

Mitford School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday February 12th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., Learning Commons

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

In Attendance:

Kari Rose, Chair
Jaimie Anton, Vice Chair
Nancy Dutchik, Principal
Lisa Hill, Secretary

Regrets:

Fiona Gilbert, RVS Trustee

Quorum not met, meeting for information purposes only.

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

The agenda was approved by Jaimie Anton, 2nd by Lisa Hill.

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

The meeting minutes from September, October and November 2018 will be carried over.

The meeting minutes from January 2019 will be carried over.

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

5. **Report from Board of Trustees – Nancy Dutchik on behalf of Fiona Gilbert**

See Attached.

6. **Friends of Mitford Update** – No Update

7. **Administration Update:** Nancy Dutchik

- Tour of CTF exhibits/school
- Intent to change School Council bylaws to reduce the number of parent council meetings required throughout the year – cannot be changed unless we meet quorum.
- Desire to engage parents in focus groups to gather thoughts on direction of the school for 2019/20 school year.

8. **New Business**

None.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

10. Next Meeting(s): **Tuesday, March 5th, 2019** starting at 5:30 p.m.

**Mitford School Council
Trustee's Report
February 2019**

Prince of Peace Lutheran School

RVS' Board of Trustees voted, Feb. 7, 2019, to postpone its deliberation on the future direction of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School until its March 7, 2019, Board Meeting to allow for the Board to properly review the latest lease offer from SAGE Properties received late in the day on Feb 6.

RVS class size report

Findings from the annual Alberta Education Class Size initiative suggests overall, RVS experienced a reduction in class size compared to the 2017/2018 school year. Based on September 30, 2018 enrolment numbers, RVS class size averages for all subjects were as follows:

K – Gr. 3 = **21.4**; Gr. 4 – 6 = **25.1**; Gr. 7 – 9 = **26.2**; Gr. 10 – 12 = **24.6**.

There are a variety of factors that can influence class sizes, including but not limited to student enrolment growth, French immersion dual-track schools, the establishment of new programs and individual school student enrolment breakdown. Please note that these statistics reflect classroom teacher-student ratios only. They do not include support staff such as child development advisors, guidance counsellors, classroom assistant, literacy specialists, etc.

Westbrook School – donations approved for gym expansion

RVS' Board of Trustees approved to accept \$200,000 in donations from Friends of Westbrook Society and Rocky View County (\$100K each) that will be allocated towards expanding the gym in the new Westbrook School. RVS' initial plans were to construct a 430m² gymnasium, the provincial standard for a 250-student capacity school. However, feedback garnered from community stakeholders identified that the school and the community could both benefit from a larger gym, allowing for the addition of bleachers.

New name for Hillcrest community K – Gr. 8 school

After being presented with two recommendations from RVS' Hillcrest Area School Ad Hoc Naming Committee, Feb. 7, 2019, Trustees voted in favour of naming the school Northcott Prairie School. Two names had been put forward for consideration: Northcott Prairie School and Hillcrest Point School. The City of Airdrie's Community Development group put forward Northcott School as Northcott represents two prominent Airdrie families. The naming committee added Prairie to the name as it gives homage to the history of the school's location and recognizes the environmental features that will be included in the school design.

Infrastructure/Maintenance Renewal Project Recommendations

Each year, Alberta Education allocates dedicated funding to school authorities for Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) projects. RVS received just over \$5 million from the province for 2018/19 and had approximately \$3.3million in carryover from the previous year. This brought the total available IMR budget to just under \$8.5 million. Based on recommendations made by the Department of Business and Operations, the Board of Trustees approved the 2018/19 IMR

budget on Jan 24, 2019. With its IMR funding, RVS will make upgrades to lighting, flooring, HVAC systems, roofing and washrooms. Funding also will be allocated towards Indus School's modernization.

Support for Alberta School Councils Association AGM & Conference

The Board recently announced funding support for school councils to attend the ASCA AGM and Conference in Edmonton at the end of April. The response from school councils was tremendous and while we were unable to fund everyone who applied, the Board is pleased to be able to fund 14 parents from around the division to attend. Locally, Glenbow and Elizabeth Barrett School Councils have both been awarded monies to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

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