

SIWAL SI'WES – ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 15, 2019

Present:

Wendy Matthews	Sheryl McKamey	Marilyn Collins	Randy Cairns
Norma George	Rick McKamey	Rene Inkster	Laura Buker
Tracy Loffler	Jacqelyn Turner	Priscilla Wells	Williams Wells
Pauline J. Peters	Peggy Janicki	Johnny Williams	Chrystal McCallum
Sharon Syrette	Joe Heslip	Marcy Buell	

1. Call to order and Welcome – Priscilla
2. Apologies/Regrets – Priscilla
 - Vivian Searwar
 - Agnes Giesbrecht
 - Geraldine Stanley
3. Review Minutes from October 16, 2018 – Jacqelyn
 - **Correction to Item #4 – 6th Bullet Down**
 - **Change to: “Request for more funds for Field Trips and Career Options**
 - Accept – Marilyn Collins
 - 2nd – William Wells
 - Motion Carried
4. Leq'á:mel Council Resolution - Joe
 - Joe acknowledged that we are on Unceded Stó:lo Territory
 - Joe acknowledged that the School District is also within Kwantlen, Leq'á:mel, Matsqui and Sq'éwlets Territories
 - Thank you all for coming
 - Thank you to Rachel Schooner and Jennifer Snow for hosting our meeting
 - Want to let the Advisory Council know, that I received an email from Leq'á:mel stating that Rick McKamey is their official member representing Leqamel at our table
 - This will bring the voice of Leq'á:mel tour table to increase the success of our students
 - Parents have a role to play
 - Been involved with Leq'á:mel for a number of years
 - Looking at increasing the number of students at Leq'á:mel
 - Rick is wearing two hats with this position as well as a School District Trustee
 - If there is a conflict, he will step away from the Board
5. Budget – Joe
 - At the November meeting, I discussed our numbers
 - Numbers are now clear
 - We are now in a position to make some cuts
 - Yesterday was difficult
 - In past years, our numbers have gone up
 - Our budget of 1.4 million was based on numbers going up by 20
 - Numbers actually went down by 30
 - Internal Budget was to hold stead
 - Have to cut \$92,000.00

- All Enhancement Grant Funds and School Based Funds will remain
 - Students will not suffer
 - Direct Service to kids is a must have
 - All ALW hours will be reduced to 30 hours per/week
 - We can carry a surplus but we can't carry a deficit
 - We are now where we need to be
 - I'm sorry this situation is where it is.
 - Some students have gone to Chilliwack or Chehalis
 - Rent here is too high
6. Cultural Days – Joe
- Reminder to everyone that the first one is tomorrow at Christine Morrison
 - We will be there at 8:00 a.m.
 - Had to switch a couple
 - (a) ESR is now on January 23rd
 - (b) Cherry Hill is now on January 30th
 - (c) Hillside – February 6th
 - (d) Mission Central – February 13th
 - (e) Silverdale – February 20th
 - We are having two sessions instead of 3 again this year
 - We will have specific teachings on the Buffalo
7. Annual Report/Data - Joe
- Usually I have a Power Point presentation
 - A lot of interesting stories happened last year
 - Annual Report is halfway done
 - Right now, the data is more interesting
 - Viv and Joe want their data to go out first
 - 6-year completion rate
 - Last year it was 59% and now it's 56%
 - For non-Aboriginals, if you make it to grade 12, you will graduate
 - For Aboriginals, 91% will graduate
 - It can't be the Aboriginal Department that fixes it
 - Each school has a different story
 - Males are hurting in both Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals
 - With help, we can move those numbers up
 - Look at SPED page
 - We are disproportional to the Alternate programs
 - Some students wouldn't be in school if it wasn't for the Alternate programs
 - Reading is a big piece
 - Tracking from Grade 4
 - Where is the bleeding?
 - If you have written the FSA in grade 7 and your reading is above expectations, there is an 87% chance you will graduate
 - Big job ahead of us
 - Boys don't typically do as well as girls in the 6-year completion rate

- This is across the Province
- We need to do a better job supporting our males
- Want ALW's, Principals etc. to know our kids before they start at the school
- The data isn't good but it shared valuable information with Angus, Larry and other members of the School Board
- Annual Report is coming but this was more important first
- Do you have anything else like personality, teaching style?
- It helps to have someone in the school who knows the staff
- Identifies mentorship between students
- Mentorship is happening today
- McDonald's used to reward good grades
- Pizza Hut has a reading program
- If you read enough books, you get pizza
- We do have Jump Math in the District
- Rebecca Stenner is the head of this program
- Rene used to teach in Prince George
- Once per/week, the teachers had a circle
- Checked on every student
- Had a support system for students who needed it
- Had a great success rate
- We need to know the Learning Outcomes for grade 8; s so they aren't swimming in grade 9
- If you can't read, you can't do math
- We are in a transition with teachers
- We are getting younger teachers with different strategies
- Find something they are good at and build on those things
- Applaud the work that the Administration does
- Board wants students to have the knowledge when they move on
- In these tough economic times, you have to be innovative
- Everyone learns differently
- We should try and incorporate ways of building things
- Chrystal is on the PAC at HMS
- Lots of programs at lunch
- Has a huge library at home
- Need to do a book exchange
- If students don't have the right support, they can go down the wrong path
- For boys in grade 9, find out what career they want to do
- The statistics are phenomenal
- Focus your programs on the young men
- Need to get families on board
- Thank you, Joe, for the information
- Take your time with the Annual Report
- This is more important
- Parents in the community need to own this
- You're doing a wonderful job, I applaud you

