

SIWAL SI'WES (SWSW) – ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 7, 2023

Present in-person at Siwal Si'wes:

Ronald Peters	Randy Cairns	Tracy Loffler	Jeanette Phillips
Nicholas Louie	Agnes Giesbrecht	Priscilla Wells	Joelle Reynolds
Vivian Searwar	Marcy Buell		

Present on Microsoft Teams:

Sonya Williams

1) Call to Order, Welcome & Opening Words

- a) Good to see everybody today
- b) It's a lovely day

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, Matheqwi and Qwó:ltl'el First Nations.

3) Apologies/Regrets

- a) William Wells

4) Ey kwese e'mi: Welcome Everyone & Introductions

5) Review of Previous Minutes from February 14, 2023

- a) Accept – Nicholas Louie
- b) Second – Ronald Peters
- c) Motion Carried

6) Financial Statement Review

- a) SWSW Financial Statement
- b) Student Affordability Fund
 - i) Even though the Busses are on Job Action, we still need to buy Bus Passes
 - ii) Need to remain neutral
 - iii) Some families are experiencing difficulties paying their rent
 - iv) We have paid this for a couple of families
 - v) SAFA is for families who need things now
 - vi) MSS & HPMS are also paying rent for some families
 - vii) Advocating for these funds to continue

7) Discussion

- a) Equity in Action Update & Equity Flags
 - i) We have an Equity Flag
 - ii) Dispersed them to each site
 - iii) Dream is to have a new flagpole for each site
 - iv) SWSW & FVLC will be sharing the costs for the flagpole here at Fraserview
 - v) Costs are between \$3,000 - \$4,000 per/site
 - vi) It's on a per/site basis, it's not the same cost for each
 - vii) Until we get the flagpole, the Equity flags will be flown on certain important days
 - viii) The BC Flag will come down and the Equity Flag will go up

- b) Policy Update
 - i) If you can make it to these meetings, please come
 - ii) We need input from the Nations
 - iii) We had to postpone the meeting on Monday as there were no representatives from the Nations
 - iv) The Board values the work of the Nations on the Policies
 - v) All Policy Meetings are on ZOOM from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 - vi) Next meeting dates are:
 - (1) Wednesday, April 12th
 - (2) Monday, May 8th
 - (3) Monday, June 12th

8) Discussion

- a) Land Acknowledgement Plaques
 - i) Would like one in the foyer at each school and the Board Office
 - ii) Vivian shared her wording for the plaque (see attachment)
 - iii) Vivian contacted Rain Pierre
 - iv) Would like our Equity logo, SWSW logo and Rain's Hummingbird logo on the plaque
 - v) Let Vivian know your thoughts
 - vi) The word Unsundered to replace the word Unceded
 - vii) Plaques will cost around \$450.00 each, but the funds won't come from SWSW
 - viii) Will revisit this again in April
- b) SBO House Posts
 - i) Becoming a standard agenda item
 - ii) No specific update
 - iii) Shows leadership of the School District
 - iv) Having House Posts at the Board Office would show how the Board stands
 - v) Wanting to go forward with this
 - vi) Would be something to be proud of
 - vii) Want to do this in a good way and follow protocol
 - viii) Leqamel is eager to be a part of this
- c) Co-Chair Selection
 - i) It's now March, we have three months remaining
 - ii) Vivian and Marcy were brainstorming on what to do
 - iii) Asking if someone would like to fill in as the second co-chair for the next 3 months and then would do the selection for the new second co-chair in June
 - iv) No one volunteered, so the consensus is that Agnes will continue until June

9) Information Items

- a) Learning Opportunities
 - i) Virtual Author Café over Zoom – Legacy: Trauma, Story & Indigenous Healing
 - (1) 3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. on March 2/23, and May 4/23
 - ii) Peggy Janicki: The Secret Pocket Book Launch
 - (1) March 30, 2023 @ the Clarke Theatre from 3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 - (2) If you want to attend, please let Marcy know
 - (3) Cap of 100 attendees has already been reached but there is an exception for those at this table
- b) **Equity Regional Session – April 4, 2023**
 - i) 3277 Gladwin Road, Abbotsford from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 - (1) Typically, co-chairs attend
 - (2) Vivian will not be attending due to a previous commitment

- (3) Vivian needs to know today if you are attending
- ii) Our first Equity PATH in Communities is tonight at Sq'ewlets
- iii) Want to get into communities with other Nations
- c) **Student Equity PATH – April 13, 2023**
 - i) Xá:ytem Longhouse from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 - ii) Grades 10 – 12 from MSS, Fraserview and Riverside
 - iii) Along the same PATH as we are doing
 - iv) Want to make it a safe place, so no adults except for select SWSW staff
 - v) Elders are invited
- d) **Elder Interviews – April 17, 2023**
 - i) Healing through Art Legacy Project
 - ii) Room 104 at SWSW
 - iii) 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
 - iv) If you want to participate, let Vivian know
- e) **Indigenous Parent/PAATH – May 11, 2023**
 - i) Email has already been sent out to all parents/caregivers of Indigenous youth
- f) **Indigenous-Focused Professional Development Day – Oct. 20, 2023**
 - i) Will not be on October 20, 2023
 - ii) Will let you know the new date
 - iii) Details TBD
- g) **4th Annual Jointly Convened Annual Meeting**
 - i) May 25, 2023
 - ii) Attended by our Superintendent and co-chairs
 - iii) If you are able to attend, let Vivian know

**Next Meeting:
Scholarship/Bursary Selection
April 11, 2023
9:00 a.m. in person
Room 104**

****If you would like to be part of the Selection Committee, please let Marcy know****