



The Chain

November News and Updates

●**New Contract:** With the recent ratification of our new contract, the Department of Ed. has informed our Provincial Executive that should everything go according to plan, teachers will receive their pay raises and retroactive pay at the same time. This should occur before Christmas.

●**Rep Retreat:** The school repre-

sentatives, and executive members will be attending a Rep Retreat on the weekend of November 18-19th at the Delta Sydney. This retreat will include sessions on PD, Insurance, and member benefits.

●**New Office:** Our Local has moved to its new office. We are now located in second floor of the Northern Yacht Club's Boathouse.

●**Social Committee:** The social committee held a bowling evening at The Strand Bowling Lanes in Sydney Mines on October 22nd. This event proved to be well attended and fun was had by all. Thanks to the committee for the, and be sure to watch for future events.

Northside -Victoria's Chris MacInnis wins NS SAA Distinguished Administrator of the Year

The Nova Scotia School Administrators Association has awarded Chris MacInnis with the Distinguished Administrator of the Year Award for 2011. Dan Myles, President of the Association presented Chris with the award at their professional association conference in Wolfville on October 28th.

Chris has taught for 38 years on the Northside, teaching in every level school and within a variety of subjects. Also, Chris has been a school administrator for 20 years. His administrative positions have included Junior High Vice principal, High School Vice Principal, Acting Principal, and a Human Resources Secondment.

Chris has been a integral part of education on the Northside over the last four decades. He has been a vital component in the area of

intramurals, extra-curricular activities, and school athletics. He has created programs, initiated camps, coached, and managed various teams all for the betterment of student athletes.

In the area of athletics, Chris has held a variety of positions with the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation. He has been a school rep, District Coordinator, Regional Director, and a Board of Governors Member.

With respect to his union involvement Chris has been a school rep, Local treasurer, Local Executive Member at Large, RRC treasurer, RRC Member at Large and annual council delegate.

Finally, Chris has been very active outside of school

working with Canada Blood Services on their Atlantic Regional Liaison Committee, as well as their National Liaison Committee.

Chris is currently Vice Principal at Memorial High School.



October Conference Reimbursement

The **deadline** for submission of expenses for the October Special Association conferences is **November 15th**. Submissions will not be accepted after this date. Conference expense forms are available online at www.cbv.ns.ca. The forms can be found in the Programs and Student Services tab, through the link marked PDFC Forms. Forms must be submitted to:

The PDFC: C/O Coordinator of Human Resources CBVRSB 275 George St. Sydney NS B1P 1J7

Local Benevolence

School Reps are asked to forward

the names of teachers who are eligible for local benevolence. This should be forwarded to Charlene Pedersen either by email (clpedersen@nstu.ca) or by Fax (736-3895)

Memorial Donations are for \$50.00 to the charity of choice. These donations are for the immediate family of teachers, namely parents, spouses, or children.

Sickness or injury on duty benevolence is a \$50.00 gift card of the teachers choice. This is for teachers who have been absent for four weeks of school.

PDFC

The next PDFC committee meeting is November 24th. Anyone applying for article 60 grants must have their applications in before then. Anyone attending a conference or workshop must submit the application one month prior to the event. The 2011-2012 PDFC meetings are scheduled for:

- November 24
- December 15
- January 19
- February 16
- March 22
- April 19
- May 17
- June 21

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RESOLUTIONS

- Do you have an idea about how the NSTU could be run more effectively?
- Do you have an idea about something that should be a priority for our Union?
- Why not send the idea to the Resolutions Committee of our Local?
- The Resolutions Committee will be taking ideas from teachers until November 23, 2011. These ideas can help make **YOUR** Union better.
- To submit an idea, simply **pass it along to your School Rep.** or you could **e-mail your idea to pdmurphy@nstu.ca**.

Notes from the President

As the school year rolls on the NSTU continues to work on your behalf. We have ratified the new contract and the NSTU is working with the Department of Education and the School Board to address many of the difficult issues in the education system. I urge all members to remain patient during this process. The wheels of government work slowly, but our efforts must continue.

On that note, I would encourage all school reps to update the membership registry for their school. The membership registry helps the NSTU to determine the staffing at each school and to understand the demographic mix for teachers across the province. The membership registry also will determine the funding levels for the Northside-Victoria Local. This money is used to help fund the events put on by your Local. The membership registry will also determine the number of delegates the Local will receive for NSTU Annual Council. The membership registry can be accessed through the NSTU website (www.nstu.ca) and is fairly user friendly. Should anyone require assistance with the membership registry, please contact me (pdmurphy@nstu.ca) and I will arrange a time when I can help get your school's membership registry up-to-date.

I encourage all members to remain vocal and to ensure that the NSTU understands the needs and concerns of the members from our Local. Please speak with your school rep or any member of our Local Executive if you have any concerns. If you have something you would like to see happen, consider submitting a resolution idea for Annual Council.

I remain available to meet with any member upon request. Feel free to contact me by phone: 578-0303 or by email: pdmurphy@nstu.ca to arrange a meeting.

Peter Murphy

President, Northside-Victoria Local

Northside-Victoria Local School Representatives 2011-12

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Cape Smokey Elementary	Jenny Hawley	285-2638	jennyhawley@staff.ednet.ns.ca
Cabot High	Mike Dunphy	336-2266	mwdunphy@nstu.ca
North Highlands Elementary	Jeremiah Janega	383-2186	jjanega@staff.ednet.ns.ca
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Sydney Mines Jr. High	Gina Penny	736-8549	ginapenny@staff.ednet.ns.ca
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Thompson Jr. High	Shane Ryan	794-2492	shaneryan@staff.ednet.ns.ca
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Northside Staff Development Centre	Kurt Kublek	794-6233	kkublek@cbvrsb.ca
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