- Recognize the 6-year result
 - We need to be looking further
 - Having trouble getting students from grade 7 to grade 12
 - Success level goes up when you look at 8-year data
 - Building stronger advocacies and mentorships
 - If there is anything that Leq'á:mel can do to help, please call
 - I'm convinced we are going in the right direction
8. Peggy's Perch - Peggy
- Hello and Happy New Year
 - This is a Segway from the last topic
 - The Ministry says that with the New Curriculum, you will teach Aboriginal content
 - The strongest language we have is to recommend that teachers take a Pro-D
 - I'm a Canoe Puller
 - New Canoe Pullers are called "Scrubs" and then they have the high-end Canoe Pullers
 - Teachers are called "Scrubs"
 - They are new and they are learning
 - Feel heartened with the new curriculum
 - Stronger in classrooms
 - I back up and support what Joe is doing
 - Slahal @ MSS
 - 5 R's of Indigenous Research
 - Brought a huge map from BCTF to Silverdale
 - Twitter account for Siwal Si'wes
 - Weaving and Math at Cherry Hill
 - First contact role model
 - Joyful Literacy
 - Weaving at West Heights
 - Using "One Note" notebook app
 - Dipnet Fisher Woman
 - Ceremony @ ESR today
 - Held workshop at FNEESC Conference for BCTF
 - Will be teaching about the "60's Scoop" at the Pro-D Day in February
 - Favorite meetings are the teacher/librarian meetings
 - Siya Ye Yoyes
 - Facebook Page called Active History
 - Bringing aboriginal resources into your teaching
 - Randy attended Peggy's workshop at FNEESC
 - The work that Peggy does is appreciated
 - Brings a lot to teachers
 - Peggy's Gold Star was teaching Slahal at MSS
 - Only 3 boys came
 - They were the bad asses
 - When they were leaving, they called her Mom

9. BC Indigenous Youth 3C Challenge

- Jennifer is with the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres
- 3 C's
 - Community
 - Culture
 - Commerce
- Has facilitators who will teach students how to start a business
- It's a 3-day workshop
- For 15 – 29 year olds
- As much or as little time that they have
- Coming to Mission from February 1st – February 3rd
- 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day
- To apply, email them at: applications@3Cchallenge.org
- Jennifer travels a minimum of 20 days per/month

10. Terms of Reference – Sharon Syrette

- Laura Buker (Lolahawk) and Sharon are the co-chairs of this working group
- Loved the data given by Joe
- How can we make changes?
- How can we make things better?
- Endorsing the Declaration of Indigenous People
- Would like the Advisory Council to focus on the Action Items on page 3
- Would like to be the first item on the Agenda at the next Advisory meeting
- What are the specific Advisory Roles?
- Add Headers and Footers to all documents handed out
- With regards to page 3, go back and find out who originally said “Our Forefathers ‘Teachings”
- Would like it changed to “Our Ancestors’ Teachings”
- See some broad strokes
- Support of the United Nations needs to be funded provincially
- Truth and Reconciliation can't provide funding but could write a letter
- Don't want to be disrespectful with the name change
- Need more consultations with local Bands
- For political correctness but for traditional ways, could be pushing it too far
- Marcy will look into the Department name and logo

11. Enhancement Agreement Working Group (Dates) – Joe

- Raise hands to previous working groups
- Meeting dates for our Enhancement Agreement Working Group
 - Thursday, January 17, 2019
 - Monday, January 28, 2019
 - Thursday, February 21, 2019
 - Monday, March 11, 2019
 - Thursday, April 11, 2019
 - Monday, April 29, 2019
 - Thursday, May 16, 2019
 - Monday, June 3, 2019

- Thursday, June 20, 2019
 - All meetings to be held in the Siwal Si'wes Library from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 - If you would like to join us on Thursday, please email us
 - You have already given us great ideas to discuss from the perspective of the Advisory Council
12. Salmon Video from CME – Joe
- Ecole Christine Morrison entered a BC wide contest called “How Can We Help Bring the Salmon Home?”
 - Won't be able to play the video today
 - Thank you to Lolahawk (Laura Buker), Eddie Gardner, Siyamiyateliyot (Elizabeth Phillips), Judy Cathers, teachers and students
 - Their video won them a \$500.00 prize to go towards field trips
 - This will be item #2 for our next meeting
13. Elder Volunteer needed for “Strong Start” – Joe
- Diana McCall is the head of “Strong Start”
 - There are 6 “Strong Starts” in our District
 - Looking for an Elder volunteer
 - This is unpaid
 - If you are interested, please let Marcy, Viv or Joe know
14. Information Items
- UBC Vancouver Dialogue
 - Peggy will be speaking at the Dialogue on Indigenous Data, Information and Records @ UBC
 - January 21, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - There will be 50 Grand Chiefs
 - Jan Hare from UBC
 - Wants to use our Website on a video
 - Feb. 5, 2019 Pro-D
 - “Beyond the Poster on the Wall” with Jo Chrona
 - She is the Curriculum Coordinator for FNEESC
 - 3:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. @ Heritage Park Middle School
 - Dinner included
 - Photo acknowledgement
 - Cedar photo by Myrna Williams, Johnny Williams' daughter

Next Meeting
February 12, 2019
11:30 a.m.
School Board Office

