

SIWAL SI'WES (SWSW) – ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 11, 2022

Present in-person at Siwal Si'wes:

Tracy Loffler	Randy Cairns	Augusta Gladstone	Danya Druckrey
Nicholas Louie	Peggy Duden	Agnes Giesbrecht	Jeanette Phillips
Ronald Peters	Sonya Williams	Vivian Searwar	Marcy Buell

1) Call to Order, Welcome & Opening Words

- a) Great to see everyone today
- b) Good to see faces 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'éwlets, Leq'á:mel, Sema:th, Matheqwí and Qwó:ltl'el First Nations.

3) Apologies/Regrets

- a) Peggy Janicki
- b) Sharon Syrette
- c) Cheryl Gabriel
- d) Priscilla Wells
- e) William Wells
- f) Kerry Lumsden

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

5) Review of Previous Minutes from September 13, 2022

- a) Accept – Nicholas Louie
- b) Second – Peggy Duden
- c) Motion Carried

6) Financial Statement Review

- a) A few schools have spent a bit of funds for necessities
- b) If you want to be part of the Grant selection on October 13th, let Vivian know
 - i) From 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - (1) Vivian
 - (2) Nicholas
 - (3) Peggy
 - (4) Agnes
- c) Scholarship dollars has some claimed from previous years
- d) Winners have 3 years to claim their Scholarships

7) Information Items

- a) **Thalit Sqwelqwel Stories of Truth (Great Spirit Hand) – Content Warning**
 - i) Recently added a Content Warning to the website
 - ii) Some of the faces and voices are of people who have passed away
- b) **“Pulling Together” Conference**
 - i) SD75 and the Child & Youth Committee have partnered to provide this conference

- ii) Friday, October 21, 2022, at the Clarke Theatre
 - iii) Starting at 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
 - iv) Len Pierre is the keynote speaker
 - v) If you are interested in attending, let Marcy know and she will get a Promo Code and register you so there will be no charge
- c) **Siya:ye Yoyes Strengthening the Circle Youth Leadership Conference (see attached brochure)**
- i) November 1, 2 & 3, 2022 @ Newlands Golf and Country Club
 - ii) Len Pierre's group will be leading the conference
 - iii) If you wish to attend, let Vivian know
 - iv) Rod Peters will be honoured there on November 2nd
 - v) 1st day is for four student Siyams
 - vi) 2nd day is for Siyams and Future Leaders
 - vii) 3rd day is for Future Leaders
 - viii) There will be a bus booked for November 2nd & 3rd
 - ix) We will be sending 36 students in total
 - x) Let us know if you would like to ride on the bus
- d) **Board Authorized/Authority Course Update (Indigenous-focused graduation requirement)**
- i) Purpose: To plan and co-create with the Nations, Indigenous-focused BAA Courses (see attached documents from the Ministry)
 - ii) There are two different meeting dates in October and November
 - iii) These graduation requirements are for all students
 - iv) Johnny Williams and Camielle Laslo have confirmed so far, hoping to have a designate from Kwantlen
 - v) This will be for next years' Grads
- e) **Ladders of Kindness at Xá:ytem – November 9, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
- i) We have a few new staff
 - ii) We had a Cultural Strengthening Day on October 5th at Sq'ewlets
 - iii) Will be doing another on November 9th @ Xá:ytem
 - iv) Shelly Joseph and her daughter will be presenting from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 - v) If you would like to attend, please let Marcy know
 - vi) Could we get feedback on how it goes
 - vii) Need time to be together to work together
- 8) **Equity PATH in Community & Equity Flags**
- i) PATHs that are already done are up in Room 104
 - ii) Want to do one with Kwantlen, Leq'á:mel & Sq'ewlets, and additional groups within SD75 (students, parents, Student Services, Teacher-Librarians, Operations, Facilities, Unions etc)
 - iii) The Fraser Valley Metis Association is interested
 - iv) Will continue this year and into next year
 - v) Going until 2024
 - vi) Hope to combine all PATHs into one combined PATH – Tentative culmination date: June 2024
- 9) **Terms of Reference Working Group**
- i) Revised a few years ago
 - ii) Group who goes of the T of R and sees if revisions need to be made
 - iii) Looking for a new group to go over it
 - iv) The previous group was Sharon Syrette and Laura Buker (Lolehawk)
 - v) If you are interested, let Marcy know

10) National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Event Review

- a) We have been doing this for a number of years
 - i) Had Phyllis Webstad speak last year
 - ii) This has become a community event
 - iii) SD75 and Vivian are stepping back
 - iv) Sto:lo Nation has expressed interest to carry this forward; Cyril Pierre was part of this conversation (with Dave Schaepe)
 - v) Vivian will provide information and contact info to organizers
 - vi) This is no longer be a school event
- b) What are your thoughts on the day?
- c) Fraser River Heritage Park is secured for September 30th into perpetuity
 - i) Vivian will check with the City of Mission, just to make sure – UPDATE: COMPLETED via email on October 14, 2022 (email correspondence with Joanna McBride, Rachel Kleindienst and Jennifer Tass)
- d) Vivian will talk to David Shaepe – UPDATE: COMPLETED with email response, October 13, 2022
- e) Would like to see students passing messages to the Elders again
- f) It's so widespread now, that the ILWs want to do things in their own schools
 - i) Vivian to work with the ILWs to make things bigger in all the schools
- g) Suggestion for next year: Try to reduce the noise so that everyone can hear the speakers
- h) Have a designated time for food
- i) How do you get the word out in a bigger way?
 - i) Send cards to the Nations?
 - ii) Maybe send the cards to MFC and they can send them out
- j) Why was Paul Horn speaking last?
 - i) He said some things that triggered some
 - ii) Paul was perhaps misunderstood
 - iii) He said that it was right that he speaks last
 - iv) He said that we were there to listen to the Elders
 - v) He said that this is at it should be

11) Co-Chair Selection

- a) List of those who can be nominated or vote
 - (1) Cheryl Gabriel
 - (2) Agnes Giesbrecht
 - (3) Priscilla Wells
 - (4) William Wells
 - (5) Augusta Gladstone
 - (6) Camielle Laslo
 - (7) Sonya Williams
 - (8) Ronald Peters
 - (9) Jeanette Phillips
 - (10) Sharon Syrette
 - (11) Dawn Styran

b) Nominations

- (1) Jeanette Phillips nominated Priscilla Wells – Priscilla Accepted
 - (2) Sonya Williams nominated Priscilla Wells – Priscilla Accepted
 - (3) Agnes Giesbrecht nominated Dawn Styran – Dawn Accepted
 - (4) Nicholas Louie nominated Augusta Gladstone – Augusta Accepted
 - (5) Peggy Duden nominated Agnes Giesbrecht – Agnes accepted
- c) Agnes Giesbrecht and Augusta Gladstone were elected as the new Siwal Si'wes Advisory Council co-chairs
- d) Congratulations Agnes and Augusta

12) Closing

- a) Thank you for coming

**Next Meeting:
November 8, 2022
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.