

Teachers With Administrative Responsibilities Committee
Nova Scotia Teachers Union
Annual Report
2007-2008

Mandate:

The mandate of the Teachers with Administrative Responsibilities Committee (TWAR) is to provide a voice for teachers in administrative positions. This committee serves as an effective conduit between teacher/administrators and the relevant NSTU bodies and has a close relationship with the School Administrators Association (SAA).

Committee Members:

Wendy King, Cape Breton, Chair, 2008
Garland Standing, Northside-Victoria, 2008
Dan Myles, SAA Representative, 2008
Jayne Campbell, Colchester-East Hants, 2009
Derek Carter, Halifax County, 2009
Doug Keyes, Hants West, 2009
Jed Corbett, Executive Member
Danny Eddy, Staff Liaison

Meeting Dates:

The Teachers with Administrative Responsibilities Committee met on the following dates:

October 12, 2007

February 8, 2008

May 9, 2008

Budget:

The budget for the committee was \$7,245 and the actual cost of the committee's business was \$4584.55.

The activities of the 2007-2008 TWAR Committee include:

1. Members of the committee were all assigned Regional Representative Committee Chairs in their local areas and were asked to contact them and identify themselves as committee members.
2. Nova Scotia Teachers Union policies focusing on Professional Development Policy statements were reviewed with recommendations for reaffirmation, one with a minor wording change.
3. As mandated by the committee, nominations were accepted for an administrator to sit on the Provincial Economic Welfare Committee and Doug Keyes was elected by secret ballot.
4. The committee discussed a number of articles that TWAR would like to see addressed in the asking package and put forth submissions to the PEWC for potential inclusion in the asking package.
5. The issue of administrators performing medical procedures was raised and committee members brought in documentation from their areas to clarify the roles of administrators in this.
6. Whereas in the past TWAR had discussed with the SAA the feasibility of automatic online SAA membership dues deductions, this year the SAA and the NSTU jointly conducted a survey to determine if this was something the membership wanted and, based on the survey return rates, this proved not to be a viable option and SAA will not be moving forward with it.
7. The chair attended Annual Council 2008 to represent TWAR. There were no specific resolutions that the committee wanted the chair to speak to.

8. The Committee held one joint meeting with the SAA on Feb. 8th. Discussions at this meeting centered around the Time to Learn, Time to Teach response and the early Primary entry.
9. Some discussions were held on Standing Committee Protocols and exchange of information between the SAA and TWAR.
10. There was some discussion around School Advisory Councils and their role becoming more than advisory in some boards. This may be something the new TWAR committee may wish to explore in the future.
11. TWAR thanked the three members who have completed their term: Wendy King, Garland Standing, and Dan Myles

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of TWAR for their help, insight, professionalism and support in my role as chair as well as their contribution to the NSTU. Such knowledge and dedication is a pleasure to find and I feel privileged to be a part of what we have brought forth from TWAR during my tenure. TWAR is fortunate to have a strong working relationship with the SAA and I recommend that continue in the future. I would also like to offer a very special thank you to Danny Eddy, Provincial Staff Liaison, for his commitment and support.

Respectfully submitted
Wendy King, Chair