

SIWAL SI'WES (SWSW) – ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 14, 2023

Present in-person at Siwal Si'wes:

Nicholas Louie	Peggy Duden	Agnes Giesbrecht	Jeanette Phillips
Ronald Peters	Pixie Wells	Priscilla Wells	Vivian Searwar
Marcy Buell			

Present on Microsoft Teams:

Randy Cairns	Shauna Pearson
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1) Call to Order, Welcome & Opening Words

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.
- b) Indigenous Peoples on Stó:lō Land, off Stó:lō Land and the Métis People
- c) Thank you for mentioning MMIWG2S March in Vancouver today
- d) Chrystal Williams was in a motor vehicle accident
 - i) She has multiple fractures and maybe some surgeries
 - ii) Recovery is estimated at about 3 months
 - iii) Push good thoughts to her and their family
 - iv) SWSW ILW's will be taking turns taking food to the family
 - v) Please pray for the family and Chrystal

3) Apologies/Regrets

- a) Sonya Williams
- b) Tracy Loffler
- c) William Wells
- d) Joelle Reynolds

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

5) Presentation: Xyolhemeylh – Duty to Report (Shauna Pearson)

- a) Thank you for coming
- b) Shawna Pearson from Xyolhemeylh presented a PowerPoint on the Duty to Report
- c) If you have any questions, send them to Vivian and she will forward them to Shawna

6) Review of Previous Minutes from January 10, 2023

- a) Accept – Nicholas Louie
- b) Second – Agnes Giesbrecht
- c) Motion Carried

7) Financial Statement Review

- a) If you have any questions, please let Vivian know

8) Student Affordability Fund Update & Statement Review

- a) This statement is up to date as of the end of last week
- b) Busses are in Job Action
- c) Money is being spent

- d) Another gift card blitz before March Break
- e) Hopefully one more at the end of June, depending on the funds remaining
- f) Starting cooking programs with either Crock Pots or Toaster Ovens

9) Equity in Action Update & Equity Flags

- i) Equity PATH on February 16th for the International Program and ESL
 - (1) Review of Equity PATH with Administrators on Friday
 - (2) Still want to do PATH's with the Nations
 - (3) March 7th is scheduled for Sq'ewlets
 - (4) Grade 10 – 12 Student Forum on April 13th
 - (5) Middle Schools in the Fall 2023
 - (6) Parent Forum on May 11th – Evening at FLC Gym
 - (7) Hope to be completed by the end of June 2024
- ii) Equity Flag
 - (1) One for each school
 - (2) SWSW & Fraserview Learning Centre are combining for the new flagpole at FVLC
 - (3) We provide the flags
 - (4) Asking schools to put up new flag poles
 - (5) In the meantime, the flags will fly on certain days
 - (6) Vivian to send Randy the idea and costs for the flag poles
 - (7) Randy apologized for the behavior of some people that attended the Committee of the Whole Meeting
 - (a) They were disrespectful to Vivian
 - (b) Showed disturbing images
 - (8) Vivian genuinely accepts the apology
 - (9) Vivian will speak to Tom Nguyen for the exact quote for the Flagpole

10) Policy Update

- a) Want to remind folks that all Policy Meetings are on ZOOM from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 - i) Next meeting dates:
 - (1) Monday, March 6th
 - (2) Wednesday, April 12th
 - (3) Monday, May 8th
 - (4) Monday, June 12th
 - ii) If you would like to attend, please join

11) Indigenous Youth Speaker at Gatherings: Swiweles Lheqsqwoqwel

- a) Basically, means that at the Grade 12 Ceremony on June 7th, one of the Indigenous Grads will be speaking to folks

12) Discussion

- a) SWSW 2021 – 2022 Annual Report & HAWD Report
 - i) A lot of information
 - ii) Celebration of good work being done
 - iii) Shows the path of where growth sits
 - iv) If you have any questions, please email, or call Vivian
- b) Wholistic Healing App Letter of Support
 - i) We had a presentation of the App a few months ago
 - ii) Thinking of applying for a Grant to support this App

- iii) Could SWSW Advisory agree to provide a letter of support to apply for the Grant?
- iv) Will come back to this in March
- v) The Fraser Valley Métis Association will send Vivian a support letter
- c) Land Acknowledgement Plaques
 - i) A lot of conversation about having a standard Land Acknowledgement Plaque at each school
 - ii) Would have it lasered with the school's name and Equity logo
 - iii) It's in the works
 - iv) Make sure it's consistent throughout the District
- d) Feather stencil in Marcy's office
 - i) Going to have it painted outside each of our doors at the school and on our reserved parking spots at SWSW
 - ii) Will be offered to each school
- e) Co-Chair Selection
 - i) Postponed until March (not enough representation)

13) Information Items

- a) Ministry -12 Anti-Racism Action Plan: Racial Equity Together
 - i) Link in email
- b) MMIWG Drum Circle – February 16, 2023
 - i) HMS
 - ii) 11:45am outside the cafeteria
 - iii) Feel free to drop by if you wish to join in
 - iv) Advise Vivian if you are planning on attending
- c) 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) *Peggy Janicki: The Secret Pocket Book Launch*
(1) March 30, 2023 @ the Clarke Theatre from 3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- d) **Cultural Day Schedule**
 - i) Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ SFE
 - ii) Wednesday, February 22, 2023 @ WHE
 - iii) Wednesday, March 1st, 2023 @ Windebank
- e) **Equity Regional Session – April 4, 2023**
 - i) 3277 Gladwin Road, Abbotsford
 - ii) 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- f) **Elder Interviews – April 17, 2023**
 - i) Healing Through Art Legacy Project
 - ii) ESR School
 - iii) 11:00 a.m. start

**Next Meeting:
March 7, 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.