

*NSTU Provincial Equity Committee
Year-End Committee Report 2010-2011*

Committee Members

Tanya DeViller, Chair
Chris Weeks
Daniel Blinn
Jenn Laudadio
Bev Roy
John MacKay, Executive Member
Gerard Cormier, NSTU Staff Liaison

Committee Mandate:

To address matters relating to the status of women, equity and diversity.

Meeting Dates:

Friday October 15, 2010, 9:00-4:00
Friday March 25, 2011, 9:00-4:00
Friday April 7, 2011, 12:00-4:00

Budget

As of July 30, the Equity Committee has expended \$6665.85 from a budget of \$6300.00.

Committee Activities and Recommendations

1. NSTU Policy Review

The committee reviewed each of the policies up for review for council 2011 and made recommendations to either reaffirm or amend. The committee asked staff to investigate policies on “Peace Education” and “Student Projects” as they are outdated and should be revamped and staff reported that a standing committee could undertake this.

2. Visit from Department of Education- Natalie Flinn

Members of the Equity Committee were invited to a work group to discuss and share resources to be used in the Healthy Active Living courses P-9. She also presented to the committee. The resources are to assist educators in supporting the newly introduced health education learning outcomes framework.

3. “Let’s Talk about Sexuality Brochure”

Agreed to discuss at a later time.

4. Equity Liaison

Each of the committee members were assigned a certain number of Local Equity Liasons for communication purposes. Committee members gave them each a liaison booklet and met individually with them during the conference.

5. New Q and A Helping NSTU Members deal with sexual orientation issues”.

A brand new brochure was produced and launched at the conference.

6. Let’s talk about sexuality brochure

Discussed but committee is still waiting for additional information from DOE and will continue to be discussed next year.

7. CTF Advisory Committee on Status of Women

Committee received the summary of notes from the meeting held last year and discussed.

8. “Peace..ing it Together” Conference

Several requests were made to expand the Equity Conference. The Equity Committee and Professional Development Committee assisted in planning the conference April 7-9, 2011 along with support from Shenoroil.

The conference included keynote speaker Samantha Nutt.

9. Annual Council

Since Tanya DeViller (Equity Chair) attended council as a delegate, Chris Weeks was nominated to replace Tanya as the Chair to discuss resolutions.

Tanya sat with Committee Chairs on Sunday morning and presented on the committee to members who had questions concerning the committee.

The Committee has suggested Jenn Laudadio as chair of the Equity Committee for 2011-2012.

It has been a truly rewarding experience being a member and the chair of the Equity Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NSTU for giving me this wonderful opportunity.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tanya DeViller