

SIWAL SI'WES – ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 16, 2018

Present:

Viki Buchanan	Priscilla Wells	William Wells	Marilyn Collins
Rick McKamey	Agnes Giesbrecht	Pauline J. Peters	Sharon Syrette
Tracy Loffler	Wendy Matthews	Randy Cairns	Rimma Spink
Peggy Janicki	Vivian Searwar	Joe Heslip	Marcy Buell

1. Call to order and Welcome – Priscilla
2. Apologies/Regrets – Priscilla
 - Laura Buker until December
 - Cheryl Gabriel
 - Zelda Williams
 - Jacqelyn Turner
3. Review Minutes from September 11, 2018 – Priscilla
 - Accept – Wendy Matthews
 - 2nd – Marilyn Collins
 - Motion Carried
4. Review of Budget - 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
 - Note on a couple of things
 - Tried to have a bare bones Agenda
 - Want to do the opening steps for the new Enhancement Agreement
 - Budget is lower than our previous poll of 1,115 students
 - Actual number after the 1701 is 1,709
 - Budget right now is \$1,078,890.00
 - It will now be less
 - Big items
 - Salary and Benefits
 - Other Professional Services
 - Iyaqt
 - Outside presenters
 - Iyaqt has cost about as much as bringing in Gabrielle Scrimshaw last year
 - Instructional supplies
 - Dollars will come from this for the Enhancement Agreement Grants and School Based Funds for each school
 - All the 0's for the schools will be current at the next meeting
 - Will have to tighten our belts
 - Certain things that would be nice to have will now have to wait
 - Will do must haves
 - Could we have explanation footnotes on the back of student #'s to explain?

- Must haves are:
 - Supplies
 - Salmon for our dinners
 - Catered meetings
 - Leadership
 - FNEESC
 - Bussing for Aboriginal supported field trips
 - Enhancement Grants
 - Scholarships
 - Maintaining AIMS
- To keep the organization running
- If there are items that you think should come out of our general funds, please send a recommendation to your Trustees
 - This District itself has gone over and beyond to support our department
 - More than any other District
 - We are lucky in Mission
- School District Budget is also down due to enrollment this year
 - This is over and above regular school field trips
- 5. Enhancement Agreement School Grants – Sub Committee Group
 - Thank you everyone for supporting Iyaqt
 - It was wonderful, beautiful but also terrible
 - Work was at a breakneck speed even with Viv’s help
 - Most challenging fall ever
 - Thank you, Viv, for putting this summary together
 - For our workers, a shout out for getting all their work done
 - Great Job
 - MSS has an extension for their Grant proposal due to the huge workload
 - Viv took notes on each proposal
 - Then sat with Joe and worked on the numbers
 - Had to make some calls and a few changes
 - A lot of really neat projects
 - Peter Gong will be one busy artist
 - ESR will have a Slahal change
 - Aboriginal students will make the games and then teach the other students
 - There will be one game for each class
 - Teachers at ESR will be making drums for their Pro-D
 - They will make the drums and then gift each to the school
 - The school will end up with a class set of drums
 - Had a lot of questions for some of the Grants
 - Love Peter Gong but we have another 40 – 50 artists in our District
 - Peter’s work is great but why is it always Peter?
 - We are always learning, everyone on a different part of their learning journey, teachers and admin want to do what is right and go with the “known”. Peter is a well-known artist and connects well with staff and students
 - There is Tom Patterson and Curtis Paul

