

MITFORD SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Mitford School Council

Tuesday February 2, 2021 6:30pm, Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Melinda B, Melissa E, Peter F, Brianna S, Fiona G, Jaimie A, Karen S

1. Call to order at 6:30pm
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Jaimie Second: Melinda Approved

4. Minutes from Previous Meeting – January 5, 2021
 - a) Review
 - b) Business arising from minutes
 - c) Approval

Motion: Jaimie Second: Melissa Approved

5. Mitford Administration Update

Principal Report for School Council 02 FEB 21

Student Population: 206

Classes: In-School Grade 6 (two classes), Grade 7 (two classes), Grade 8 (two classes); Online Grade 7 (one class), Grade 8 (one class)

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RVS Online vs. In School Parent choices

Many thanks to families for working with us regarding family choice for online or in-school learning. We have seven students moving to RVS Online and eight students returning to in-school learning at Mitford. Any new online students or new students in-school for second half will begin 08 FEB 21.

Updated Mitford Daily Practice Guide & Daily Health Check Screening

As of 05 JAN 21 [covid-19-information-alberta-health-daily-checklist.pdf](#)

Grade 6, 7 & 8 CTF (Options)

Term 2 Options are underway with term 3 to begin March 19th. In the Spring we will provide an opportunity for students to begin the selection process for CFT Option courses for 2021-2022. More information to follow in March.

Staff Professional learning

The social emotional wellbeing of our students continues to be a high professional learning priority. On January 29th, all staff participated in QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) Training. This training provided practical and proven suicide prevention training. Further training for select staff will further enhance our training level at Mitford School to support our students.

Mitford Playbook (Formerly known as the School Education Plan)

The feedback of students and parents was appreciated through the Parent & Student Insights surveys. School Council and parent feedback is curial to forging

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a school community that supports every learner and every family with the people and resources available.

Mitford Grows in 2021-22

Our current enrolment is 206, but our initial numbers for next year with the addition of grade 5 and students from Heartland will bring us to approximately 312 with more growth in the years to follow. This means a 51% increase in our student population for next year which we welcome with great excitement and enthusiasm.

These preliminary numbers indicate tentative class configurations of Grade 5 (2), Grade 5/6 (1), Grade 6 (2), Grade 7 (3), Grade 8 (3). Please be advised that these numbers are preliminary, but they do provide some guidance on our early planning to accommodate our growing student population.

Future Presentations:

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

Peter also mentioned not in his report that the FM systems have been installed in every classroom and also that the School Wide Behavior Matrix has been rolled out. We can see the link in the Beats and Buzz

6. Report from Board of Trustees – Fiona Gilbert

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Learning Mode Transition

Focus for the last little while has been the transition between learning modes – online to in person and vice versa. Division wide, at the elementary/middle school grades, there was little impact as the same number of students moved to online that moved to in-person. High school was a little different with about 300 additional students choosing to move to online learning. This resulted in some staff changes at the high school levels. Switch happens for K-8 students as of [Feb 8th](#).

Budget Adjustment

The Board approved a budget adjustment in January that reflects modifications and adjustments to the RVS operating budget based on additional revenue and expenses mainly associated with COVID19. The most significant changes came from the additional \$9.3 million Canada Safe Return to School funds received in September, and the Boards decision in August to utilize some additional dollars from reserves to ensure appropriate levels of caretakers and cleaning supplies/PPE/sanitizer. RVS anticipates using \$5.3 million from reserves in the 2020/2021 school year to offset additional costs and reduced revenue.

Board Policies

The Board continues their work ensuring that RVS policies reflect the new

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Education Act, current practice, and desires of our stakeholders. Most recent policy to be updated is BP13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters. The changes aligned the policy with new Education Act rules regarding student expulsions as well as provided clarity as to who could appeal to the board.

Advocacy

The Board continues to share our advocacy priorities with our partners and stakeholders and has recently met with Town of Cochrane and City of Chestermere. The Board also participated in a ½ day PL session on Shaping Government Policy – Having Your Voice Heard.

ASCA AGM and Conference

This year's conference and AGM take place [April 23-25](#) via a digital platform. Full info on the conference can be found at www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca. The Board is again supporting school councils to participate. Look for an email from your principal soon with details on registration process.

Joint Board School Council meeting

Next one is set for [Thu March 25](#) and will take place via Zoom from 6:30-

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8pm. Invites and agenda will be sent out at the end of February so stay tuned for more information.

7. Friends of Mitford Update – Melinda updated everyone from an email that Karen sent. FOM have given the school the cheque for the payment of the sound systems, the board are looking into some new fundraiser ideas which they are hoping to role out, more info to come

Regarding the casino they have been advised that the AGLC will be in contact closer to the time but they cannot confirm yet when we may have the opportunity to do it.

8. Round Table – No questions or comments.
9. Motion to Adjourn – 7:05pm

Next meeting Tuesday March 2, 2021