

SIWAL SI'WES (SWSW) – ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 10, 2023

Present in-person at Siwal Si'wes:

Nicholas Louie	Agnes Giesbrecht	Priscilla Wells	Linda Hamel
Randy Cairns	Joelle Reynolds	Tracy Loffler	Sonya Williams
Vivian Searwar	Marcy Buell		

Present on Microsoft Teams:

Dawn Styran

1) Call to Order, Welcome & Opening Words

- a) Good to see everybody today
- b) Thank you for coming 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'ewlets, Leq'á:mel, Sema:th, Matheqwí and Qwó:ltl'el First Nations.

3) Apologies/Regrets

- a) Peggy Melton
- b) Jeanette Phillips
- c) Ronald Peters
- d) Sharon Syrette
- e) Peggy Janicki
- f) Kerry-Lynn Lumsden

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

- a) Welcome to Joelle Reynolds

5) Review of Previous Minutes from November 8, 2022

- a) Accept – Nicholas Louie
- b) Second – Priscilla Wells
- c) Motion Carried

6) Financial Statement Review

- a) The negative amount for Mission Central, was an error
 - i) It has now been fixed
- b) Negative amount for Scholarships
 - i) Need to increase the Budget for this next year
 - ii) Some previous years winners are now claiming their Scholarships after COVID
- c) There is no longer Boy's Club
 - i) Will re-evaluate this for next year

7) Student Affordability Fund Update

- a) Siwal Si'wes was allotted \$68,000.00
 - i) We have purchased clothing and Bus Passes for students
 - (1) A lot of need to support families
 - (2) We gave out 100 Walmart Gift cards and 100 Esso Gift cards to families before Winter Break
 - ii) Have spent just over \$20,000.00 so far

- (1) This will be a standing agenda item for both Advisory and Staff meetings
- iii) Looking into cooking classes with toaster ovens or Crockpots
 - (1) After the 6-week course, the student will receive a toaster oven or Crockpot and recipes
- iv) If you have any ideas, let Vivian know
 - (1) Swimming lessons before Summer
 - (2) Summer Programs

8) Presentation: Vivian – Committee of the Whole Annual Presentation from SWSW

- i) Vivian shared the PowerPoint presentation that she will be showing at the Committee of the Whole meeting later today
- ii) If you have any questions, please ask Vivian

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 January 12/23, March 2/23 and May 4/23
- ii) An Evening with s̄ám̄ax^w, Rain Pierre
 - (1) January 26, 2023 @ the Clarke Theatre from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- iii) Peggy Janicki: The Secret Pocket Book Launch
 - (1) March 30, 2023 @ the Clarke Theatre from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- iv) If you would like to attend any/all of these, let Marcy know

b) Cultural Day Schedule

- i) Cultural Days will be starting next week
 - (1) Wednesday, January 18, 2023 @ AME
 - (2) Wednesday, January 25, 2023 @ Deroche
 - (3) Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 @ Dewdney
 - (4) Wednesday, February 8, 2023 @ HZE
 - (5) Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ SFE
 - (6) Wednesday, February 22, 2023 @ WHE
 - (7) Wednesday, March 1st, 2023 @ Windebank
- ii) If you don't know the abbreviations, ask Marcy
- iii) Johnny will be doing all the Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- iv) Everyone will be in person except for Ovila Mailhot and Leah Dorian

c) Equity Regional Session – April 4, 2023

- i) Being held at the Indigenous Education Centre in Abbotsford (3277 Gladwin Road) from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- ii) If you would like to attend, let Vivian know

d) Elder Interviews – April 17, 2023

- i) E. S. Richards Elementary is doing a Healing Through Art Legacy Project
 - (1) They have had the following artists:
 - (a) Rain Pierre & Cyril Pierre
 - (b) Lisa Shepherd
 - (c) Brandon Gabriel
 - (2) They will be having an Unveiling Ceremony of Lisa Shepherd's work on April 17/23 @ 9:00 a.m.
 - (3) The Videographer would like to interview Elders afterwards at Siwal Si'wes
 - (4) If you are interested in being interviewed, let Vivian know

10) Discussion:

- a) Extended Credit Program
- b) Indigenous-focused BAA Course Update
 - i) Extremely proud of this document
 - (1) Invited Johnny Williams (Sq'ewlets) and Camielle Laslo (Leqamel, Speaker of Halq'emeylem)
 - (2) Built from the ground, in collaboration with the Nations
 - (3) Please do not share this information outside of our group (not yet public)
- c) Elders at Student Meetings
 - i) Sometimes it would be nice to have an Elder, attend meetings with students
 - ii) If you are interested, let Vivian know
- d) House Post Idea @ SBO
 - i) Wanting to get a House Post for the SBO
 - (1) Leq'á:mel is connected to a logging company
 - (2) Need to commission an artist
 - (3) Could consider this for the future
 - (4) Have an Artist in Residence working with students?
 - (5) Want it done in a Culturally appropriate way and to be meaningful
 - (6) What message would this send to the Community'
 - ii) If you know of a carver that might be interested, let Vivian know
 - iii) Dawn will look into the Cedar
- e) Co-chair Selection
 - i) Not enough in attendance to vote
 - ii) Held off until next meeting

11) Closing

- a) Thank you for coming

**Next Meeting:
February 14, 2023
11:30 a.m. in person
Room 104**

If you would like to attend in person, please advise Marcy, so we can order enough lunches.