



Meeting Minutes

Teacher Education Program
Teacher Education Advisory Committee (TEAC)
Tuesday, February 20, 2-3:30
TEO meeting room

Attendees: Wendy Carr (Chair/TEO), Ann Anderson (EDCP), Tony Clarke (Centre for Study of Teacher Education), Shawna Faber (ECPS), Maureen Kendrick (LLED), Claire Rushton (TEO),
Regrets: Jessica La Rochelle (NITEP), Handel Wright (EDST)

1. Review of Agenda
2. Review of Minutes from January 23, 2018
3. News Updates

The Ministry of Education announced additional funding for UBC's BEd program for increased seats for Indigenous Education Program (NITEP), French immersion and secondary Math and Physics. For more detail: <http://teach.educ.ubc.ca/more-spaces-available-for-teacher-education/>

NITEP will be opening another field centre in Bella Coola and considering increased student access through blended course delivery.

4. Renewal/Rotation/Combination/Retirement of Elementary/Middle Years Cohorts

The committee discussed the number and composition of elementary/middle years cohorts, which will be finalized in early March: either 8 or 9 cohort combinations. Education for Sustainability has been added as a full cohort due to strong district demand and potential placements in North Vancouver and Burnaby (addendum outlining some of these connections is attached). Outdoor Education and Inclusive Education, two other newly proposed cohorts, have been delayed for 2018-19.

5. Student Concerns (Challenging Conversations)

Claire explained there should be more guidance for TCs to find their professional voice when having challenging conversations with instructors, faculty advisors and school advisors, instead of them directly contacting the TEO to negotiate on their behalf. Some feedback from TEAC included:

- Instructors including the protocol for raising concerns (from the BEd Policy Guidelines) in their course outline,
- Instructors indicating to TCs in class that they are open to conversation and feedback,
- Messaging to TCs that they are "becoming teachers", and the BEd program is an opportunity to develop their educator tool kit,
- Dedicating a session on how to manage challenging conversations at the mini TC conference in November.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, March 20, 2-3:30 pm