

Mitford School Council

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Date: Tuesday June 7th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

LEARNING COMMONS & ZOOM MEETING

**Fiona Gilbert, Brianna Storey, Peter Fultz, Karen S., Melissa E.,
Jasmine S., Melinda B.**

1. Call to order **6:34pm**
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Friends of Mitford update – **Karen updated that FOM had voted to approve \$27,000 on mountain bikes to be purchased through Bike Bro's in town. This leaves \$10,000 left in the casino fund. The plant fundraiser made \$708.63. This helped pay for the band field trip and the grade 8 photographer for portraits.**
4. Approval of the Agenda - **Melissa motion to be approved, Melinda 2nd**
5. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting – **May minutes to be approved with the addition of the Board of Trustee Report to be added once received. Melissa motion to be approved, Melinda 2nd**
 - a) Review
 - b) Business arising from minutes
 - c) Approval
6. Report from Mitford Administration



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Student Population: 281

Classes: Grade 5 (two classes), Grade 6 (three classes), Grade 7 (two classes), Grade 8 (two classes); Grade 7/8 Blended Class (one class)

Grade 8 Farewell:

Grade 8 Families have stepped forward to help with what we know will be a wonderful evening for the students. There will be a Grade 8 Farewell ceremony on June 16th at 6PM that will include the presentation of grade 8 farewell certificates followed by a slide show of memories from their time at Mitford. A dance will follow from 7-9PM following their chosen Neon theme. Many thanks for the community effort to make this event happen.

Mitford Awards Assembly:

Families are welcome to join us on June 27th for our Mitford Awards assembly in the Gym at 12:30PM.

Grade 6 PATs:

Alberta Education is proceeding with PATs for grade 6 in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Families have been given unlimited access to exambank.com for use at home 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 and Quest A + to support students so they are feeling comfortable and confident with this form of assessment.

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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.

Transitions:

As a part of supporting transitions Student Leaders and staff visited with incoming grade 5s from both Glenbow and Elizabeth Barrett. An Open House at Mitford was also held, and it was very well attended. Grade 4s also came for a visit during the school day on Tuesday, June 7th. BVHS did an information session for grade 8s in March regarding their transition and held an Open House soon after for families with students transitioning to grade 9.

Outdoor Education Building Update:

RVS Building and Maintenance will complete construction of the new outbuilding by September. The Friends of Mitford has funded the purchase of twenty-five mountain bikes with Mitford funding an additional three. Mitford continues to be very appreciative of the support of the Friends of Mitford for many great ways to support students and the school.

Classes and Schedules for 2022/23:

We can confirm that based upon the finalized Mitford Spring budget there will be three grade 5 classes, two grade 6 classes, three grade 7 classes, and three grade 8 classes. The process to begin scheduling for next year including preparation for CTF registration for grade 7 and 8 students is underway. CTF registration has taken place and we are excited to continue to offer many different options for CTF courses.

Future Presentations:

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

– including information on how class lists are decided for the following school

year - **Teachers and administrators all help and review class lists. A**

learning reflection is completed by each student and includes who they

work well with and who they don't. Class lists look at balancing social and

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emotional needs as well as a male/female balance. In September there were adjustments made due to Covid, but there will not be the same adjustments made this upcoming year. For a more complete report of how class lists are decided please see the Beats and Buzz.

-Staggered entry again this year. Grade 5/6 September 1st and Grade 7/8 September 2nd.

8. Report from Board of Trustees –

Trustee Gilbert shared an update from the Board. For highlights, please visit

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

9. Discussion of use of grant money for the purchase of parent resources

- **Melinda shared book options to purchase for parent resources to be accessed at Mitford. Books presented were Parenting Your Transgender Teen by Andrew Maxwell Triska, When Your Teen Has an Eating Disorder by Lauren Muhlheim, 50 Questions to Ask Your Teen by Daisy Turnbull, Start Here A Parents Guide to Helping Children and Teens Through Mental Health Challenges From The Hospital for Sick Kids and Focused ADHD & ADD Parenting Strategies by Blythe Grossberg. Melissa to recommend a different book to purchase for ADHD and ADD for purchase, otherwise no objection to book selection. Melinda to use \$125 left in the grant to purchase the books.**

10. Discussion about how to increase participation at School Council meetings

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-Melinda discussed that the executive team had discussed the possibility of having classroom or grade parents volunteer as School Council

Representatives starting in the fall to attend meetings.

Brianna suggested that the teachers add the request to their communication with the parents as opposed from it coming from the office.

Fiona suggested creating a communication from the parent rep. to the class families.

11.Round Table - nothing brought forward

12.Motion to Adjourn – 7:14pm

Next Meeting: September 6th, 2022 6:30pm to be in person and zoom.