

**SIWAL SI'WES (SWSW) – ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**November 8, 2022**

**Present in-person at Siwal Si'wes:**

Agnes Giesbrecht	Ronald Peters	Jeanette Phillips	Su Chang
Priscilla Wells	Nicholas Louie	Sonya Williams	Randy Cairns
Linda Hamel	Vivian Searwar	Marcy Buell	

**Present on Microsoft Teams:**

Dawn Styran	Jennifer Lane	Peggy Janicki	Katy Brookes
Don Cosens	Sean Burke		

**1) Call to Order, Welcome & Opening Words**

- a) Good to see everybody today
- b) This is our second meeting and it's good to see people in person

**2) Territory Acknowledgement - Vivian**

- a) Mission Public School District 75 is located on the traditional, ancestral, Unceded and shared territories of the Stó:lō people, which includes Sq'éwlets, Leq'á:mel, Sema:th, Matheqwí and Qwó:ltl'el First Nations.
- b) It is also Indigenous Veteran's Day
  - i) This is an incredibly special day
  - ii) Take a moment to think what was accomplished in the war by Indigenous people
  - iii) When they returned from war, they weren't treated as other Veterans were treated
  - iv) The government did not provide them with post-war benefits available to non-Indigenous veterans; were often forced to choose between receiving 'something' or their ancestry, therefore had to 'give up' being Indigenous.

**3) Apologies/Regrets:**

- a) Tracy Loffler
- b) Peggy Duden
- c) Shelley Carter
- d) Sharon Syrette
- e) Kerry-Lynn Lumsden
- f) William Wells

**4) Éy kwesé e'mi: Welcome Everyone & Introductions**

**5) Presentations:**

- a) Sean Burke – Wholistic Healing Journey App
  - i) How do we approach healing?
  - ii) Oftentimes Mental Health supports are offered 'with a backwards direction'
  - iii) Should be starting with language and culture
  - iv) Helping people find their ancestry
  - v) Working with Community members on what is appropriate

- vi) End goal is to help people find their own healing path
  - vii) Help people build self-awareness
  - viii) Help people create a safe place to express emotions
  - ix) Give people a path forward
  - x) The App will have:
    - (1) 21-day Wellness Check-In
    - (2) Oral Translations
    - (3) In Community Resources
    - (4) Outside Resources
  - xi) Trying to reduce friction for people to use these resources
  - xii) Will welcome any feedback or thoughts on how you feel this would impact your community
  - xiii) Looking for a school as a pilot project
  - xiv) Do you feel this is something for SWSW?
  - xv) Who owns the copyrights?
  - xvi) Who would own the APP information?
  - xvii) Who owns the content creation component?
    - (a) Squamish Nation owns it for Squamish
    - (b) Not shared with anyone else
    - (c) Personal data is owned by the individual
    - (d) The individual is in control
    - (e) They can delete their info at anytime
  - xviii) What does it cost?
    - (a) There will be costs but it doesn't depend on the number of users
    - (b) Will apply for Grants
  - xix) Who can access this?
    - (a) There are different versions of Public and Private
    - (b) There is a free version on the App Store, but it won't have specified things for communities
  - xx) Think about this and Vivian will reach out to you in a couple of weeks
  - xxi) Thank you very much for your presentation, Sean
  - xxii) Will give the Advisory some time to think
  - xxiii) Vivian is interested in the pilot project – will reach out to Senior Leadership to discuss possibilities
- b) Su Chang – Indigenous Student & Community Outreach Teacher
- i) Everything is new to me right now; new to SD75
  - ii) Educator for 17 years (in northern BC)
  - iii) It has been an incredible journey so far
  - iv) Always have been education focused
  - v) Support Indigenous students who experience barriers attending school
  - vi) Love the freedom of going outside the box
  - vii) Learning from individuals on what works for them
  - viii) Creating, maintaining, and nurturing relationships
  - ix) Thank you so much Su

**6) Review of previous minutes of October 11, 2022:**

- a) Accept – Dawn Styran
- b) Second – Nicholas Louie
- c) Motion Carried

**7) Financial Statement Review:**

- a) The funds from the Grants have been entered for each school yet
  - i) Silverdale and Summit's Grant applications were late as the ILW was away
- b) Have received \$68,000.00 from the Student Affordability Fund
  - i) Starting to make purchases, mainly gift cards for food, gas, clothing

