

Mitford School Council Meeting Minutes

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

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

In Attendance:

Nancy D., Principal
Mary M., Assistant Principal
Fiona G., RVS Trustee
Kari R., Chair
Jaimie A., Vice Chair
Lisa H., Secretary

Tracy B., Parent
Ken G., Parent
Vahri C., Parent
Taylor G, Teacher
Ginger M., Teacher

Dawson G., Student
Owen R., Student
Bryce C., Student
Logan C., Student
Daniel H., Student

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

An oral agenda was delivered. The agenda was approved by Jaimie A., 2nd by Lisa H..

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

The minutes from the September meeting have not been prepared or reviewed.

October, November 2018 and January, February 2019 meeting minutes have been accepted and approved.

The minutes were approved by Tracy B., 2nd by Kari R..

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

5. **Report from Board of Trustees – Fiona G.**

- The School Board has not met since our last meeting, therefore no official new Board news.
- Anticipate that March 7 meeting will include deliberations on Prince of Peace School. Late lease proposal received.
- Anticipate final review and acceptance of 4 year plan on March 7. Next steps are to discuss implementation and set action committees.
- 3 year plan to Alberta Education is due April 1
- Anticipate that budget priorities will be on the March 7 agenda. Budgets are uncertain with election date announcement being anticipated shortly. Board moving forward with “status quo thinking” for future budgets
- RVS election priorities discussed on information cards discussing talking points prepared by the election advocacy committee

6. **Administration Report – Nancy D.**

Potential Science Program

- 7-8 schools in Calgary offering an enriched science program
- Goal to determine the desire to develop a similar program at Mitford
- Intent to engage students, staff and parents to gauge interest in a STEM/STEAM program
- Program geared to students in our community, would like to explore possibility of opening program up to other students in Cochrane
- Hands on learning in science and math
- Opportunities for academic competitions
- Fiona suggested inviting Grade 5 parents to participate in the discussion

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Job Fair

- Link learning to careers
- Looking for parents to share information on their careers

7. Student Presentation – Make Good Project

- Presentation by Dawson G., Owen R., Bryce C. and Logan C.
- Make Good Project goal was to improve mental health in our school and community
- Students brainstormed big ideas and project leaders assisted in making them student capable
- Mental Health in our school and community were considered
- Examples of projects included enhancement of the re-boot room, which is open to all students and creating colouring pages for local seniors to create fun activities for community members.
- The re-boot is an inviting, quiet space. The students wanted to make it more welcoming. This was achieved through a mindfulness station for meditation and a check in system (feelings poster)
- Students created a community pod cast on mental health and wellness, to listen: <https://soundcloud.com/makeyourselfgooder/make-yourself-gooder-podcast-episode-1>
- For more information: www.makegoodintheighbourhood.org

8. Friends of Mitford Update – No Update

9. Volunteer Coordination – No Update.

10. New Business

- Desire to change the Council bylaws to adjust the number and frequency of meetings – Fiona to be a resource as required.
- Invite Grade 5 parents to future council meetings to attract more parents, include parent tour of school
- Mitford's Got Talent needs judges (April 18)
- May 10 – information sessions on Mental Health, volunteers required to teach a session

11. The meeting was adjourned at 6.35 p.m.

12. Next Meeting(s): Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019 starting at 5:30 p.m.