Teacher Education Unit Professional Advisory Council
Minutes
October 2, 2026
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

Attendance: Scott Wolf, Paula Bachman, Nick Kiser, Gina Dudkowski, David Ehrle, Jevon Hunter, Rayna Panek, Paula Ferneza, Raquel Schmidt, Kyle Hooper, David Archibald, Wendy Paterson.

What is one issue, opportunity, or challenge involving students, teachers, or leaders that you wish you didn't have to solve alone?

- Helping Earth and life science-based teachers shift their practices to align with the new standards
- Inadequate funding for opportunities
- Helping teacher candidates to apply CRS framework and Portrait of a Graduate and the role of dignity in learning
- Understanding the changing role that schools have
- Learning to see teachers as facilitators of learning
- Increases in technology and online education
- How to help students with making post-high school plans
- Improving the attractiveness of the teaching profession
- Supporting current teachers and their mental health issues
- Motivating students to be responsible for their own learning
- Need new teachers to understand why they are doing what they do
- Open minds up to wonder and inquiry
- Teacher candidates are working jobs many hours a week
- Allowing for productive struggle starting with younger students
- Portrait of a Graduate

What challenges do we share?

- Restoring dignity and motivation in learning
- Increasing collaboration
- Connecting schools and universities
- Portrait of a Graduate

How can the PDP Consortium help address these challenges?

- Leverage our assets to collaborate
- Provide support and motivation