**8) Information Items:**

- a) **Siya:ye Yoyes Strengthening the Circle Youth Leadership Conference**
  - i) Held at Newlands on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022
  - ii) First day we had 75 students, second day, 225 and the third day between 150 to 175
  - iii) MSS sent 35 – 40 students
  - iv) The students behaviour was stellar and respectful
    - (1) They were fully engaged
    - (2) Represented Mission very well
    - (3) Focused on grades 9, 10 & 11
  - v) We haven't had the conference for a couple of years
  - vi) We were a little rusty, but it was worth the time and effort
  - vii) Still dreaming about the drumming and singing
  - viii) Such a beautiful and amazing experience
  - ix) Rod Peters was honoured
    - (1) He retired from Fraser Cascade
  - x) Three of our staff presented workshops
    - (1) Chris Gawthorn did Archery
    - (2) Susan O'Soup and Judy Cathers did Loom Beading
- b) **Board Authorized/Authority Course Update (Indigenous-focused graduation requirement)**
  - i) In March of this year, the Ministry mandated that all grads must have included courses with Indigenous content to graduate
  - ii) We have had two meetings and invited Chief Johnny Williams and a teacher, Camielle Laslo
  - iii) Creating a course called *Téméxw te í: The Land of this Place*
  - iv) Dawn has requested to be at future BAA meetings
  - v) Vivian will forward all the information so far to Dawn
  - vi) Been asked to create a synopsis of the course in the next couple of weeks
  - vii) Next meeting – December 1 starting at 9am in Room 104 at SWSW
  - viii) Hope to have it for the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 6th
  - ix) Want it ready for course selections in January
- c) **SD75 & Metis Nation BC Partnership Childcare Opportunity**
  - i) In the process of developing a Childcare opportunity with Metis Nation BC

- ii) Possible start date September next year
  - iii) Vivian will keep you updated; need to update Board
- d) **Letter of Gratitude from a Scholarship Recipient**
- i) Mya Bajpai sent a thank you letter for her Scholarship
  - ii) She said thank you for the opportunity and your generosity
  - iii) It will greatly impact her educational journey
  - iv) Starting her first year at Trinity Western University
  - v) Working on her degree in Kinesiology and her goal is to become a paediatrician working at Vancouver Children's Hospital
- e) **Learning Opportunities: Register through links provided (see below).**
- i) **Ladders of Kindness at Xá:ytem – November 9, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
    - (1) Shirley Joseph and her daughter will be speaking
    - (2) For SWSW staff
    - (3) Advisory is invited
    - (4) Chief Johnny Williams will do the Opening
  
  - ii) **Virtual Author Café over Zoom – Legacy: Trauma, Story & Indigenous Healing**
    - (1) November 17th from 3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
    - (2) Other dates in February, March, and May
    - (3) Four sessions in total
    - (4) If you want to be a part of this, let Marcy know
    - (5) Includes the book
    - (6) <https://forms.office.com/r/RNLt822HtW>
  
  - iii) **An Evening with slómæx<sup>w</sup>, Rain Pierre**
    - (1) January 26, 2023 @ the Clarke Theatre
    - (2) From 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
    - (3) <https://forms.office.com/r/qSSWEsaNME>
  
  - iv) **Peggy Janicki: The Secret Pocket Book Launch**
    - (1) March 30, 2023 @ the Clarke Theatre
    - (2) 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
    - (3) <https://forms.office.com/r/kL5cdUJ8Gh>

iv. Discussion

a. Signature Line (SD75 Emails)

i. Vivian showed a sample

Your Name  
Your Title



33046 Fourth Avenue, Mission, BC V2V 1S5  
T: 604-XXX-XXX F: 604-XXX-XXX  
E: your email W: [www.mpsd.ca](http://www.mpsd.ca)  
Website: [www.mpsd.ca](http://www.mpsd.ca)  
Engage MPSD: [engageMPSD.ca](http://engageMPSD.ca)  
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*Le Conseil scolaire de Mission est situé sur les terres traditionnelles, ancestrales, non cédées et partagées du peuple Stó:ló, des Premières nations Sq'ewlets, Leq'á:mel, Sema:th, Matheqwi et Qwó:tl'el, peuples de cette terre depuis des temps immémoriaux.*

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ii. Is there consensus/permission to use this? Yes

b. Equity PATH in Community & Equity Flags

- i. Want to go to the Nations for PATH
- ii. How do you want this to look in your community?
- iii. A number of staff have asked why we can't have Nations flags flying?
  1. We have an Equity Flag
  2. What are your thoughts on the Equity flag?
  3. Should we have one at each school?
  4. You can think about it, and we will revisit
  5. This flag only has 3 paddles
  6. Maybe have a 6-person paddle to include the Nations with SWSW
  7. We would all be pulling together in Equity
  8. Vivian will reach out to Ovila Mailhot to make the change and bring it back next time

c. Terms of Reference Working Group

- i. Still looking for people to make a working group for the the Terms of Reference
- ii. If you want to do this work, let Vivian know
- iii. Dawn would like to
- iv. If there are others, contact Dawn

**d. Office Space at SWSW (Nations Designates)**

- i. Restructuring some office space at Fraserview Learning Centre
- ii. If you are interested in using some office space at Fraserview, let Vivian know
- iii. What would work for you?
- iv. This won't happen overnight
- v. Consider this for the next school year

**e. Nation Council Emails**

- i. Reminder that it would be helpful for Vivian to have all emails for each Nations Council members

**f. Co-Chair Update**

- i. Augusta Gladstone has removed herself as co-chair
- ii. We now need a second co-chair
- iii. Should we redo the election for the second co-chair at our next regular meeting?
- iv. Everyone agreed to do this at our next meeting in January

**Advisory Council & Siwal Si'wes Staff Winter Lunch:**

**December 13, 2022**

**11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Fraserview Learning Centre Gym**