

SIWAL SI'WES (SWSW) – ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 12, 2021

Present in-person at Siwal Si'wes:

Agnes Giesbrecht	Jeanette Phillips	Priscilla Wells	William Wells
Vivian Searwar	Marcy Buell		

Present on Zoom:

Randy Cairns	Rick McKamey	Peggy Janicki	Marilyn Collins
Cheryl Gabriel			

1) Call to order & Welcome - Viv

- a) Thank you everyone for coming
- b) Mission Public School District 75 is located on the traditional, ancestral, Unceded and shared territories of the Stó:lō people, Kwantlen, Leq'á:mel, Matsqui and Sq'ewlets Territories

2) Apologies/Regrets –Marcy

- a) Tracy Loffler

3) Review of Previous Minutes - Agnes

- a) Date corrected to February 11, 2020 instead of February 11, 2019
 - i) February 11, 2020
 - (1) Accept – Priscilla Wells
 - (2) Second – Agnes Giesbrecht
 - (3) Motion Carried
 - ii) September 22, 2020
 - (1) Accept – Jeanette Phillips
 - (2) Second – Priscilla Wells
 - (3) Motion Carried
 - iii) October 13, 2020
 - (1) Accept – Cheryl Gabriel
 - (2) Second – Priscilla Wells
 - (3) Motion Carried
- b) Thank you everyone
- c) Appreciate you moving this along

4) Terms of Reference - Viv

- a) Have revisited this several times over the past two years
- b) Consensus reached to accept and pass

5) Financial Statement Review - Viv

- a) Talked with Derek re: Budget
- b) Need to increase money for the Telephones - due to COVID 19, Liaison Workers needed work cell phones to keep in contact with students and families
- c) Derek will transfer funds to reflect this
- d) Some schools have started to spend their Enhancement Grant/Equity Funds
- e) Vivian has a Budget meeting next week
- f) Will then follow up with Derek to make sure we are on track

- g) Agnes: If schools don't spend these funds, do we lose it? - Vivian will confirm and share results next meeting
- h) Agnes: Do the students who are Home Schooled affect our count?
 - i) If they attend Summit Learning Centre, they are counted
 - ii) If they are attending outside of our School District (i.e. with a different home-school option), then they are not counted

6) Staffing Update - Viv

- a) Has been some movement in staffing
- b) Brenda Pierre is a new Indigenous Liaison Worker who is replacing the former Indigenous Liaison Worker who was teaching Halq'emeylem in the elementary schools
- c) The District has posted a position for a Halq'emeylem teacher at the middle schools, as the former Halq'emeylem teacher vacated the position in December 2020
 - i) Brenda Pierre is working alongside a TTOC to ensure that middle school students continue to receive Halq'emeylem
- d) We also have another new ILW by the name of Ariel Gienger
 - i) She will be working at MSS
- e) SWSW has another posting for Indigenous Student Success Coach for K-6
 - i) This will be a Temporary position
- f) We also have a couple of ILW's on Leave

7) Band Outreach Update – Viv

- a) Things seem to be going well with both schools, am hearing positive things
- b) Have asked Glenda and the two ILW's to present at the Community of the Whole meeting in March
- c) Band Outreach has received a Grant and we will be looking at resources tomorrow
- d) The Band Outreach agreement expires in June
- e) At the culmination of the Band Outreach program, grant resources will stay with Siwal Si'wes Library

8) Cultural Days - Viv

- a) All presentations will be virtual except for Archery
- b) Starts next Wednesday, January 20, 2021 and every Wednesday for six weeks
- c) Chief Johnny Williams will be doing the Opening and Closing ceremonies virtually
- d) Neither ceremonies nor presentations are to be recorded
- e) Chrystal Williams will be doing bannock; packaged in individual bags; approved by Angus Wilson

9) Bi-Monthly Newsletter - Viv

- a) Plan to send it out quarterly, or once every two or three months; for School District staff and Advisory
- b) Randy raises his hands to everyone that worked on this; lots of educational information; positive stories
- c) Vivian, Peggy Janicki, Judy Cathers and Jen Lane collaborated on this
- d) Thank you, Members of the Board, for your kind words

10) Annual Report - Viv

- a) Ministry had great delays in getting out reports due to COVID 19
- b) Awaiting approval from Senior Management before we send it out

11) Curriculum Update – Kilaksten (Peggy)

- a) Peggy puts the Halq'emeylem word of the month on SWSW's Twitter account
- b) Siya Ye Yoyes meeting:
 - i) Leadership Conference is cancelled

- ii) Possibility of a Staff Conference in the Spring
- iii) Many things are put on pause this year for Siya Ye Yoyes
- c) MSS held in-service sessions
 - i) Will count toward Pro-D for teachers for May in Lieu
 - ii) Had the meeting outside under a shelter with a campfire making Bannock on a Stick
- d) Taught weaving in all classes at Fraserview Learning Centre
- e) Attended different classes virtually
- f) Looking at new ways for Science, Curriculum and supporting our teachers
- g) Excited with the SWSW Library
 - i) Looking at authentic text in our Library
 - ii) What are the best books we can have?
- h) If you have any questions, please email Peggy

12) Equity Scan Update – Viv

- a) Next meeting is on January 21st from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. via ZOOM

13) Information Item - Viv

- a) Mental Health Forum: January 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm; via ZOOM
- b) See attached

14) Co-Chair Election

- a) Have not been able to do this during the 2020 – 2021 School Year; will vote using traditional and online voting via Zoom polls
- b) Those eligible to be nominated are:
 - i) Priscilla Wells
 - ii) William Wells
 - iii) Jeanette Phillips
 - iv) Marilyn Collins
 - v) Cheryl Gabriel
- c) Cheryl nominated Priscilla and Priscilla accepted
- d) Marilyn nominated Cheryl and Cheryl declined
- e) Agnes nominated Jeanette and Jeanette accepted
- f) Our new co-chair is *Priscilla Wells*.

15) Closing

- a) Thank you everyone for your patience and being flexible
- b) Glad we were able to meet today

Next Meeting:

**February 16, 2021
11:30 a.m. at Siwal Si'wes (Room 104)
and 12:00 p.m. on Zoom (calendar invitation to follow)**

(If you would like to attend in person, please advise Vivian, as there is a maximum capacity of 8 in Room 104 at SWSW)