

Terms of Reference

EWG Teacher Certification Sub-Committee

Introduction

In July 2006, the Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey (MK) Board of Directors mandated the establishment of a Teacher Certification protocol to provide the MK member communities with a process to certify specialist teachers in Mi'kmaq and other specialist areas and to review teacher staffing and training needs.

Objectives

1. To Support the work of the MK Education Working Group (EWG) by issuing teaching permits to specialist teachers

Specific objectives of the TC sub-committee

When a MK community certifies that no holder of a teacher's license is available for a teaching position, the TC sub-committee will:

- Review the community request for each specialist teacher as per.
- Review the skills, subject background, and pedagogical expertise, mentorship, and duties
- Recommend that a Specialist Certificate be made to MK once they are satisfied that all issues are addressed. This certificate is only valid for the school year and for the community it is issued.

Note: Except as provided herein, only certified teachers shall be engaged in a Band Operated School in the MK Communities

2. Support the work of the EWG by reviewing training requirements and recommending program delivery models on Teacher Education.

- Discuss and explore Teacher needs.
- Discuss and explore teacher training options.
- Discuss and explore efficient and effective program delivery models

Work Group Representation

- ✓ Facilitator Chairperson of EWG
- ✓ Two community members of the EWG
- ✓ Other Resources (as needed)

Work Plan and Time Line

The teacher certification (TC) sub-committee will establish its own work plan and assignment of responsibilities. The work plan will be subject to change based on the information needs of the MK member communities. The TC sub-committee will brief the EWG on its progress at its monthly meetings.