

## **MINUTES**

### **Teacher Education Advisory Committee (TEAC) Annual Meeting**

**April 29, 2025, 11:00a.m.**

#### **In Attendance (via Zoom):**

Fran Couchie, Tammy Chassé, Glenda Black, John Vitale, Audrey Gribbons, Kristin Kewaquom, Chris Hachkowski, Elizabeth Aiello, Kristen Ferguson, Sandra Minor

**Regrets:** Gay Smylie, Sky Goulborne, Jake Loof, Josee Charland, Christiné Misch,

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Kristen opened the meeting with the Nipissing University land acknowledgement followed by welcoming the Committee and a time of roundtable introductions ensued.

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda was approved

#### **3. Associate Dean of BEd Programs (Interim) Report –Kristen Ferguson**

Kristen provided his AD report to the TEAC members (see attached).

Kristen acknowledged and thanked Dan Jarvis for his work on program accreditation in 2023/24.

Fran Couchie asked about IQAP and if more courses would include Truth & Reconciliation as part of their discussions. Kristen indicated that faculty are working toward greater focus. Fran also had a question about international students receiving qualifications to teach in Ontario and how they are able to do so if they have a teaching degree from another country. Discussion ensued.

Kristin Kewaquom had a question about the I/S program and is there are supports or discussion regarding de-streaming of secondary classrooms. How can teacher candidates be supported and prepared for the de-streamed classroom.

Audrey Gribbons expressed concern in respect to the need for NTIP teachers needing to be heavily supported in assessment, planning and evaluation especially around new math curriculum and language. This may be the reason for a decline in interest in hosting TCs in their classroom.

John Vitale had a question regarding AQ and ABQ courses in respect to declining number.

Discussion ensued.

#### **4. Principal, Indigenous Programs Report – Chris Hachkowski**

Provided a history of Indigenous Education program.

Discussed challenges to find individuals to apply specifically for the TILSL Program. Mentioned that the BEd program now offers both the FNMI and Indigenous Language teachable

Kristen Kewaquom mentioned that KBE has a 10 year action based language strategy and how communities can be supported in language. A survey conducted indicated tht there is a need for language teachers and would like to find ways of eliminating the barriers for individuals to become certified teachers. Invitation to work with Nipissing Indigenous program.

Discussion ensued.

#### **5. TELC Chair Report – Tammy Chassé**

Tammy provided her TELC report to the TEAC members (see attached). Provided an overview of TELC.

Discussion ensued.

#### **6. Ministry of Education Report – Elizabeth Aiello**

No updates at this time to share with the committee. With a new Education Minister, the Ministry is currently in a transitional phase.

Tammy Chassé asked about the teacher shortage and if this is part of the conversation at the Ministry level. Elizabeth confirmed it is on the Ministry's radar, they recognize the concerns and are working toward a solution.

#### **7. Other Business**

No other business discussed.

#### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be determined for the 2025/26 academic year.

Meeting adjourned, 11:50 a.m.