

# Mitford School Council

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Date: Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

### ZOOM MEETING

1. Call to order: 6:33pm
2. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Karen, Cara , Alisa, Melinda, Fiona, Melinda, Peter, Melissa

3. Approval of the Agenda  
Melinda B., Melissa E.
4. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting  
Melinda B. , Melissa E.
  - a) Review
  - b) Business arising from minutes
  - c) Approval
5. Report from Mitford Administration:

## Principal Report for School Council 03 MAY 22

**Student Population:** 278

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

### **Athletics:**

Many thanks to Mr. Jackson from CCA for coaching both the Mitford and CCA badminton teams!

Track & Field is now underway for the first time since 2019 due to the pandemic. Mrs. Sekulich has taken the lead on organizing the teams and the Mitford/CCA school track meet in preparation for regional meets. Student participation is looking very promising. Encourage your children to take part.

### **Grade 6 PATs:**

Alberta Education is proceeding with PATs for grade 6 in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Families will be given unlimited access to exambank.com in the next few weeks 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 as

well to support students so they are feeling comfortable and confident with the assessment.

### **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.

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## **Grade 8 Transition:**

BVHS and Mitford are planning a day where Mitford students will visit their new school during a school day in May or early June. Transportation will be paid by Mitford School. Details are still being determined.

## **Outdoor Education Building Update:**

RVS Building and Maintenance will begin the work of construction in May. Just one last permit to

secure. We hope that the RVS Building Futures program will still be able to support the completion of this project. The vision is for this to be a true RVS community effort.

## **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 will take place in late May or early June.

## **RVS Education Plan (4YP) Survey**

Rocky View Schools (RVS) wants to hear from students, parents, and staff on how your child/children are doing and where the division and our school can improve! Please share your feedback with us through an anonymous online survey measuring how we are performing on the

goals and outcomes of our system education plan (Four-Year Plan). The survey is open May 2 to 15 and students will be provided with an opportunity to complete it at school. Results are published in school workbooks and in RVS' Annual Education Results Report. These reporting tools are designed to showcase how we are progressing and areas we can improve.

### **[SURVEY LINK](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EducationPlanSurveyParentsStaffCommunity)**

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There are three new questions at the end of the survey to gather feedback on stakeholders' needs and desires from their school, RVS and/or education. This input will help to develop a strategic plan that will guide the division for four years.

We encourage you to complete the 10 to 15-minute survey (one for each child you have attending an RVS school) to share your perspective.

## **Future Presentations:**

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

- Grade 7 -8, no final exams, will be a review, Bow Valley high school following suit.
- RVS 4 year plan survey, unlike AB Survey, survey not just for grade 7 students, but for all families. Mitford administration looks at these results closely.
- New CDA Full time (FT) for 3 months, Mitford School hoping to have her back next year, if not asking for her in the next year's budget for PT. Mr. Fultz looking at this closely, aware of mental wellness needs in the school and will be seeking funding from other sources.

## **6. Report from Board of Trustees:**

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

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- No modular projects given this year to RVS, asked for 8, and 10 moves.
  - Board will fund the 10 moves with their funding but this takes away from other projects.
- Approval received modular moves from Airdrie.
  - Mitford to receive 2 modulars, non attached. Each municipality has their own criteria, shouldn't impact community resident views and will be put in a different spot than previous modulars.
- Mr. Fultz and Building Maintenance Team looking into issue with the poor grass seeding success in the old modular spots,
- Fiona Shared screen for presentation: Regarding the RVS 4 Strategic year plan survey, highlighting the Board is looking for further RVS family engagement in the development of the strategic plan, 1 year ago started this. Divisional strategic plan, vision for 4-5 years. Need participation and input from parents, it matters. 10-15 minutes. Share with anyone you know that uses RVS. Feedback used to guide the RVS plan. Draft in Sept. to come back to school council as a second engagement, to see if understanding is cohesive. Then go back and revise. This can be accessed by RVS website, new story piece.
- Bus Transportation: \$325.00/person
  - Grant received transportation funding, this was appreciated, the board was able to offer an early bird discount, \$40.00 off.
- Budget: school fees coming to board next week, and community use fees, once approved then the board will do their budget. Budget will come forward at end of May.
- Calendar: emails went out to survey families.
- Curriculum: K-3 English, Math, K-6 PE, Wellness, limited piloted. 2023 English, Math K-6.
- Question brought forth by Melinda re PE Curriculum in regards to Fitness testing: "where do those standards come from?"

Fiona and Mr. Fultz reported comes from AB gov Education dept. Concerns were brought up re when were these standards reviewed. The answer would be to review the new PE curriculum for 2023, and to email the AB gov Education Dept.

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Mr. Fultz agreed that fitness testing should not be graded as a one size fits all, but to recognize the potential that every child has. Melinda agreed and offered the question of having a baseline at the beginning of the class, then have activities on developing these activities in the fitness testing and grading them if there is improvement.

Melissa agreed and reported even though Mr. Fultz does not want kids to be discouraged by fitness testing that the students have been very aware of the standards to meet mastering levels ie the # laps, # sit-ups...

Mr. Fultz will discuss with PE teachers re reviewing how kids are assessed and marked in RTR.

7. Friends of Mitford update – please stay for their meeting to follow

8. Round Table:

- Melinda: discussed need to use up rest of School council grant remaining \$125.00. Input for usage for funds has been requested from Ms. McMannis. Mr. Fultz will talk to her this week, need to approve usage of funds next School council meeting June/22  
Motion: pending collaboration with school council, Mental Wellness resources will be planned to be purchased, June meeting will need approval.
- Karen and Melinda approved for resources.
- Discussion had regarding postponing AGM for Oct. 2022, to focus on increasing participation/involvement in school council from Mitford families. This was approved.
- FOM agreed they wanted to continue their meeting time after council meeting. Karen agreed in person meetings maybe required to increase involvement, FOM will be there. Melinda will come up with a few dates and email Fiona
- Re Mitford Open House June/22, August/22. Fiona mentioned open house in August, would be good to have School council representation out. Mr. Fultz having presentation for Glenbow grade 4 class on June 1 and handing out welcome package. He offered to include a school council and FOM information to put in package. Karen agreed will have something made up and Melinda and Melissa will do for school council. On the evening of June 1/22 Mitford is having a parent open house and school council and FOM welcome to attend to do a presentation.
- Fiona: recommended to have Glenbow parents invited to attend June/22 school council meeting

9. Motion to Adjourn: 7:22pm

**10. Next Meeting: June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:30pm and FOM will attend 7:00pm for a possible in person meeting, to be confirmed.**

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