

SIWAL SI'WES (SWSW) – ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 14, 2022

Present in-person at Siwal Si'wes:

Agnes Giesbrecht	Jeanette Phillips	Ronald Peters	Priscilla Wells
Marcy Buell			

Present on Zoom:

Vivian Searwar	Dawn Styran	Marcello Gabriel	Randy Cairns
Cheryl Gabriel	Julia Renkema	Kerry-Lynn Lumsden	Shelly Carter

1) Call to Order, Welcome & Opening Words – Priscilla/Agnes

- a) Welcome everyone

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, Matheqwí and Qwó:ltl'el First Nations.
- i) Thank you to those who attended our Graduate Recognition Ceremony

3) Apologies/Regrets – Priscilla/Agnes

- a) William Wells

4) Special Presentation

- i) Marcello Gabriel – Principal of Hatzic Middle School – HMS Renaming of Mascot
- (1) Wanting to engage in a conversation for SWSW IEAC guidance and support in renaming the Mascot @ HMS
 - (2) Current name is the Crusaders
 - (3) Have removed the Crusader sign in the gym
 - (4) Only the school's graduation photos from previous years have the Crusader logo
 - (5) No other references to Crusader at the school for some time
 - (6) The name should reflect locally in Mission
 - (7) When Hatzic first opened, it was the Hatzic Hornets
 - (8) Looking to include Indigenous history
 - (9) How do we do this in a good way
 - (10) The name Hatzic in Halq'emeylem translates to male genitalia
 - (11) Was told the name Hatzic could remain
 - (12) Just renaming the Mascot, not the school
 - (13) Many animals have special meanings
 - (14) Want to honour Leq'a:mel
 - (15) Would like students to be a part of this, have a voice
 - (16) See what other schools in the district are using
 - (17) Will be money well spent for the changeover
 - (18) Having Marchi connect with the Advisory is part of reconciliation
 - (19) Elders can share the historical aspect
 - (20) Suggested that since there are a lot of coyotes in Hatzic, it should be Coyote since MSS has the Roadrunner 😊
 - (21) Marchi sent an email out to the school community to let everyone know about the change
 - (a) Did not receive any 'pushback'
- ii) Thank you Marchi, happy you are doing this

5) Routine Business

- a) Review of Previous minutes of May 10, 2022
 - i) Accept – Ronald Peters
 - ii) 2nd – Dawn Styrán
 - iii) Motion Carried
- b) Financial Statement Review
 - i) No questions

6) District Updates & New Information - Vivian

- a) **Equity PATH – Debrief of May 20, 2022 & Plans for 2022 - 2023**
 - i) Have created mock PATH's with SBO Staff, SWSW Staff and the Advisory Council
 - ii) The next two are for School Administrators and Members of the Board
 - iii) Future ones for Leq'a:mel, Sqewlets and Kwantlen, in community
 - iv) Important to hear from Nation membership
- b) Staffing
 - i) Incredibly challenging this year
 - ii) Currently we have 18 Term ILW's
 - (1) 2 for Halq'emeylem
 - (a) 1 is on Leave
 - (b) The other has requested to work 3 days per/week next year
- c) 2 X Temporary ILW's
- d) 2 X EA's
- e) 2 X Success Advocates
- f) Marcy
- g) .4 Librarian
- h) 2 X .2 Outreach Teachers
- i) Homework Club Liaison (four hours per week)
- j) Vivian
- k) Peggy
 - i) Vivian and Peggy's wages come out of CORE funding not Targeted Funding
- l) We have a surplus for next year
- m) We put postings out, but it is challenging to find qualified ILWs
- n) Will you be hiring more Halq'emeylem teachers?
 - i) This is a commitment
 - ii) Working on filling schools with ILW's first
 - iii) There is a current ILW taking a language course

7) Curriculum Updates – Peggy Janicki/Jennifer Lane

- i) Both Peggy and Jen are away

8) Policy Working Group Update

- a) Thank you to those who attended the Policy meeting yesterday
- b) Went through the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy from top to bottom
- c) Policy is so valuable
- d) Gratifying to the Board to see the collaboration & inclusivity
- e) Hands up to everybody doing the work
- f) Group is going to continue to meet the day before the Advisory meetings each month
- g) September meeting – continuation of the work with Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Policy

9) Dialogue & Discussion

a) Graduates

- i) At the SWSW staff meeting on June 10th, most staff want to continue with a special event for Grads
- ii) Kwantlen came to Vivian to talk about blanket placement and will invite Kwantlen to come in the fall to give SWSW Staff the Blanket Teaching

b) Sacred Teaching 2022 – 2023

- i) We have had the following:
 - (1) 2015 – 2016 – Bear – Courage
 - (2) 2016 – 2017 – Turtle – Truth
 - (3) 2017 – 2018 – Eagle – Love
 - (4) 2018 – 2019 – Buffalo – Respect
 - (5) 2019 – 2020 – Wolf – Humility
 - (6) 2020 – 2021 – Sabe – Honesty
 - (7) 2021 – 2022 – Beaver – Wisdom
 - ii) We have come to the end of the Seven Sacred Teachings
 - iii) Do we start again or go with a different theme?
 - iv) There are 4 Agreements
 - (1) 1. Be Impeccable With Your Word
 - (2) 2. Don't Take Anything Personally
 - (3) 3. Don't Make Assumptions
 - (4) 4. Always Do Your Best
 - v) Makes sense to start again
 - vi) Getting a new group of students
 - vii) Some have Graduated, some going to Middle Schools
 - viii) With COVID, it left a lot of us at a loss of what was going on in the schools
 - ix) Couldn't keep an eye on the teachings
 - x) Students would be okay with it
 - xi) If we start over, we would get something different out of the students this time
 - xii) Start back with the Bear\We can look at doing something different for seven years from now
 - xiii) Is the theme taught from K – 12? Concentration is at elementary and middle schools, but it is a District teaching
 - xiv) ILW's teach this in all schools
 - xv) With the events of the past couple of years, the Bear is Courage
 - xvi) The Bear is telling us to return
 - xvii) There is an abundance of bears this year
 - xviii) Bear has been chosen as the teaching for 2022 - 2023
- ### c) Speaker & Plans for National Day of Truth & Reconciliation 2022
- i) Room 104 won't be open as Marcy doesn't attend
 - ii) The meeting will be completely on ZOOM
- ### d) Global Education & Outdoor Education Scholarship
- i) Carry forward until September

10) 2022 – 2023 Planning

a) Selection of Co-Chair

- (1) Both co-chair positions are up for elections
- (2) Those eligible to be elected or eligible to vote are:
 - (a) Cheryl Gabriel
 - (b) Agnes Giesbrecht
 - (c) Augusta Gladstone

- (d) Camielle Laslo
 - (e) Ronald Peters
 - (f) Jeanette Phillips
 - (g) Dawn Styran
 - (h) Sharon Syrette
 - (i) Priscilla Wells
 - (j) William Wells
 - (k) Sonya Williams
- ii) Out of the 11 members that are eligible, 6 are absent
 - iii) Moving the elections to September
 - iv) If you are able to vote or interested in running as co-chair, please attend in person on Sept 13, 2022, as voting virtually comes with many challenges.**
- b) Format of Meetings for 2022 – 2023
 - i) Should we do our meetings in person or Hybrid?
 - ii) We will do our first meeting in September, Hybrid, to see where we are with COVID and then decide
- 11) Closing
- a) Thank you for spending time with us today
 - b) Have a great summer and looking forward to seeing you in September

**Next Meeting:
September 13, 2022
11:30 a.m. in person or 12:00 p.m. on ZOOM
Room 104**

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