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Teacher Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

In Attendance: Christiné Misch, Stefanie Muhling, Greg Deschamps, Glen Sharpe, Greg Rickwood, Todd Horton, Mike Parr, Parker Robinson, Carole Richardson, Callie Mady, Carla Webster

Regrets: Demetra Saldaris, Jeff Scott, Kurt Clausen

Absent: Jackie Young, Paula Mann, Janet Zimbalatti, Judith Arai, Linda Gordon

1. Welcome and Introductions

Carole welcomed the Committee and a roundtable introduction ensued.

2. Approval of Agenda

No changes to the agenda were noted.

3. Approval of Minutes

No changes to the minutes were noted.

4. Dean's Report – Dr. Carole Richardson

See attached.

5. Associate Dean's Report – Dr. Callie Mady

- Callie provided an overview of the international/domestic Community Leadership Experiences. From the North Bay campus: 11 in Costa Rica, 26 in England, 8 in Kenya, 5 in Fort Albany and 8 in Trois Pistoles.
- The Practicum Committee has created sample practicum reports for associate teachers. These samples are available online for our associate teachers. An email with the link will be sent out along with the reminder that the report is due soon.
- Callie informed that Committee that she had conducted phone interviews with associate teachers in North Bay representing different divisions and boards. The goal was to improve practice with the

hopes of getting more associate teachers in the local area. She interviewed 10 associate teachers. Most did not volunteer for present year due to teaching schedule. They did however state that it is a lot of work. They appreciate the support of a faculty advisor. They would all take a teacher candidate again. In order to better support our associate teachers Callie has sent a proposal to MAESD in search of additional funding.

- Callie has reached out to the two local school boards to try to establish more formal partnerships. Both boards took the draft proposal to their leadership team. Callie has a meeting next week with one board and has followed up with the other.

6. TELC Report – Parker Robinson

- Parker informed the Committee that he is the acting chair of TELC, replacing Michelle Passmore who is on medical leave.
- TELC got off to a late start this year. We had our first meeting in November and our second meeting in January.
- Last year we only had 1 student representative, but after reaching out to TCAC this year, we were able to get three additional student representatives. The goal is to get the students more engaged.
- TELC funded some giveaways at the education formal to get students thinking about OTF. Parker hasn't spoken to Alexis yet, but is sure it went well.
- Teacher Education Symposium theme this year was mental health and wellness. This is an ongoing concern in education for students, teacher candidates, and teachers. We must support their wellness to ensure the wellness of students.
- Over the past 18 months OTF has put together a practical vision of practice teaching and supporting associate teachers. The Deans have received a copy and provided their feedback. The document is still in draft form and OTF is continuing to seek input from stakeholders. OTF has requested funding from the Ministry so that faculties can take part in pilot projects. More information will be coming out on this. Stefanie indicated that it is premature to discuss funding for pilot projects at this point. Nothing has been finalized yet. Discussion ensued.

7. Ministry of Education Report – Stefanie Muhling (via teleconference)

- Stefanie congratulated the faculty on increased acceptances and the call campaign. Kudos!
- Stefanie provided a staffing update at the Ministry of Education. We have a new Minister of Education and Minister of MAESD. Lots of new learning happening.
- Stefanie indicated that there was a meeting in Toronto on Monday with representatives from a variety of stakeholders to discuss the challenges in FSL, tech education, Indigenous education, and the teachables. It was a good discussion and idea exchange. It was promising to see so many people engaged in solid collaboration. She is looking forward to seeing the outcomes.
- Stefanie provided an overview of the Ministry Faculty Forum. This is the first year it is a bilingual event with two keynote speakers - one English and one French. This year's forum will concentrate on Equity: Complexities in Action. Carole indicated that OADE had scheduled a meeting on the same day as the forum, but had decided to push it back so that the Deans could attend in the morning.

- Integration of arts education - roundtable presentations from the Associate of Music Educators, Association of Dance Education and the ARTSECO. There are several resources that could be helpful to teacher candidates. Callie will be the point person on this.
- There is a focus on mentorship. Currently school boards can apply for funding to support associate teachers through Mentoring for All. Near North D.S.B. did apply this year and the Nipissing-Parry Sound D.S.B. plans to apply next year.
- Beginning in September 2018, NTIP funding will become more flexible than it is currently to include more support for associate teachers. See attached diagram.
- Professional learning opportunities are being offered through Field Services for FSL teachers.

8. Other Business

- Mike asked for an overview of the mandate of TEAC. Carole indicated that the main purpose of TEAC is so that information can be shared between various stakeholders. Discussion ensued.
- Greg provided an overview of the Mentoring for All learning opportunity being hosted by the Near North D.S.B. and supported by the Ministry of Education. The Near North D.S.B. is committed to building mentorship between associate teachers and NTIP mentors. Discussion ensued. Greg will send an invitation to Callie. Callie indicated that she is currently scheduled to be at a training session that day, but will be in touch if she can move things around. Greg is happy to assist the Practicum Office in helping to better support associate teachers in the Near North D.S.B.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be determined at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.