#### Mitford School Council Minutes

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

#### **LEARNING COMMONS & ZOOM MEETING**

In attendance:

Melinda Birmingham- Chair

Brooke Sabourin- Vice-Chair

Alexandra Phillips- Secretary

Fiona Gilbert- RVS

Peter Fultz – School Principal

**Charlotte Tuck- Parent** 

Melissa Evans- Parent

Mike Evans – Parent

Cara- Parent/ Friends of Mitford

Tinille- Parent, Zoom

Karen- Parent, Zoom

Elyse. C.- Parent, Zoom

Shawn-Parent

Anne- Parent

- 1. Call to order 6:36 PM
- 2. Welcome and Introductions

Melinda Birmingham- Chair

Brooke Sabourin- Vice-Chair

Alexandra Phillips- Secretary

- 3. Approval of the Agenda- Melissa/ Brooke 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **4.** Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

Charlotte/ Brooke 2<sup>nd</sup>

- a) Review
- b) Business arising from minutes
- c) Approval
- Report from Mitford Administration Including presentation of the School Workbook (School improvement plan).

Focus's/ Goals for the year.

- -Know learning was disrupted due to covid. Literacy and numeracy levels need improvement. Getting data collection with both through assessments, meant to inform practices and see common trends in both to understand where to focus. Looking at multiple sources to see where kids are at and move them forward.
- -Resource- Thinking Classes (book)
- -Literacy data is being done through data research. Implementing reading groups, teachers are adapting within the classroom.
- -Building connections with our Stoney Nakota neighbours in order to work on reconciliation. Imbedding indigenous leaning into programming.
- -Trying to make learning visible through Power School Portal and My Blueprint so parents can access kids learning activities.
- -Mitford showcase, inviting families into the school to showcase their learning and kids will be able to present their work. (May 31st, TBD)
- -Increase in students for the year. Sitting at 325, more than 50 above, 108% capacity.

- -School Council ideas for School Workbook...
- -Parent ideas for School Workbook...

Improved accessibility to quality paper copies of work for students and parents to use if needed, and greater options to clear high quality online resources.



# **Mittord School**



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# **Principal Report for School Council 07 FEB 23**

Student Population: 325

**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 new ideas that are research-based to effect change through classroom instruction.

#### Mitford Athletics:

Basketball A seasons. Have come to end with basketball B about to begin and grade 6 basketball will soon follow.

#### Clubs and more Clubs:

Students are actively involved in many club opportunities. The list includes the D & D club, Grade 5 Games club, Battle of the Books, Girls Group, Student Leadership, and many more. We encourage all students to find their passion and get involved.

#### **Boundary Accommodation Meeting:**

Mitford parents are encouraged to share their voice through the RVS Public Consultation regarding boundary accommodations that will take effect in September. The final meeting will be at Mitford/CCA on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30PM. Share your thoughts and join the conversation.

#### **Future Presentations:**

Are there presentations that the School Council feels would be valuable for future meetings? Suggestion – PowerSchool/Public Portal/Assessment

- **6.** Report from Board of Trustees
- -Approval of 2022-26 RVS strategic plan

Improving students learning

Strengthening workforce

Bolstering our infrastructure, tech included

Connecting with community

Outcomes and performance measures posted online

- -AERR, division wide report back to the community on how RVS is performing, located on link
- -Continuing to advocate to government regarding influx of kids and population levels in schools.
- -Projecting to grow by another 1000 kids next year.
- -Waiting on Capital projects and budget from province and where RVS will sit.
- -Consultation regarding boundary accommodation through RVS engage.
- -March 23<sup>rd</sup> is an opportunity to present a delegation to the RVS board regarding Powell School location.
- 7. Friends of Mitford update please stay for the meeting to follow
- 8. Discussion and planning of School Council's year ahead
  - -500 grant to use to increase parent participation for Mitford. Trying to think of ideas to support numeracy and literacy at home and with parents.
- 9. Reminder to attend the upcoming Rocky View School Boundary Meeting
  - -March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at Mitford School
- 10. Round Table
  - -Parents voiced concern regarding the PAT assessment testing, and adjustment of questions.

-ls there enough land for new school sites? Yes and no. Yes, for elementary, no for high school.

-ls there possibility for portables to be added to the schools? There is room at some schools, but they may not be attached.

**11.** Motion to Adjourn

8pm

Next Meeting: March 7, 2023