

Mitford School Council

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Date: Tuesday April 5th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

ZOOM MEETING

Attendance: Peter Fultz, Alisa C., Melinda B.

Melissa E., Karen S., Fiona Gilbert

1. Call to order

6:32 pm

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Approval of the Agenda

1st Melissa E.

2nd Melinda B.

4. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

a) Review

b) Business arising from minutes

c) Approval

1st Melissa E.

2nd Melinda B.

5. Report from Mitford Administration

Principal Report for School Council 05 APR 22 Student Population: 278 Classes: Grade 5 (two classes), Grade 6 (three classes), Grade 7 (two classes), Grade 8 (two classes); Grade 7/8

Blended Class (one class) Athletics: Boys B and Girls B Basketball came to an exciting end. The

Boys and Girls enjoyed great seasons and many thanks are extended to their coaches, Mr.

Lipman and a teacher from CCA. Badminton season is now underway with the support of Coach

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Jackson from CCA. Ski Trip: Mitford is excited that the ski trips to Norquay have arrived after much planning from Mrs. Rowe. Over 100 students have signed up! Due to the huge response, it will now be over two days with grade 7/8 going on April 6th and grade 5/6 going on April 7th.

There were many transportation glitches, but Mitford persevered to ensure this trip happened.

Grade 6 PATs: Alberta Education is proceeding with PATs for grade 6 in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Families will be given unlimited access to [exambank.com](https://www.exambank.com) in the next few weeks as a support for students. It is important to note that this form of assessment will be rather new to students so teachers will be working with them using many supports including [exambank.com](https://www.exambank.com) as well to support students so they are feeling comfortable and confident with the assessment.

Grade 7 & 8 Review Week: With life beginning to return to normal we want to do our best to support our grade 7 and 8 students with the opportunity to both demonstrate and reflect on their learning with culminating projects in the last full week of June. Grade 8 Transition: BVHS and Mitford are planning a day where Mitford students will visit their new school during a school day in May or early June. Transportation will be paid by Mitford School. Details are still being determined. Outdoor Education Building: Mitford School has received tacit approval for an outdoor education building! This building is hoped to be constructed in April with the goal of housing 30 to 35 mountain bikes and our 70 pairs of snowshoes. The purpose would be to provide new opportunities for students and their teacher to easily access these for daily physical activity and/or their CTF courses such as Outdoor Education, Active Living! Mitford will be a submitting a request to FOM for financial support for the purchase of the mountain bikes.

Mitford School is funding the cost of the building with the construction being a collaboration between the RVS Building and Maintenance dept and the RVS Building Futures program.

Tentative Classes for 2022-23: School Spring budgets have been opened with Mitford finalizing its draft budget today. There is the addition of another class. We anticipate three grade 5

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classes, two grade 6 classes, three grade 7 classes, and three grade 8 classes. More details regarding plans for next year will be shared later in the Spring. Thank you School Council: Many thanks to school Council for their generous support in setting up an outstanding presentation for parents. The School Council Sponsored Presentation 15 MAR 22 at 7PM: Opening up communication with your teen, presented by Jen Donovan. It was attended by twelve parents and we hope for greater attendance at future events as life returns to normal. **School Fees**

Consultation: Each year the school sets school fees for the following year in consultation with families. Once that is completed fees are submitted to RVS for the approval of the Board of Trustees. Mitford School is requesting support for a 4% fee increase on most fees. **Future Presentations:** Are there presentations that School Council feels would be valuable for future meetings

6. Report from Board of Trustees

2022/2023 School Year Calendar

In recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Board has altered the 2022/23 calendar to observe Sept. 30, 2022 as a holiday for RVS staff and students. The Board believes it is an important step on our journey towards truth and reconciliation to recognize the history and legacy of residential schools in Canada.

2023-2026 Capital Plan

Trustees approved the 2023-2026 Capital Plan which describes the critical need to provide additional space for students in Airdrie, Cochrane, and Chestermere. The #2 priority is a K-5 school in Cochrane. Full details are posted on the division's website at

https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/about_rvs/plans_results

RVS 2022/2023 Budget

RVS' annual budget is driven by RVS' vision of being a world-class learning organization where all

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students achieve their absolute best. In support of this vision, the Board of Trustees has identified four key priorities to guide the development of this year's budget:

- Improving literacy and numeracy skill development at all levels
- Boosting mental health and wellness for staff and students
- Advancing student success through school level supports
- Enhancing innovative programming and learning spaces for students

The divisional budget will be considered by the Board at its May 26, 2022 public board meeting

Upcoming Meetings

April Public Board meetings will be held on Thu Apr 7 and Thu Apr 28, 2022, beginning at 10am, and are now accessible digitally via zoom at <https://rockyview.zoom.us/my/rvsboard>

For full information on the decisions and work of the Board, please visit

https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/about_rvs/board_of_trustees/agendas_minutes_highlights

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7. Friends of Mitford update – please stay for their meeting to follow

8. Discussion and Planning of a School Council Presentation.

-Melinda asked for opinions of how to spend the remaining \$175 of the grant given. The grant money must be used before the end of June. The idea of purchasing parent resources was brought forward.

9. Round Table - nothing brought forward.

10. Motion to Adjourn

7:20pm

Next Meeting: May 3rd, 2022 6:30pm