

SIWAL SI'WES (SWSW) – ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 13, 2020

Present in-person at Siwal Si'wes:

Agnes Giesbrecht Jeanette Phillips Vivian Searwar Marcy Buell

Present on Zoom:

Randy Cairns Joelle Reynolds Viki Liebrecht Cheryl Gabriel
Tracy Loffler

- 1) **Call to order, Welcome & Opening Words– Agnes/Viv**
 - a) Thank you for coming- Welcome Viki and Joelle, new faces today
- 2) **Territory Acknowledgment - Viv**
 - a) Mission Public School District 75 is located on the traditional, ancestral, Unceded and shared territories of the Stó:lō people, Kwantlen, Leq'á:mel, Matsqui and Sq'ewlets Territories
- 3) **Apologies/Regrets –Marcy**
 - a) Sharon Syrette
 - b) Laura Buker
 - c) Priscilla Wells
 - d) William Wells
- 4) **Review of Previous Minutes from February 11, 2020, May 12, 2020, June 9, 2020, September 10, 2020 – Agnes**
 - a) Minutes tabled until November meeting
- 5) **1701 Update - Viv**
 - a) Last year we had 1,121 students; as of last week, we have 1,151 students
 - b) Some students that were in other Districts last year are now enrolled in Summit
 - c) Summit's total enrollment last year was much lower than this year; current number approximately 104
- 6) **Band Outreach Update - Viv**
 - a) Band Outreach Teacher: Glenda Scrimshaw
 - b) At Sq'ewlets on Mondays and Thursdays (5 students) and Leq'á:mel on Tuesdays and Fridays (approximately 12 students)
 - c) Wednesdays are her flex days when she works at SWSW in Room 104
 - d) Indigenous Liaison Worker to help the teacher at each Band: Deanna Dettieh is at Leq'á:mel and Joe Kelly is at Sq'ewlets
 - e) Viv meets with Glenda weekly to discuss progress and challenges
 - f) We have purchased sports equipment, teacher resources etc to support the program
 - g) Deroche and HMS have provided her with teacher and student resources
 - h) Currently two Nominal Roll students from MSS that are working exclusively remotely
- 7) **Equity Scan Update - Viv**
 - a) Meeting date: October 22nd from 9:00 a.m. – noon
 - i) Marcy will send a hard copy of the Equity Scan document
 - b) If you are interested in being a part of the Equity meetings, let Vivian know
 - c) Large Group Meeting Format: Four meetings as a large group, and then we will go into smaller break out groups

- i) The pillar groups will also meet separately
- ii) The majority of the work will be done in these smaller groups, and report back at the large group meetings
- d) Any questions on Equity Scan, please ask Viv

8) Financial Statement Review – Viv

- a) Viv, Agnes Priscilla and Bill met on Friday for Grant Selection, so the funds will be allotted to each school site shortly
- b) Viv will be meeting with Derek Welsh in accounting to ensure that we are on track and to discuss possibilities
- c) The telephone budget is \$5,000
 - i) It will need to be increased as we have already used almost half
 - ii) ILW's need work cells to communicate with students and families
 - iii) We have 21 ILW's
 - iv) This number has increased over the last couple of years

9) Terms of Reference - Viv

- a) The last time we met, we discussed the Terms of Reference
 - i) As per requested by the Council, added more details to the story of Siwal Si'wes and to include provisions for virtual attendance
- b) Agnes would like to wait on the passing of the Terms of Reference to the next meeting

10) Orange Shirt Day - Viv

- a) Thank you to those who attended the very small gathering at Fraser River Heritage Park
- b) I also wanted to mention that some Elders who had come to the large gatherings in previous years, didn't attend this year
 - i) We did have a limit of 30 people as per the guidelines of FRHP
 - ii) Tried to include as many as we could
- c) Orange Shirt Day 2021: Phyllis Webstad is booked for September 30, 2021
- d) We will put this back on the Agenda in the spring for discussion

11) Letters of Gratitude from Scholarship & Bursary Recipients - Viv

- a) Viv read thank you messages from two previous recipients
 - i) Selina Clark
 - (1) 2018 recipient who is attending Douglas College in Musicianship
 - (2) Receiving high marks and a perfect attendance
 - ii) Faith Collier

12) Closing – Viv

- a) Thank you for coming - Adjournment

Next Meeting:

November 10, 2020

11:30 a.m.

Siwal Si'wes (Room 104) and Zoom (calendar invitation to follow)

(If you would like to attend in person, please advise Vivian, as there is a maximum capacity of 8 in Room 104 at SWSW)