- Right now, with everything that Peter went through last year, this work is part of his recovery
 - If you know someone who would like to be a presenter, let Joe know
 - Marcy is working on an Outside Presenter list
 - Add the list to the Library Data Base
 - Some presenters don't want their information shared
 - Viv will talk to Ann Titford about the data base
 - Many of our artists express their culture through their artwork
 - Not comfortable in presenting to others
 - Peter Gong is a driving force to encourage these artists to present
 - Hands go up to Peter for hi great work
 - Please forward names of artists to Marcy, Viv or Joe
 - For so many years the Learning outcomes were limited or nil
 - Want to do things in the right way
 - We are all still learning
 - Shouldn't just have Stó:lō presentations
 - Should include others
 - We do have other presenters like Metis, Inuit etc....
 - Hatzic Elementary, Christine Morrison and Silverdale had the “Smokey Valley Drum Group” perform at their schools last year
 - Randy was at the Youth Leadership Conference a few years ago
 - A student at the Conference asked him why he couldn't learn his language and have it count like other languages taught in schools
 - He brought this to our Advisory Council
 - The Advisory got the Language going
 - Hands up to Seabird for their IRP's
 - We can build resources
 - Halq'eméylem is moving forward
 - Our students won the Halq'eméylem Translation Contest held at Seabird last year
 - Language is Culture and Culture is Language
 - Stl'atl'imx was taught in Mission before Halq'eméylem
 - Norm Pogmoeller taught this at MSS
 - There is Stl'atl'imx classes held at Ta'O Housing on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - When children learn to speak different languages, they should be able to pick up their own language easier
 - First Voices has 20 – 30 languages on line
 - You can hear the pronunciations
 - Ongoing funded source of information
 - Halq'eméylem App for your phone
 - There are a lot of resources
 - Halq'eméylem and Stl'atl'imx have similarities
 - Just have a different way of pronouncing words
6. New Enhancement Agreement Focus Questions – Next Steps – Viv
- Viv has handout “What is an Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement?”
 - Also, handed out our current Enhancement Agreement

- What we want to discuss today:
 - What is working?
 - What are our goals?
- There are 4 questions up on the wall
- Please use the sticky notes provided to put your ideas on the question sheets
- There is an additional sheet for other questions that we might want to consider
- Would like to form a sub-committee
- What days are good
- Should be called a working group instead of a sub-committee
- Shouldn't have a working group, it should include all of us
- Should focus 1 hour of our Advisory Council meeting for the Enhancement Agreement
- Would like everyone there
- These are the first steps
- Don't want to rush this, want to take our time with good intentions
- Bring your ideas to the next meeting in November
- We will focus part of our next meeting to the Enhancement Agreement at the end of the meeting
- Will form an email group

7. Information Items

- Rimma Spink
 - Rimma came to speak to the Advisory Council on behalf of her son
 - He graduated from MSS in June
 - He is Metis
 - He is taking Indigenous Independent Film Making at Capilano University
 - He has to make a documentary and he would like to make one on St. Mary's
 - He would like to interview survivors
 - He is only in Mission on the weekends
 - It would be her son and a couple others with cameras
 - What would happen to the documentary after?
 - Your son and the others need to understand the impact of what happened
 - Needs to be done in an appropriate way
 - Need to see the proposal that was given to the instructor
 - What story do they want to cover?
 - Have your son ask his instructor about the Behaviour Research Ethics Board (BREB) before he continues
 - Need to be in touch with the communities involved
 - Need to have the right supports
 - Counselling
 - Smudging
 - Cleansing
 - Need to do some ground work with the Elders and communities
 - Need to treat Elders with the utmost respect
 - They are baring their souls
 - It should be done right
 - What is the benefit for him to create this?

- Not just Elders that went to Residential Schools
- Randy apologized to Pauline for saying it was just the Elders that went there
- Tell your son not to be discouraged
- Your son should be here to hear our voices directly, the school should understand
- Have your son check our website before he starts anything
- There is a lot of information
- Needs to be handled with a lot of care and attention
- Priscilla and Bill are always with each other when they are being interviewed or speaking
- They always support each other
- It's a delicate situation
- It's a very hard subject
- Terms of Reference – Sharon
 - Next meeting is on October 29/18 @ 2:30 p.m.
 - There are copies of the Minutes from our last meeting for each of you
- Leq'á:mel Treaty Process – Rick McKamey
 - Now at Stage 5
 - Involving 6 Bands
 - Understanding the importance of education
 - Rick travelled Treaty Grounds in the summer
 - Compared Treaty areas to non-Treaty areas
 - Will be working diligently to be ahead of the ball
 - Leq'á:mel now owns more land off reserve than on reserve
- There is a book on Leq'á:mel called “Leq'á: mel - Our Land Our People”
 - Leq'á:mel has donate over 100 copies of this book to our District
- Who does the vetting process of books in our District?
 - Each School District is responsible for vetting materials
 - Strong Nations publishing is creating a new vetting process
 - FNEESC has their own process
- If you see something that you are unsure of, talk to the teachers and then the Administrator

Next Meeting
November 13, 2018
11:30 a.m.
School Board Office