

# Mitford School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., Learning Commons

1. **Call to order** – Kari Rose called the meeting to order @ 5:35 p.m.

2. **In Attendance:**

Nancy D., Principal  
Mary M., Vice Principal  
Fiona G., RVS Trustee  
Kari R., Chair

Jaimie A., Vice Chair  
Lisa H., Secretary  
Taylor G., Teacher  
Tracy B., Parent

3. **Review and Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved by Jaimie A, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy B.

4. **Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting**

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes are approved by Jaimie A, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy B.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

6. **Report from Board of Trustees**

*See Attached.*

7. **Friends of Mitford Update** – Nancy D. provided update on behalf of FOM Chair

- FOM has committed to additional 2018/19 school year funds to provide:
  - \$5,000 bursary to assist with CTF/Field Trip fees for qualifying families in need
  - \$10,000 for new technology for classrooms (iPads, etc.)
- FOM has donated funds during the 2018/19 school year to:
  - Make Good Project
  - Upgrades to Foods Lab
- FOM account balance at \$20,000
- No Updates on future fundraisers.

8. **Administration Update:** Nancy D.

- Vision and Mission Statement for Mitford School was drafted 6 years ago when Mitford became a K-8 school. It is administration's desire to seek input on a potential new vision and mission statement that reflects the current school population and RVS's 4 year plan.
- General discussion regarding moving forward with this directive. School Council supports the idea.
- Suggested items that may be missing from the current vision and mission relate to physical fitness – lead to discussion regarding tech free breaks.

9. **New Business**

- Running Club has started. Good student turnout for new club.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

11. Next Meeting(s): **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019** starting at 5:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** Date changed to May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 due to schedule conflicts.

**Mitford School Council  
Trustee's Report  
April 2, 2019**

**Approval of RVS' 2019-2023 Four Year Plan**

Trustees approved the goals, outcomes and design principles identified in RVS' DRAFT 2019 – 2023 Four Year Plan, Innovation by Design. The new plan is based on the hopes and desires of multiple stakeholder groups who provided direct input into the development of a learning narrative and the plan's goals, outcomes, design principles and strategies during an extensive 10-month consultation process.

Goal 1: Connect to passions, interests and people

Outcomes:

Students engage in real-world, hands-on learning experiences that matter to them.

Students demonstrate ownership of their learning.

Goal 2: Achieve their potential

Outcomes:

Students are literate, numerate, and acquire core competencies.

Students meet high expectations and learning outcomes, tailored to their individual capabilities.

Goal 3: Navigate successfully as global citizens

Outcomes:

Students are healthy, safe, resilient and value diversity, cultures and traditions.

Students make a positive difference in their life, school, community and the world

Over the next five months, RVS will identify performance measures for the plan with the intent to find a balance between required provincial measures and local measures that will chart the jurisdiction's progress towards achieving the plan's outcomes. The full plan will return to the Board Table in November 2019 for final approval and submission to the Ministry of Education.

**2019/20 Budget Priorities**

Students continue to be the primary focus of RVS' Board of Trustees, as evidenced by the 2019/20 budget priorities, which emphasize direct classroom instruction, inclusive education, mental health supports and balanced literacy and numeracy skills. Approved by the Board March 7, 2019, the budget priorities are driven by the goals and strategies of RVS' Four Year Plan, to foster innovators in their learning journey while supporting the operational needs of the jurisdiction. RVS' complete 2019/20 budget will be presented for approval in the spring.

**Provincial Election**

It is official that Albertans will be going to the polls on April 16, 2019 for the provincial election. I strongly encourage you to get informed about the candidates running in our area, specifically regarding public education, and the views and campaign platforms of each of the political parties. Cochrane is in a new riding, Airdrie-Cochrane, so we have new candidates.

The Board has put together an election advocacy postcard that lists four non-partisan questions that we are encouraging stakeholders to ask of their candidates. The questions align quite strongly with the Boards Advocacy Priorities for this year. The questions are as follows:

If elected, how will you ensure:

- that every school board in the province is funded equitably?
- the mental health of students is supported?
- supports exist for increasingly complex and diverse classrooms?
- new schools are built for growing jurisdictions?

### **Modular Approvals**

Back in November, the Board requested from Government 39 modular classrooms to support the growing enrollment needs across RVS. RVS has recently been notified that only 7 have been approved for use across the division. Administration is currently working on a plan on how best to use these modulars to accommodate students for the 2019/2020 school year.

### **Prince of Peace School**

Board of Trustees voted, March 7, 2019, to accept SAGE Properties' five-year lease agreement with an 18-month termination clause, subject to approval of the lease by SAGE's Directors. Although this allows RVS to maintain the program for the near future, a long-term solution is required given that the property owners intend to eventually sell the building. Trustees also voted to begin managing the number of students at Prince of Peace, given that Chestermere's current schools are full. Effective immediately no new non-resident students will be accepted.

### **Joint Board School Council Meeting**

Up to 3 members of School Council are invited to attend the Joint Board School Council meeting this Thursday from 5:30-7:30 and the RVS Education Centre in Airdrie. A great opportunity to network with other council members from across the division. Agenda will include discussion on community opportunities in the new four-year plan, education and the upcoming election, and conversation around effective school councils.

### **Upcoming Board Meeting Items**

At this week's Board meeting on Thu April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Board will be considering student transportation fees for 2019/2020 as well as some changes to transportation policy regarding ride a longs and secondary stops. Other items for consideration include 2020/2023 Capital Plan and decision on East Airdrie student accommodation changes. If interested, you can subscribe to "Board Highlights" at <http://trustees.rockyview.ab.ca/subscription-services> to receive timely information on Board decisions.