**Mitford School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 9, 2025
**Time:** 6:30 PM
**Location:** Mitford School

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at **6:33 PM**.

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

Attendees introduced themselves.

* James
* Barb
* Brent
* Dwight
* Michael
* Jessica
* Elva
* Andrea
* JoDana
* Tinille
* Brooke
* Fiona
* Darryl

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve by **Jessica**, seconded by **Elva**.
**Motion carried.**

**4. Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2025**

Motion to approve by **Amanda**, seconded by **Barb**.
**Motion carried.**

**5. Purpose of School Council**

* The mission of the School Council is to foster the well-being and effectiveness of our school community, thereby enhancing student learning.
* Meetings provide an opportunity for open dialogue and feedback.
* Items requiring more than 5–10 minutes of discussion will be tabled for future meetings to respect everyone’s time and ensure thoughtful consideration.

**6. Reports**

**a. Mitford Administration**

* **Report attached.**
* **Discussion:**
	+ **Book List (James):** Teachers have briefly discussed the list. Clarification is needed on guidelines, as implementation may vary in workload.

**b. Board of Trustees**

* **Report attached.**
* Key Updates:
	+ **School Councils:** Required by legislation; trustees attended all nine Cochrane school councils last month.
	+ **Legislative Changes:**
		- **Fairness in Sport:** Female students aged 12+ participating in extracurricular sports must complete a government-mandated form.
		- **Sex Education:** Parents must now opt-in (previously opt-out).
			* Notification will be sent at least 30 days prior to instruction.
			* Curriculum is available online for preview.
		- **Library Materials:**
			* New legislation (Sept 8) requires removal of any school materials depicting sexual acts.
			* Minimal impact expected within RVS, primarily at the high school level.
	+ **Enrolment:**
		- RVS has 54 schools. Growth continues but is slightly below projections. Adjustments may occur as final numbers are confirmed.
	+ **Strategic Plan:**
		- Currently in Year 4 of a 4-year cycle.
		- Literacy improvements noted in Grades 1–3.
		- Continued government funding.
		- Focus on internal hiring and infrastructure advocacy.
		- Spring survey planned to inform future goals.
	+ **Upcoming Events:**
		- **Sept 11:** Online info session on the role of trustees.
		- **Sept 22:** School Council Chair Orientation (open to all interested).
	+ **Q&A:**
		- **Are you running again?** Fiona confirmed she is.
		- Fiona is available to meet with anyone interested in running for trustee.

**c. Friends of Mitford**

* Treasurer position is vacant.
* Limited activity over the summer.
* Focus now on supporting the Playground Committee.

**d. Playground Committee**

* Original fundraising timeline was ambitious; revised timeline in progress.
* Strong momentum continues.
* Working toward charitable status:
	+ Exploring partnership with RVS for charitable receipts.
	+ Note: This will not apply to matching funds.

**7. Round Table**

* **AGM:** Scheduled for **October 7, 2025**.
* **Open Positions:** Seeking a **Secretary** and **Volunteer Coordinator**.

**8. Adjournment 7:26 PM.**