

SIWAL SI'WES (SWSW) – ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 10, 2022

Present in-person at Siwal Si'wes:

Vivian Searwar	Jeanette Phillips	Ronald Peters	Priscilla Wells
Marcy Buell			

Present on Zoom:

Tracy Loffler	Randy Cairns	Shelley Carter	Julia Renkema
Sonya Williams	Nicolle Bourget		

1) Call to order & Welcome

- a) Welcome everyone

2) Acknowledgement

- a) Mission Public School District 75 is located on the traditional, ancestral, Unceded and shared territories of the Stó:lō people, Sq'ewlets, Leq'á:mel, Matsqui and Kwantlen Territories
 - i) May 5th – Honouring & thinking about MMIWG2S
 - ii) May 12th – Moosehide Campaign

3) Apologies/Regrets

- a) Agnes Giesbrecht
- b) Augusta Gladstone
- c) Sharon Syrette

4) Special Presentation

- a) UFV Centre for Excellence – Nicolle Bourget
 - i) See attached PowerPoint presentation

5) Routine Business

- a) Review of Previous minutes of March 8, 2022, April meeting was cancelled
 - i) Accept – Ronald Peter
 - ii) 2nd – Jeanette Phillips
 - iii) Motion Carried

6) District Updates

- a) **Equity PATH introductory PowerPoint presentation**
 - i) Process has started
 - ii) Using PATH to move ahead in a good way into the future
 - iii) May 20, 2022 – Session with SWSW Advisory and Nations, Metis Nation, and Inuit community - *Not for SD#75 staff or Members of the Board*
 - iv) Morning snacks and lunch will be provided
 - v) Advise Marcy if you will be attending *by May 15th*
 - vi) August 23, 2022 - PATH at the Administrators Retreat in August
 - vii) During 2022 2023 school year, will do a number of PATHs with SD75 employee groups, including parents and students
 - viii) School District contributed \$25,000.00 towards PATH (not from Targeted Funding)

b) **Grade 12 Recognition Update**

- i) June 8th at MSS from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm; Gym B
- ii) Following a similar process as previous years
- iii) Advise Marcy if you are attending, as soon as you are able
- iv) Johnny Williams – Speaker
- v) Peggy Janicki – Floor Manager
- vi) Several drummers from Indigenous community

c) **Staffing – Current and 2022 – 2023 Plans**

- i) Extremely challenging this year - started the school year fully staffed; some have gone on leave
- ii) Jacob Firlotte has resigned (been drafted by the BC Lions)
- iii) Currently:
 - ON LEAVE:
 - Two TERM staff on leave (until June 30, 2022 and June 2023, respectively)
 - One TERM staff on extended leave
 - One TEMPORARY staff on extended leave, contract runs out on June 30, 2022; will be unable to renew for 2022-2023

CURRENT:

- 13 fulltime TERM 35 hours per week ILW's
- One TERM staff on leave for part of the school year (Halq'emeylem instructor); unclear if this person will be returning
- One ILW TERM – 28 hours per week (Halq'emeylem instructor); will be retiring in June 2022
- One ILW TERM – 30 hours per week (currently on leave, working partial weeks; 21 hours per week)
- Three fulltime TEMP 35 hours per week ILWs
- One 21 hour per week TEMP ILW

Total ILW staff: 20 ILW (one ILW resigned recently, so for most of the 2021 2023 school year, we were at 21 ILWs)

We are potentially looking to increase SWSW staff for a total of 22 for 2022 2023 school year.

- iv) We have two Indigenous EA's whose positions end in June (from Special Purpose COVID funding – not targeted funding)
- v) Still looking for a full time Indigenous Outreach teacher

d) **Metis Childcare**

- i) Projected start date, September 2023 – TBD, more info to follow in Fall 2022

e) **Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement**

- i) First meeting is this week
- ii) Vivian will keep you posted

7) **Curriculum Updates**

- i) Tabled until next meeting

- 8) **Policy Working Group Update – see attached**
- a) **#1 – Halq’emeylem Language Policy**
 - (1) Many revisions
 - b) **#2 – Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Policy**
 - (1) Meetings will continue in June
 - (2) BCTF Standard #9, is not optional
 - (3) Stay tuned for more information
 - ii) Please feel free to provide input and feedback before June 13, 2022
- 9) **Dialogue & Discussion**
- a) **Territory Acknowledgment**
 - i) Historic agreement made between Leq’ámel, Sema:th (Sumas), Matheqwí (Matsqui) and the provincial government, in July 2021 (see here for the news release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021IRR0037->
 - ii) Are we ready to readvise the Acknowledgment to include Sumas?
 - iii) The consensus is yes
 - iv) Vivian will send out notice to SD75, Trustees and include SWSW Advisory
 - b) **Global Education & Outdoor Education Scholarship**
 - i) Revisiting this again
 - ii) Funds for Scholarships and Bursaries have already been allotted this year
 - iii) Vivian emailed the Bursary recipients today and will call the Scholarship winners soon
 - iv) We are thinking of creating a Global Education & Outdoor Education Scholarship
 - v) Potentially \$2,000.00 which would allow for families to contribute too
 - vi) Would we be able to sustain the \$2,000.00 each year? Yes.
 - vii) Let this percolate for now and we will revisit it in the fall 2022
 - c) **Speaker & Plans for National Day of Truth & Reconciliation 2022**
 - i) Separate meeting to discuss the details, for those interested
 - ii) Meeting Dates – hybrid (Zoom and Room 104)
 - (1) Thursday, June 2nd from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 - (2) Thursday, June 16th from Noon – 2:00 a.m.
 - (3) Tuesday, June 28th from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 - (4) Thursday, September 1st from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 - iii) Think of options for a speaker for our next meeting

10) Closing

**Next Meeting:
June 14, 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.