

## SIWAL SI'WES – ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 9, 2020

### Present:

Tracy Loffler	Marita Paul	Julia Renkema	Agnes Giesbrecht
Rick McKamey	Shelley Carter	Johnny Williams	Cheryl Gabriel
Randy Cairns	Vivian Searwar	Marcy Buell	

### 1. Call to Order and Welcome – Vivian

### 2. Apologies/Regrets – Marcy

- Laura Buker
- Sharon Syrette
- Priscilla & Bill Wells
- Jacquelyn Turner

### 3. Territory Acknowledgment - Vivian

- Mission Public School District 75 is located on the traditional, ancestral, Unceded and shared lands of the Stó:lō people, Kwantlen, Leq'á:mel, Matsqui and Sq'ewlets Nations
- Thank you everyone for coming today
- Hopefully in September we can have a face to face meeting at our new location

### 4. Review of Previous Minutes from May 12, 2020

- Tabled the accepting of both the February 11<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup> and current minutes until September 2020

### 5. Financial Statement Review - Vivian

- What does the **Committed \$10, 565.96** mean for Instructional Supplies?
  - Vivian to check with Derek Welsh – UPDATE: The amount committed for purchase orders for chairs and carpets (for liaison's rooms)
  - Balance is the Budget minus the Committed and Expended
- Why is there an overage on Telephones?
  - Was there something unexpected?
  - Our remote Indigenous Liaison Workers needed cell phones
  - Preference that all our ILW's have work cellphones (to keep separate from personal lives)
- Overage on office supplies
  - Viv to check – UPDATE: No expenses were out of the ordinary; will capture this in next years' budget
- Overage for Christine Morrison and MSS
  - Some schools had to change their plans for their Enhancement Grants
  - It can be an estimate at the beginning of the year on potential costs
- Sometimes, costs may go over the amount given

### 6. Budget - Vivian

- We are at a surplus this year
- Talked briefly at our last meeting about the \$45,000 that the District covered for us in September 2020
- Discussion:
  - Few Council members to express their voice - more trustees than Council present
  - Would not be appropriate to make a decision without more council members

- Johnny:
  - Don't have a problem with paying it back
  - Because of COVID 19, we were unable to have our dinners & graduation
  - Indigenous Department is in a good place financially
  - Is the spirit of reciprocity and relationships with the school district
- Marita:
  - To bring this to Council @ Leq'á:mel to see if they are in agreement to return the funds before she makes a decision
  - Bus Shelter:
    - Receive a Ministry grant for \$10,000 (capital costs) to get a bus shelter for both each Leq'á:mel and Sqewlets (total \$20,000)
    - Quotes are approximately \$25,000
    - School District to top us the costs
    - Initially we said that the School District would top up with another \$5,000 as we thought the costs would be around \$15,000
    - A little more than we thought as they do need the plexiglass sides for protection from the wind
    - Marita to share the quotes with Johnny on the bus shelter costs
    - Facilities would like to see the locations where the shelter will be going
    - Vivian to contact Dana MacLean @ Facilities to arrange meetings for next week – UPDATE: Scheduled to meet at 9:30am on June 22, 2020 on site Leq'á:mel and Sqewlets
    - Viv and Senior Management will create a letter of understanding (i.e. to address cost and maintenance responsibilities)

## 7. Graduation Ceremonies - Vivian

- We have the following
- Riverside: Wednesday, June 17, 2020
  - All day at Heritage Park, starting at 9am
- Fraserview
  - Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Northview Church (outside), starting at 5:30pm
  - Most people are to remain in vehicles
  - Duration: about 75 minutes
- MSS
  - See attached information from Jim Pearce
  - Saturday, June 20, 2020
  - Start time is 9:00 a.m. @ Mission Raceway with the Opening Ceremony
  - Students will cross the stage in groups of 50
  - If you would like to attend, please let Vivian know
- Secret Pocket:
  - For this year, due to COVID-19, all grads will receive a printed ribbon with the story of the Secret Pocket with a sticker with the the word “Mi'emhoelh” holds ideas of “blanket” and “pocket that is filled” (from Dr. Elizabeth Philips, the last working fluent Halq'emeylem language speaker).
- The ILW's will be delivering the cedar and/or beaded roses, pendants, certificates, blankets/sashes, scholarships, drums etc to the graduates

## 8. Terms of Reference – Vivian

- Both Sharon and Lolehawk who played a large part in the Terms of Reference Working Group have given permission to bring this forward for acceptance
- Tabled until September

### **9. Elders & Knowledge Keepers n Classroom – Vivian**

- Checked with other School Districts i.e. protocols for Elders and Knowledge Keepers in the Classroom, includes possibilities for honoraria
- Created a working document (see attached)
- Please peruse it and offer feedback by the end of June 2020
- Idea is to bringing Elders and Knowledge Keepers into classrooms with intentional purpose
- Cheryl:
  - Kwantlen is getting back into proper protocols
  - Cheryl to share with her Elders to get their opinions

### **10. Enhancement Agreement & Equity Scan Update - Vivian**

- See attached for draft document
- Created a hybrid between the Enhancement Agreement and the Equity Scan
- Please read, share and give feedback
- The preliminary document was shared with the Elders in May and in early June (Lolehawk, Cheryl, Marita)
- Still a working document and open for feedback

### **11. Move to Fraserview - Vivian**

- Already started moving some supplies
- Room 101 is Marcy's office and a small secondary office for Vivian
- Room 102 is .2 Teacher/Librarian & Siwal Si'wes Library; Peggy; Pipe and for other Cultural Workers when they need it
- Room 104 is our meeting room
  - Supplied with a fridge, microwave, toaster and coffee maker
  - Tables and chairs
  - It's like a gathering place
  - Hoping to have Elders meet there to visit
  - For SWSW meetings
  - Also open for students & teachers (must schedule time)
  - The Buffalo artwork that MSS students did last year will be displayed, as well as the Turtle from previous years.
- Room 105 is our supply/prep room
- The sign is already up out front

### **12. 2020/2021 Sacred Teaching - Vivian**

- Was tabled from our last meeting to this meeting
- There are 2 Teachings remaining: Sabe – Honesty & Beaver – Wisdom
- Five years ago, the Elders decided that wisdom would be the last teaching
- Would like people's thoughts
- New to the table, so don't want to disrupt the process
- Johnny:
  - Personal belief is that this is such a good thing to use these teachings
  - All equal in importance
  - Part of me feels that some of those Elders from the past, are now gone
  - It could have been one of them that said this
  - Should keep Wisdom last
- Honesty/Sabe for the 2020/2021 school year
- Wisdom/Beaver will be 2021 2022

### **13. Co-chair Election - Vivian**

- Tabled to September

### **14. Other**

- National Indigenous Peoples Day: Drum Across BC in planning with
  - Shared this information by email
  - Friday, June 19, @ 9:00 a.m. at Fraversiew
- It will be a giant Zoom meeting with other School Districts across BC
- We will have four teachings from four Knowledge Keepers, one of which will be Johnny
- Followed by drumming together as Indigenous Peoples
- Will share a meal afterwards - Brownies Chicken
- If you would like to attend, let Vivian know

### **Next Meeting**

**September 15, 2020**

**\*\*\*Time and location to be determined\*\*\***