



NSTU Provincial Executive Meeting
February 23-24, 2012
H I G H L I G H T S
Emailed Monday, February 27, 2012

1. Filed the Table Officers Report;
2. Selected six candidates to the John Huntley Memorial Internship Program, along with two alternates;
3. Approved a recommendation that a one time allowance be made for the NSTU presidential candidates to address a Community College Local meeting before the beginning of official campaigning;
4. That a video recording of NSTU Presidential Candidates' address and question & answer session at Annual Council 2012 be distributed;
5. Approved the draft budget to go forward to Annual Council 2012 for 2012-2013 with a recommendation that it be adopted and approved two resolutions in support of the operating budget;
6. Prepared an optional budget to forward to Council in compliance with Governance Policy 1 (Res 2010-7);
7. Approved a recommendation that Finance & Property and Governance & Policy Committees develop a five-year budgetary plan focused on a balanced budget;
8. Approved the Asking Package for the Teachers' Provincial Agreement;
9. Approved a recommendation that the President of the NSTU forward a letter to the Minister of Education on March 1, 2012 requesting the opening of bargaining.
10. Approved a recommendation that once a Tentative Agreement is reached in the upcoming round of negotiations, the NSTU starting position on Article 43 be released to the membership at the regional meetings prior to the vote.
11. Appointed members to serve on the Negotiating Team;
12. Approved amendments under the *Teachers' Pension Act* regarding Partial Disability Pensions and Mandatory Age 71 pension payments;
13. Approved a recommendation that Brian Forbes be appointed as Independent Chairperson for Annual Council 2012;
14. Approved a recommendation that a full page ad regarding education cuts be placed in the Chronicle Herald and the Cape Breton Post. A link to the ad will be distributed to all NSTU webmail accounts and social media feeds;
15. Approved four Resolutions be forwarded to Annual Council 2012 to lobby the Department of Education on various topics;
16. Approved five Resolutions be forwarded to Annual Council 2012 regarding By-Law, Standing Orders and Policy concerning NSTU Professional Associations;
17. Approved a recommendation that wherever reference is made to the *October Conference Day* in NSTU official documents, nomenclature be amended to read *Provincial Professional Development Day*;
18. Approved amendments to Operational Procedure 4(c) Professional Associations Coordination Committee;
19. Approved amendments to Operational Procedure 14 – Professional Associations;
20. Approved a recommendation that wherever reference is made in NSTU official documents to the *NSTU e-mail/website, or Members-Only website*, that working be revised to read *NSTU webmail or NSTU website*;

- 21. Approved a recommendation that a new section in Operational Procedures, General called Communications be created to state that designated NSTU web account mailing lists shall be established, upon request, for NSTU Leaders, such as Provincial Executive, Local Presidents and Executive, RRC Chairs, and Professional Association Presidents and Executive;**
- 22. Approved one Local Service Award be awarded at Annual Council 2012.**