

# Mitford School Council

## Mitford School Council AGENDA

Date: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

### LEARNING COMMONS & ZOOM MEETING

1. Call to order

6:30 p.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Peter  
James  
Alexandra  
Brooke  
Lori  
Charles  
Nancy  
Carol  
Fiona  
Elizabeth  
Tinille  
Brittnay  
Shauna  
Charlotte  
Anne  
Mary  
Jo Dana  
Mary  
Melissa

3. Approval of the Agenda

/ 2<sup>nd</sup>

4. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

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

- Tinille/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Jo Dana

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Approval of March meeting Minutes

-Charlotte/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Shawna

## 5. Report from Mitford Administration

-10 House team points will be added to the team of students whose parents attended the meeting.

-School fees for 2024

-Not all fees have been charged in previous years, however, next year that will change for some fees listed.

-The school does not receive funding for the courses requiring fees. There are ways for fees to be waived if a family is experiencing financial challenges regarding participation.

-Not all activities are currently being offered and therefore, not all fees are required.

-Fees have been increased to their maximum allowable amount of 5% according to Rocky View School Division.

-Motion to approve 2024-25 school fees

-Tinille / 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth, Motion carried.

-Projection of enrollment now projected to 402 students.

-Possibility of increasing P3 Hockey program next year.

-Looking at class increases for each grade, both French and English.

-This Thursday April 11th will be Experience Mitford, both Friends of Mitford and School council will have a table for information. Students will be able to showcase the school to their parents.

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-Knowledge Keeper visits are continuing to be a success with students and the four Knowledge Keepers coming to the school.

-Full replacement of the roof system within the next three years.

-Still seeking a new French Immersion for next year.



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# Principal Report for School Council 05 MAR 24

**Student Population:** 357

**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)

### 2024-25 Expected Enrollment

While 2023-2024 is only at the midpoint, planning for next year is well underway. We will see continued growth including the expansion of French Immersion to include both Grade 5 and 6.

Recently shared projections indicate a student population of about 392 that will include 52 French Immersion students. Enrolment may be higher with the possible addition of the P3 Hockey Academy at Mitford for 2024-25.

### Home Reading Initiative

The Grade 5 Home Reading Initiative is finally ready to begin. A letter explaining how it will work will be sent to families tomorrow and the first books will go home on Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be a wonderful opportunity for home and school to come together to support literacy success for students.

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## **Mental Health Success Coach**

A Mental Health Success coach, Nolan Peters, (from Steppingstones for Mental Health in association with Rocky View Schools) has been doing meaningful work with students since his arrival. Currently the Success Coach will be pushing into classes in grade 6 for sessions on healthy relationships to support grade 6 students with school-wide expectations. The Success Coach will also push into Grade 7 classes to support focusing on study skills.

## **Knowledge Keeper Visits**

Mitford is excited about our growing connection and relationship with four Knowledge Keepers (Virgile Stephens and Ollie Benjamin as well as Tracey Stevens and Philomene Stevens) who are now working with our students. During their visits, classes come at different times to the Learning Commons to ask questions and learn more about Stoney Nakoda ways of Knowing. Moving forward, there will be opportunities to explore the culture more fully through various activities. The Pipe Ceremony staff participated in with Virgile and Ollie was a wonderful new beginning in our relationship.

## **Update on French Immersion Resources for Grade 6**

RVS has lifted the budget freeze for the purchase of French Immersion Resources and classroom furniture. The ordering is approved and underway! Delivery should be completed before the end of the school year.

## **Building Update**

The new Director of Operations, the Manager of Grounds, the Manager of Maintenance and Projects as well as the Senior Manager of Caretaking completed a tour of the Mitford School site to review needed improvements, updates, upgrades, and needed renovations. The roof and the skylights were discussed, and the engineers' report was received by Operations. A plan regarding the roof and skylights will be communicated by the Director of Operations in the near term.

## **Playground Nearing End of Life**

The Mitford School playground is nearing its end of life although it can be extended for a few more years. RVS has advised the school to consider fundraising options for a replacement or be billed for the removal of the existing structure. The Mitford administration has checked with other middle schools, and most do not have play structures. As a school community should we consider other options in place of a play structure such as pickleball courts, another basketball court, Gaga ball pits? What should our next ideation of play options look like?

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## Mitford Technology Upgrade for One-to-One Tech Devices for Students

Thank you, Friends of Mitford, for your support with purchasing additional student computers! The funds from FOM combined with school funds allowed the purchase of a charging cart and sixty Chromebooks. They have already arrived, and they will be ready for September!

## French Culture Week

The Mitford had a wonderful time with its Carnaval – French Culture week. Everyone got involved in the fun and embraced the opportunity to learn more about French culture through them any great events.

## Future Presentations:

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

PowerSchool and Assessment?

## 6. Report from Board of Trustees

- School fees are coming to Rocky View Board for final approval

  - Transportation fees will also be included

  - Early bird sign up is highly encouraged in order to help drivers determine routes. A discount is included in early sign-up.

- Budget

  - Must approve and submit to the government by the end of May.

  - RVS only received

  - Budget is increasing slightly, however, still need to work through what that is going to mean from a divisional perspective. More information will be provided as

    - 3.6 million is the full budget for the 53 schools located in RVS.

  - Operational funding is keeping up with enrollment growth, however, there will still be areas where funding needs to be found.

  - 2025-28 Capital plan for RVS

  - Planning for funding is currently being discussed regarding enrollments, projections, and growth in each community. A list of top four priorities must be put together with consideration to each area.

- Approval of K-8 school in Rivercrest

- Growth in Cochrane is the fastest growing town in Alberta. Only have room for 11 more modular classrooms.

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-Highschool numbers are concerning. Expansion of Bow Valley is supposed to be ready for 2026.

-Bow Valley High is at 130% capacity, next year is projected to be at 140%.

-2026 priorities include,

-K-8 in Heartland

-High school in Heritage Hills. Unfortunately, the site is not ready but is a priority to get in order.

-Information regarding capital planning is all located on RVS website for anyone to access.

## 7. Friends of Mitford update

-Would like to find a parent volunteer to take on Friends of Mitford social media accounts.

## 8. Round Table

-Road lines need to be painted where buses stop for students. Current lines are worn, and Bus drivers are concerned that students are not waiting in areas considered safe for pick-up.

-Grading rubric is confusing for some parents and would like to know how grading works.

-This rubric is organized as an outcomes-based system of assessment. Students' level of knowledge and ability is determined at the end of the year. Triangulation of assessment is also used during the year to determine student outcome.

-A zoom meeting could be set up to help parents go through Power School on their own computer to better understand how it works.

-Motion to Adjourn

8:19 PM

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**Next Meeting:**

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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