

Mitford School Council

Mitford School Council Minutes

Date: Tuesday March 7st, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

LEARNING COMMONS & ZOOM MEETING

- 1. Call to order 6:30 pm**
- 2. Welcome and Introductions**

Melinda

Amanda

Tinille and Devin

Fiona

Brooke

Alexandra

Peter

Melissa- Zoom

- 3. Approval of the Agenda**
Melinda 1st/ Amanda 2nd
- 4. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting**
 - a) Review
 - b) Business arising from minutes
 - c) Approval
-Melissa 1st/ Melinda 2nd

- 5. Report from Mitford Administration**

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Student Population: 324

Classes: Grade 5 (three classes), Grade 5/6 (One Class), Grade 6 (two classes), Grade 7 (three classes), Grade 8 (three classes)

Literacy & Numeracy Focus:

Mitford teachers will be focused on data collection and professional learning to forge a path to support and foster real progress for students impacted by the disruption of learning due to COVID. Mitford will do its best to affect growth and change in these key areas of learning. RVS (Rocky View Schools) Learning Specialists will be facilitating this professional learning with us.

Teachers have been engaged in professional learning through book studies to collaborate on innovative ideas that are research-based to effect change through classroom instruction.

Home Reading Initiative:

As part of our literacy focus in the Mitford Workbook (School Improvement Plan), a home reading program is being developed. It will begin with grade 5 with additional grades added over time. Resources are being purchased and consultation with schools currently running successful programs are underway.

Boundary Accommodation Meeting:

Many thanks to Mitford parents who attended the final public consultation on March 2nd. A reminder that parents are welcome to share feedback online via <https://rvsengage.com/> and you can review the scenarios being considered. Mitford School is one of the schools that will be impacted by the changes. The board of trustees will make their decision on April 27th.

Ski Trips and Active Living:

This week, over 100 students from grades 5/6 and 7/8 are enjoying a full day ski trip to Norquay. Next week 75 students can participate in a full day of varied fitness activities including swimming. We continue to focus on core courses, but we also see the value and importance of active living opportunities for students.

Future Presentations:

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

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6. Report from Board of Trustees

- Board busy working through budget, trying to work through what the provincial budget will mean for RVS.
- Appears to be about a 5% increase for school/student
- Changes to transportation rules and regulations. (Ex. Walking limit)
 - Funding proposed, k-6 who live 1km away will be funded, and 7-12
 - Currently RVS will bus from 1.5 kms or more.
 - Changes must be put in place for September 2023 school year.
- Questions from RVS around the budget for the province and waiting to see budget profile, which will show where dollars are.
- Anticipating about 1000 new kids in the RVS division.
- Funding was given for a francophone school in Airdrie.
- Pre-planning funding for schools in Chestemere and Cochrane.
- RVS is encouraging parents to ask where the capital funding is going if it is not going to schools.
- Capital plan for RVS must be submitted to government by March 31st.
- Requested 32 modular classrooms in November, still waiting on government reply.
- Deadline to submit for school councils funding is end of week
- 23rd of March is
- Powell Street consultation, April 27th will be decision
- New suggestions being included from consultations before decision made by RVS board.

7. Friends of Mitford update

- Going to be having a meeting Tuesday March 21st for updated bi-laws.

8. Discussion and planning of School Council's year ahead

- Figure out ideas for grant money use.

9. Round Table

- Shared funding with CCA?
- Movement of CCA to Powell Street and dual track in Mitford
- Provincial understanding of boundary inclusion and the way they determine student body. (Ex., including Bearspaw, Cochrane, and other areas)

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-Must consider the pressure points in the area and make strategic moves to benefit students.

10. Motion to Adjourn 7:45 pm

Next Meeting: April 4th, 2023