

Year End Report  
Political Action Committee  
2018-2019

Mandate:

The mandate of the Political Action Committee is:

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- A. The Committee shall maintain contact with all major provincial political parties including, if possible, as members of those parties.
- B. The Committee shall monitor the policies and practices of the major provincial political parties for the purpose of identifying issues impacting on education and NSTU Members. The Committee shall then advise the NSTU President and Provincial Executive of these issues.
- C. During provincial elections, the Committee shall monitor the major provincial political parties for their public education platforms and policies and inform the NSTU President and Provincial Executive of any concerns.
- D. The Committee shall identify educational issues for consideration by the Provincial Executive for political action.
- E. The Committee shall identify corporate social responsibility and social justice issues for consideration by the Provincial Executive for political action.
- F. The Committee shall develop strategies for encouraging NSTU member involvement in the political process.
- G. The Committee shall develop strategies for encouraging NSTU member involvement in the election process including exercising their democratic right to vote.
- H. The Committee shall seek opportunities to build relationships with educational stakeholders.

Committee Members:

Susanna Haley, Digby (Chair)  
Yolanda Aubrecht, Cape Breton Victoria  
Shaun Doyle, Provincial Executive Member  
David Kokocki, Lunenburg  
Sue Lariviere-Jenkins, Provincial Executive Member  
Drew Moore, Provincial Executive Member  
Shelley Morse, Kings  
Bill Murphy, Strait  
Mark Laventure, NSTU Staff  
Preman Edwards, NSTU Staff

Committee Meeting Dates:

February 1, 2019  
March 4, 2019 – Canceled for Weather  
April 8, 2019 – Jointed with PR Committee

May 10, 2019

June 14, 2019 – Canceled for Attendance

The budget for Committee meetings was \$14910.00 and the Committee spent \$4726.00.

The activities and accomplishments of the Political Action Committee included the following:

- The committee reviewed and discussed the need for gaining supporting literature and books.
- The committee has vision towards stress tests for the organization to test response readiness.
- The committee met with the President of the NS Parents for Public Education.

Recommendation to PE:

- The Political Action Committee had a recommendation that the NSTU staff implement a social media/media school to regions.

Recommendations to PE 2019/2020:

- That the Provincial Executive advise Locals to establish regular meetings with MLAs through Local PA/PR committees.
- That the Provincial Executive seeks updates from Bill 75 Law Amendments presenters to find out if issues have been addressed.
- That the Provincial Executive supports establishment of Local and/or Regional Political Action Committees.
- That the Provincial Executive approves a key information campaign regarding child poverty and immigration for 2019 federal election.
- That the Provincial Executive supports a structured, strategic effort to test NSTU capacity to mobilize members for Labour Day.
- That the Provincial Executive ask through the Executive Director, that staff develop workshops on how to organize in time to deliver at fall Rep Retreats.
- That the Provincial Executive supports and requests locals to participate in a weekly Red Shirt Friday campaign that will be another structure test for September with reps counting participation.
- That the Provincial Executive support an additional member be added to the Political Action Committee and that the member added be from an equity-seeking group.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanna Haley

Political Action Committee Chair 2018-2019