

SIWAL SI'WES – ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 12, 2020

Present:

Tracy Loffler Peggy Janicki Sharon Syrette Agnes Giesbrecht
Marilyn Collins Marita Paul Rick McKamey Vivian Searwar Marcy Buell

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Vivian

2. Apologies/Regrets – Marcy

- Johnny Williams
- Shelley Carter
- Jacqelyn Turner
- Zelda Williams

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

4. Review of Previous Minutes from February 11, 2020

- Tabled the accepting of the minutes until June

5. Financial Statement Review - Vivian

- Financial Statement is as current as possible
- Some schools still have EA grant money to spend
- The amount given to each school depends on the number of active Indigenous students and the proposed project
- Each year, the Indigenous Liaison Workers have a vision for their schools
- The School Based Funds are \$15.00 - \$20.00 per/student
 - This is for cultural supplies, lunches and other consumable supplies
 - It depends on the number of active Indigenous students per/school
- ILW's write their Grant proposals and they are due by September 30th
 - The proposals then go for approval with the Advisory Council in October
 - They also must do a report of their Grants in June
- Spending of funds during COVID-19 – some liaisons purchased and created cultural packages for the students on their caseload; some used the funds to provide healthy meals and food gift cards
- Some things will look different from their original proposal
- There is still a fair bit of money left and it will get carried over to next year, then redistributed

6. Budget Surplus, Staffing and Next Year Plans - Vivian

- We are running a surplus
- Ministry will be giving an additional \$20.00 per student next year
- Surplus will allow one more Temporary ILW next year
- .2 Teacher/Librarian for the Siwal Si'wes Library
- Hoping that this will be an open and welcoming space for students to grab a book and read
- Hours for ILW's will remain at 35 hours per/week next year
- The District is in a very tight budget
- The District supported us previously in the amount of \$45,000.00 (Siwal Si'wes deficit carried over from last year)

- Option to pay back this money, as the district supported Siwal Si'wes while we had a deficit, should we offer the same to the District, as a one-time pay back?
- If we are going to pay this back, would want to see it benefit students only
- Discussion tabled to June Advisory Council meeting

7. COVID-19 Conversation and Updates - Vivian

- First Priority - for all ILW's to check on all families and their needs
- For the families that couldn't be reached, worked with Admin, Counselling staff, Success Coaches etc.
- ILWs identified families to see who needed food supports
- Food security was varied: Combinations of food hampers, FreshCo gift cards, hot meals
- Funding sources: Siwal Si'wes, Community Links, private donations, school budgets and outside organizations – was a unified approach
- Second priority was technology
- 35 laptops were delivered to Nominal Roll students; some schools also provided technology for Indigenous students (laptops, I-pads)
- For students who prefer to work with paper, assignments are delivered to the homes
- Some ILW's provided cultural learning kits
- Ordered some learning packages/games for Nominal Roll families and for identified non-Nominal Roll students
- ILW's are doing group ZOOM/Team meetings with their students; some one-on-one support as well
- Acknowledge Leslie's work from Fraserview (takes an interest and initiative to keep regular contact)
- Return to school message will come from Angus and information is posted on the website
- Vivian will forward most current correspondence to Marcy, who will then share with Advisory.

8. Grade 12 Graduation and Recognition Certificates – Vivian

- Graduation:
 - ILW's will be making drums to gift the students who had signed up for drum making
 - ILW's will be delivering their certificates, scholarship/bursary letters, blankets/sashes, cedar and beaded roses, paddles, pendants, drums in June
 - FLC Graduation – Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at Northview Church (outdoors); 5:30pm-7:00pm
 - Riverside Graduation – Tuesday, June 16, 2020; outdoors at Heritage
 - MSS graduation:
 - Saturday, June 20, 2020 at the Mission Raceway (info to follow)
 - Starting at 9:00am
- Recognition Ceremonies:
 - Recognition Dinners were cancelled due to COVID-19
 - ILW's will also deliver the recognition certificate package to the Grade 6 students and to the Grade 9 students and their siblings
 - The rest of the certificates will remain at the schools to be delivered as students attend in June, or until they return in September
- Secret Pocket Initiative:
 - The Secret Pocket was started by Peggy Janicki's mom
 - She used to sew pockets inside the clothes of students at Residential Schools to hide food to survive

- The last two years @ UFV, the graduates receive a stole (scarf) with a Secret Pocket; Includes a card with an explanation
- Elizabeth Phillips gave it the Halq'eméylem name
- With COVID, we can't order the stoles (in the United States)
- As a "work around" for this year, all graduates will receive a ribbon with the Secret Pocket story, and a card with the Halq'eméylem word; Secret Pocket story will be streamed in the real time video along with the speeches at MSS.

9. Scholarships and Bursaries – Vivian

- Every student who applied, received something
- Scholarship Winners
 - Virginia Joe Scholarship – Alexis Starr - \$2,000
 - Sherilyn Zenuk - \$1,000
 - Bradly Tober - \$1,000
 - Reece Wansink - \$500
 - Breanna van Aelstyn - \$500
 - Naslund Asher - \$500
 - Danika Peters - \$500
 - Mackenzie Dunham - \$250 - Carpentry
 - Jacob Castle - \$250 - Automotive
 - Ivan Arcand-Brosseau - \$250 - Electrical
 - Evan Gowen - \$250 – Hair Dressing
- Bursary Winners
 - Tori Jack - \$150
 - Raven Searle – \$150
 - Cierra Beals - \$150
 - Jayda Bruce - \$150
 - Adaisha Beals - \$150
 - Kade Leifsson - \$100
 - Alexa Bromba - \$100
 - Gunner Leifsson - \$100
- Circle of Courage Award
 - Breanna van Aelstyn
- One glitch was after the selections, realized there were no applicants from Riverside
- Vivian talked with Wade Peary (Principal of Riverside) and staff to see who should receive Scholarships; Important to include Trade Specific Scholarships
- Vivian called all students who received Scholarships to advise – many were surprised, all were extremely grateful

10. Terms of Reference

- Tabled until June

11. Equity Scan Update - Vivian

- Will be having a meeting tomorrow from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Focus will be on equity during COVID-19
- If you would like to be added to the meeting, please let Vivian know

12. Move to Fraserview - Vivian

- Currently in the process of packing for our move to Fraserview Learning Centre
 - We will have four rooms
 - One meeting room with tables, chairs, a fridge and microwave etc.
 - Room 101 will be Marcy's office and Vivian's part time office space
 - Room 102 will be shared by Peggy, Pipite and the Siwal Si'wes Library
 - Room 104 will be our meeting room and an extra work room
 - Room 105 will be our supply room
 - Hope to move everything by the end of June
 - Marcy's move will be the first week of July

13. 2020/2021 Sacred Teaching - Vivian

- Already have been asked what it will be next year
 - Honesty – Sabe
 - Wisdom – Beaver
- Tabled to June

14. Additional

- Marilyn wants to thank everyone for the work they are doing
- Hands up to all of you on behalf of the Board
- Want to recognize all the work from Siwal Si'wes

Next Meeting on ZOOM

June 9, 2020

9:00 a.m.