pilot.
- c. **Brian Doucette**, iNSchool Educational Lead, shared information regarding Power Teacher Pro.

#### **Recommendations for Next Year**

The Committee feels it is important to continue to track the 7/8 curriculum pilot. The Committee wishes to review recent changes to the PSP along with a chart of curriculum changes.

#### **Budget**

The Committee budget for 2018 – 2019 was \$7,290 and the Committee spent \$7,771.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liam Timmons,  
Committee Chair