

# Mitford School Council

## Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday October 1st, 2024, at 6:30pm

LEARNING COMMONS & ZOOM MEETING

### 1. Call to order

6:30pm

### 2. Welcome and Introductions

Peter

Alexandra

James

Fiona

Brooke

Stephen

Tinille

Melissa

Sarah

Michelle

Elva

Jessica

Anahi

Jo Dana

### 3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve- Brooke/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle

#### 4. Approval of the Minutes from September 10th, 2024, Council Meeting

Motion to approve- Brooke/2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle

#### 5. Agenda Items

##### a. 2024-25 Mitford Education Plan

-Still in the development and approval process. However, was able to provide a preview of the *Three School Goals* for the school year.

Goal 1. Improve student literacy and numeracy rates by 20% over the next three years... By June 2025 our student literacy and numeracy rates will improve by 10%...

Goal 2. Building future-ready students...By the end of the school year, the percentage of students will increase their ability to think critically and work collaboratively with others...

Goal 3. Increase the sense of caring and belonging in an inclusive school environment for all students...We will maintain and strengthen our PBIS Tier 1 Fidelity and improve our Tire 2 and Tire 3 Fidelity Inventory (TFI) by 10% to continue to foster and amplify a greater sense of belonging within a safe and caring learning environment...

- Saw improvement in School Alberta Education Assurance Measures.

-Saw improvement in RVS Assurance Measures.

Motion to approve

-Elva/2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah

-Approved by all

#### 6. Reports

##### a. Mitford Administration



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## Principal Report for School Council 01 OCT 24

### Student Population: 411

**Classes:** Grade 5 French Immersion (1 class), Grade 6 French Immersion (1 class), Grade 5 (three classes), Grade 5/6 (One Class), Grade 6 (two classes), Grade 7 (three classes), Grade 8 (three classes)

\* Currently 4 students above RVS Projections (number corrected at Oct 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting)

### Mitford School Education Plan 2024-25

The goals for the current year will continue our focus on improving literacy and numeracy results as well as professional learning in these areas to continue our journey to further learning from last year. This includes further work to develop critical thinking and collaboration skills in students. Looking at assessment 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 2023-24. One change will be more specifically targeting data points identified from various data sources to focus on aspects of literacy and numeracy with the greatest need of attention.

### Grade 5 & 6 Home Reading Initiative

As a part of our school education plan literacy goal and as a continuation of last year, the grade 5 Home Reading Initiative is underway as one of the approaches further student literacy progress and love of reading. The students are excited to get home reading underway. We are in the process of purchasing additional home reading resources with the growth of the Grade 5 student population and Grade 6 Home Reading resources are being sourced with it starting as soon as time permits.

## Gathering Data to Support Student Learning

As a part of our School Education Plan, we, like all Rocky View schools, are gathering data throughout the year to identify common areas of need and outcomes in literacy and numeracy in each grade that may require more targeted instruction. Data is gathered daily by teachers through formative and summative assessments as well as baseline data sources from RVBS approved assessments. Recently any grade 6 students that were previously assessed as at risk or below grade level were given a BAS Reading Assessment to help guide future support and instruction. In addition, this week grade 7 and 8 students will be completing the RVS Writing Assessment to every student as another data point to support where students are at in terms of their writing. Every student in Grade 5 to 8 was also assessed on numeracy outcomes from the previous year to again offer another data set to help guide the targeted instructional focus for teachers to support students.

## Focus Blocks

As a part of our continued targeted focus on student literacy and numeracy progress, all teachers are engaged purposeful instruction during the almost twenty-minute instructional block after lunch. Grade Teams have sourced and developed resources to target the areas of need. This instructional support is also continued in ELA and Math class as well as other core subjects.

## Checking in our Student Progress

Parents and students are encouraged to check PowerSchool for student progress based upon the schedule posted in the [27 SEP 24 Beats & Buzz](#). Families are encouraged to reach out to teachers should they have questions. Students are also sharing their learning, reflecting on their learning, and setting goals through myBlueprint. Families are encouraged to engage with students through this digital portfolio as outlined in the [20 SEP 24 Beats & Buzz](#).

## Mental Health Success Coach

A Mental Health Success coach. Ashley Meagher (from Steppingstones for Mental Health in association with Rocky View Schools) will be based in Mitford School on a continuing basis two days per week, every Monday and Thursday. Like last year, 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. Ms. Meagher has also agreed to come to a future School Council meeting to speak about her role and discuss session she can offer for parents.

### **Athletics:**

Mitford School has an Athletic Director, Ms. Kuziw, 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 **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 later 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**
- **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.**

### **Building Update:**

RVS Operations has contracted roof and skylight repairs that are ongoing, but nearing completion with a roof replacement planned within the next two years. In addition, two classrooms (rooms 1042 and 1044) are currently being updated and renovated.

### **Future Presentations:**

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

#### b. Board of Trustees

- Had a groundbreaking at Bow Valley High School for development of school.
- Had modular classrooms allocated to RVS over summer.
  - Five are coming to Cochrane
    - 3 are going to Fireside, two are going to CCA.
  - Now need to submit a modular request to government for next year.
- Decision regarding electoral boundaries coming in October.
- Next two year school calendar feedback will be shared at the following public board meeting.
- Joint school board meeting is upcoming at end of October.
  - Will have speakers regarding career education.
- Expecting some new pieces of education policy coming after government returns from break.

#### c. Friends of Mitford

- Not much change since September meeting.
- Needing members to join.

### 7. Round Table

-Reminder to encourage new parent members to join.

-Make available criminal record check documents, with principal signature, for parents wanting to volunteer.

8. Motion to Adjourn

-7:35

**Next Meeting: November 5th, 2024, at 6:30pm**