

SIWAL SI'WES – ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 10, 2019

Present:

Randy Cairns	Peggy Janicki	Laura Buker	Sharon Syrette
Priscilla Wells	William Wells	Tracy Loffler	Jacob Firlotte
Norma George	Jacqelyn Turner	Agnes Giesbrecht	Rene Inkster
Vivian Searwar	Marcy Buell		

1. Call to order and Welcome – Agnes/Jacqelyn

2. Territory Acknowledgment - Viv

- 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

3. Apologies/Regrets –Agnes/Jacqelyn

- Cheryl Gabriel
- Rick McKamey
- Wendy Matthews

4. Review of Previous Minutes from June 11/19 – Agnes

- Accept – Peggy Janicki
- 2nd – Lolehawk
- Motion Carried

5. Forget-Me-Not, Metis Rose: The Far West: Rene Inkster

- Made by two Metis Artisans, Lisa Shepherd and Kristi Bridgeman
- On display at The ACT Arts Centre in Maple Ridge from September 7/19 – Oct. 26/19
- Viv will share with SWSW Staff and Principal's Group

6. The Year of Steqó:ye, the Wolf and Xwe'éy:welh, Humility - Viv

- Joe Heslip asked a student, Alicia Desjarlais, to paint his drum
- She chose the Wolf as she felt that this represented Joe
- She submitted the story of the drum to “The Canoe” publication last spring
- We received her permission to use the picture of the drum as our Logo for Humility this year, which is a photo of the drum placed on the inclusion sidewalk

7. Stave Falls Opening Ceremony Review - Vivian

- Grand Opening: Wednesday, September 4/19
- Worked with Kwantlen First Nation
- Great achievement for Elena Di Giovanni, Principal of Stave Falls
- Thank you to the Board for allowing Stave Falls to reawaken
- Thank you, Kwantlen, Viv and Peggy, for guiding the process along
- It's a three-prong school: Cultural, Forestry, Nature
- Vivian will share this feedback with Elena
- Consideration for future events:
 - Designated parking for elders (Rene)
 - Wear Advisory shirts when attending functions (Sharon)

8. Staffing Update - Viv

- Brittany O'Rourke is on leave; Rhea Paul will replace her for this year
- Jasmin Wells from HPMS has been pulled to fill in temporarily at MSS to support the 1701 paperwork
- Judy Cathers and Susan O'Soup will also be supporting this process as well
- Camielle Laslo has been hired as our Halq'eméylem teacher for HMS & HPMS
- Katy Brookes has been hired as Indigenous Success Coach for HMS & HPMS
- Currently one unfilled additional posting for Indigenous Success Coach for high schools
- Considerations:
 - Having Metis Elders at the table when hiring Metis staff (Rene)

9. Budget & Proposed Budget - Viv

- Each school shows a balance of \$0.00; to be filled once the Grant Selections are approved next month
- Targeted Funding:
 - Peggy's salary 50%, the other 50% comes out of CORE funding
 - Katy Brookes' salary
 - Future Indigenous Success Coach's salary for high schools
 - ALW salaries
 - ALW have a maximum of 75 students total
 - Some ALW's have been assigned to more than one school
 - Camielle Laslo's salary comes out of CORE funding
- "The Canoe" Publication:
 - Two issues this year
- AIMS – Aboriginal Information Management Systems
 - Tracks interactions with students
 - ALW's must have a minimum of two meaningful interactions per/student, per/month
 - Adding Indigenous Ancestry/Band of Origin
- Considerations:
 - Change the title Budget Report to a Financial Statement (Sharon)
 - Precise goals of targeted funds (Sharon)

10. Calendar & Events - Viv

- Thank you, Marcy, for putting these together

11. Terms of Reference – Lolehawk & Sharon

- Handouts: Current Terms of Reference
- Discussion for next meeting

12. To:lmels ye Kilaksten - Peggy

- Indigenous Mentor Teacher
- Born and raised here
- Mother was a Master Weaver in Chilliwack
- Dipnet Fisherwoman
- Canoe Puller
- Weaver in training
- BCTF Facilitator

- Siya ye Yoyes Committee
- Aboriginal Rep for MTU
- Teaching Residential Schools
- Curriculum writer
- Presenter for Gladys' eBook on website
- 95% done
- Honoured in June at UFV for the story of her mom, along with Siyamiyatelyot (Elizabeth Phillips) – Peggy's mom's story was about secrets pockets that were sewn inside children's' clothes at Residential Schools for them to hide food in

13. 2018 – 2019 Grant Evaluations - Viv

- ALW's write a grant evaluation/report at the end of each year

14. Enhancement Agreement Update - Viv

- Next steps: To meet with each Band
- Meetings with Future 4 Nations, Kwikwikipwelp, and Mission Friendship Centre, Fraser Valley Metis Association, local Inuit community

15. Equity Scan - Viv

- Joe Heslip the Acting Lead for the Equity Scan
- The Framework is founded on lifting student achievement and success through scanning for main areas, or "pillars" as they are referred to in the Scan:
 1. Policy and Governance
 2. Learning Profile
 3. Learning Environment
 4. Pedagogical Core
- Please join us at the first meeting on October 29th @ Fraserview Learning Centre, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Snacks and lunch are provided
- Viv will be sending an email shortly with an invitation, please respond if you wish to attend

16. Orange Shirt Day March for Reconciliation Review - Viv

- Monday, September 30/19 at Fraser River Heritage Park, start time 12:40pm
- Same format as last year
- Drummers: Chief Johnny Williams, Lekeyten from Kwantlen; Phil Sherwood, from Leq'á:mel
- Johnny Williams will open
- Speaker: Lekeyten from Kwantlen
- This year, we will record the names and Bands of Origin of each attending Elder so that no one is missed
- Will rent speakers to improve sound quality (Marcy and Peggy will set up the speakers)
- FRHP will block off the covered area for us
- About 1,200 staff and students will be participating
- Considerations:
 - Is it possible for every school to participate? (Randy)

17. Me to We Sacred Circle Leadership Workshop - Viv

- October 2nd/19 @ Kwantlen Longhouse
- October 3rd/19 @ Leq'á:mel Gym
- October 4th/19 @ Sq'éwlets Band Office
- From 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. each day
- Two facilitators to speak to provide workshop on Indigenous Leadership
- 30 students from HMS, HPMS and MSS will be chosen, with 10 students from each site to participate per day
- Morning snacks and lunch provided
- Please contact Vivian if you wish to attend

18. Monique Gray Smith - Viv

- Monique is a mixed heritage author and speaker
- Presenting at the Clarke Theatre on October 8th from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Pro-D event for staff
- Please contact Vivian if you wish to attend

19. Letters

- Thank you letters from Siwal Si'wes Scholarship winners (read by Vivian)

20. Other

- Jacob from Mission Friendship Centre:
 - Youth Coordinator
 - Grew up in Abbotsford
 - From Sts'ailes
 - Offers workshops and support
 - Want to reach out to the community to let kids know that they are supported outside of school as well
- Randy:
 - The Sea to Sky highway has Halq'eméylem on their signs
 - Three Nations, Squamish, Lillooet and Musqueam
 - Considerations:
 - Is there an opportunity to have this on Highway 7? (Randy)
 - Priscilla and Joe wrote a letter to the Parks Board regarding the signage at Fraser River Heritage Park (Randy)
 - Possibility of sending letters to Council or the MLA Bob D'Eith (Randy)