

Mitford School Council

Mitford School Council MINUTES

Date: Tuesday September 12th , 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

LEARNING COMMONS & ZOOM MEETING

1. Call to order

-6:30 pm

2. Welcome and Introductions

Melinda, Alexandra, Fiona, Peter Fultz, Sara, Christine, Amanda, Yail, Andrew,
Charlotte

Zoom: Melissa, Mike, Kristine, Shauna, Nancy, Natalie, Jenn, JoDana

3. Approval of the Agenda

Karen/Charlotte 2nd

4. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

- a) Review
- b) Business arising from minutes
- c) Approval

Melinda/Karen (7:09pm)

5. Report from Mitford Administration

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Principal Report for School Council 12 SEP 23

Student Population: 354

Classes: Grade 5 French Immersion (1 class), Grade 5 (two classes), Grade 5/6 (One Class), Grade 6 (three classes), Grade 7 (three classes), Grade 8 (three classes) * Currently 12 students above RVS Projections

Welcoming French Immersion to Mitford School:

Mitford school culture now includes French Immersion! We are increasing visibility of the French language and culture for our first class of 29 students in grade 5 with over 100 expected by 2027. The Mitford school vision and school –wide expectations have visible signage in French and English throughout the school as a small step welcome the new dual track nature of education at Mitford School.

Home Reading Initiative:

The resources for the grade 5 reading program have been ordered. More information about this additional support for literacy will be shared by Thanksgiving.

Mental Health Success Coach

A Mental Health Success coach (from Steppingstones for Mental Health in association with Rocky View Schools) will be based in Mitford School for the school year and for 2023-24. The mental Health Success will provide weekly programming in classrooms and/or small groups, as well as activities such as learn at lunches, whole school programming for events such as Pink Shirt Day or Mental Health Awareness Week, staff wellness activities, and be able to connect with students to provide space and guidance in stress management and emotional regulation. While MHCB Steppingstones to Mental Health does not provide individual counselling, our coaches often work to create calm spaces in their core schools where students can regulate and build connections, including connecting them with community supports.

Indigenous Signage:

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Our front entryway now bears a translation of our school vision in the language of Stoney Nakoda. This welcoming gesture is one small step on our path to building a stronger friendship and relationship with Stoney Nakoda.

Mitford School Education Plan 2023-24:

The timeline for school education plans has changed. A plan for the current year will be presented at the next School Council meeting. The goals for the current year will focus on improving literacy and numeracy results as well as professional learning in these areas to further learning from last year. Looking at assessments practices that offer a greater triangulation of feedback on student learning will also be an important professional learning priority in the current school year. This will build on professional learning from 2022-23.

Athletics:

Mitford School has an Athletic Director that oversees RVS Sports at school. There are many different sports offerings throughout the school year. News and information will be shared as the start of a sports season approaches. Information regarding any need for community coaches will be shared in the coming weeks. We appreciate that many of our students thrive with these many opportunities.

Cross Country Running

- Grade 5 -8 – Ms. Sekulich **Volleyball**
- Grade 6 Girls, Junior B Girls, Junior A Girls, Grade 6 Boys, Junior B Boys, Junior A Boys

Soccer

- Grade 6 Mixed, Grade 7/8 Mixed

Basketball

- Grade 6 Girls, Junior B Girls, Junior A Girls, Grade 6 Boys, Junior B, Junior A Boys

Badminton

- Mitford Grade 7, Grade 8

Track & Field

- Sprinting / Running, Long Jump/Triple, High Jump, Discus, Shot Put

***Based upon student interest other sports can be considered if consistent with the Alberta**

Physical Activity Guide for Schools

Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs:

There are many different activities and club offerings throughout the school year. Additional news and information will at a later date for sign up. We appreciate that many of our students thrive with these many opportunities.

- **Yearbook**
- **GSA**
- **Snowshoe Club**
- **Bike Club**
- **Homework Club**
- **Games Club**
- **Grade 5/6 Intramurals**

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- **Grade 7/8 Intramurals**
- **Grade 8 Farewell**
- **House Team Assemblies**
- **Leadership** ○ School Leadership Events 5/6, School Leadership Events 7/8, Assembly Set Up Leaders, Digital Leaders (Pic & Video), News Team Leaders, Office Team Leaders

***Based upon student interest other clubs and activities can be considered.**

Future Presentations:

Are there presentations that the School Council feels would be valuable for future meetings?

-Budget for 342 currently at 354

-Currently have one gr.5 French Immersion class, 29 students

-Two wings of portables are now closed off.

-Signage in school now includes French and language spoken in Stoney Nakoda

Language has been incorporated in as many places as possible.

-Looking to add home reading program into grade 6

-Will have a mental health coach located in school this year, in addition to reboot room and other supports.

-Education plan for this year includes: 1) Advancing students numeracy (thinking classrooms) and literacy (layers of literacy) skills. 2) professional learning. 3) assessment practices (Rebooting assessment, a more thorough and in class assessment style, Indigenous teaching methods).

-Will be doing an assessment presentation for families.

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-Live stream morning news continues this year, hosted by students.

-Will be hosting a Leadership jamboree for students at some point during the year.

6. Report from Board of Trustees

-Enrollment at Mitford, divisional report

-On target to grow by about 1000, just under 4% growth -Sept 30th, 2023 to Sept 30th, 2024

-Grew by about 600 kids over the summer

Did not get funding for those new kids over the summer months, only during school year.

-Board continues to advocate to government for the kids in RVS with the current growth in student populations.

-Reached out to the current minister of education for a meeting, however, was declined.

-Received a presentation at the RVS board from school development (Buildings and Grounds team)

-Sept 27th there is an online school council chair presentation, not just for school council chair but for all who want to attend.

-Previous presentations are located on the RVS corporate website for viewing

-Oct 26th joint board/school council meeting

Connects all school councils around RVS for networking and learning.

-How has transportation been going so far?

-Could be easier to access for new parents (parent feedback).

-There will be changes to service levels from the province for bus service. More information to come.

-Transportation budget is being funded properly this year. An improvement from pre-covid times.

7. Friends of Mitford update – please stay for the FOM meeting after

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8. Round Table

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-Tuesday Oct 3rd will be AGM.

9. Motion to Adjourn

-7:10pm

Next Meeting: AGM Tuesday October 3rd at 6:30pm