



Education Department

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Reflecting the Strategic Plan

## LEADERSHIP

GOAL: SELF-GOVERNMENT BASED ON THE CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL IDENTITY OF SIB.

- To implement Education Jurisdiction over K4 to Grade 12 students' development and acquisition of skills to thrive in a career of their choosing while instilling cultural pride and SIB identity through land-based learning, cultural activities, and knowledge of historical roots.
- To revitalize Halq'eméylem language in a meaningful and sustainable way so that fluency in the language becomes the norm.
- To validate the importance of Halq'eméylem language and culture by ensuring that each classroom participates in cultural and ceremonial activities.
- To create a comprehensive language and culture department to address the endangered state of the Halq'eméylem language.
- To find sustainable funding for the language and culture department.
- To train teachers from the community by creating a partnership agreement with UFV for a Bachelor of Education Program.
- To create and develop a Halq'eméylem oral fluency transfer program.

## MEMBERSHIP

GOAL: ENGAGED, EMPOWERED AND SELF-SUFFICIENT SQ'EWQELO:MEXW

- The Seabird Community School will engage parents to have a strong voice in the education programming of their children.
- Community Engagement on Education Jurisdiction with Mark Point.
- The Seabird College will provide educational opportunities to the membership in areas that are required by the Band LPNs etc.

## ENVIRONMENT

PROTECT AND ENHANCE S'ÓLH TÉMÉXW, INCLUDING LAND, WATER AND AIR CONSISTENT WITH TÓMIYEQW

- All education buildings will follow the recycling protocols and teach climate change to the students.
- Seabird College will offer aquatic and eco-restoration programs. This will be followed up by the College Program Manager.
- To establish a partnership with the Stó:lō Nation to offer a Guardians and Stewardship training initiative.

## CULTURE, HEALING, HEALTH & WELLNESS

GOAL: ÁY:MEXW – HEALTHY PEOPLE, PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.

- Teach staff and students about medicinal uses of plants – (this has not been done yet and will require some planning and development; (the school needs to move on this goal and the Language and culture department will assist by engaging the cultural resource people for this goal).
- To continue to implement trauma informed practices in the school and provide training to the employment department and Seabird College.
- To bring traditional knowledge keepers into the school and to take the students out to the land as required (we must identify who these people are and begin to engage their services).
- To instill pride in the Stó:lō identity in the students and to provide professional development to the staff so that they become knowledgeable about the background of the students and the community (more needs to be done).

## INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL: AN ECONOMICALLY STABLE COMMUNITY THAT MEETS THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS FOR FUTURE GROWTH.

- To address the issue of overcrowding at Seabird School (there are staff operating from offices in the hallways).
- To obtain a permanent structure for the Seabird College and to include student dorms and a daycare (still a goal).