

Mitford School Council AGENDA

Date: Tuesday November 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

ZOOM MEETING

Attendance: Carol S, Hazel C, Melissa E, Karen S,
Melinda B, Fiona G, Alisa C, Peter F

1. Call to order

6:34pm

2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of the Agenda

1st Karen S 2nd Hazel C

4. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - a. Review
 - b. Business arising from minutes
 - c. Approval

1st Hazel C 2nd Melinda B

5. Report from Mitford Administration

Principal Report for School Council 02 NOV 21

Student Population: 276

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

Updated 2021/22 Return to School Operational Plan:

The RVS School Re-Entry Plan is available on our Rocky View website at

https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/school_2021/plans/normal-operations_2021. Families are encouraged to review the information as it was updated as of September 6th. Questions can be directed to the Mitford office for any clarification. Families are asked that the Alberta Health checklist is completed daily to determine if children should attend school. This continues to be a school community's best means of preventing the transmission of COVID in the school setting.

Friends of Mitford Needs Your Help

Help needed! The Friends of Mitford Society will be hosting a Casino fundraiser on December 7 & 8!

All funds raised will directly benefit the students in the school community. In the past funds have been approved by FOM for technology including the only laser cutter in an RVS Middle school, bus costs for extra curricular events, the Mitford band program, and future projects could include additional outdoor education equipment and technology devices for students!

The casino is on December 7th & 8th at Ace Casino, 1010 42 Ave SE, Calgary, AB T2G 1Z4.

We will require the following volunteers:

- 4 people for the day shift for both days, times will be 10.45-7pm
- 4 people for the evening shift both days, times will be 6.30 - close (approx 3am)

· 4 people for the count room each day, times will be 11pm-3.15/30 am People who want to volunteer can email us at friendsofmitford@gmail.com.

Student Success Plans (IPPs)

Student Success Plans are now complete. Families will receive information this week regarding signing off. Many thanks to families working with the school to ensure meaningful learning goals and strategies to support growth and progress for your child. Collaboration is essential in supporting what is best for students.

Athletics:

Junior A Volleyball and Grade 6 Volleyball seasons are coming to an exciting end soon.

Divisionals are being hosted by Mitford/CCA this week. Basketball will soon begin. Families are asked to consider coaching when opportunities arise. Coaching needs are always communicated in the Beats & Buzz.

Healthy Me Program (Calgary Centre for Sexuality)

We are a nationally recognized, community-based non-profit organization, delivering evidence-informed prevention and health promotion programs and services that support healthy bodies, healthy relationships, and healthy communities. We are excited to announce our partnership with Mitford School to offer your child an opportunity to participate in the Healthy Me Program.

The Healthy Me Program is an innovative, promising practice program designed and run by the Centre for Sexuality, to give girls the information and tools they need to grow into healthy women. Healthy Me Program creates a non-judgmental space for participants to explore topics like mental health, puberty, friendships, stereotypes, and media.

On November 2, 2021, girl-identified students in grade 5 and 6 at Mitford School will be presented with information about the Healthy Me Program, so they may decide whether they are interested in enrolling. Following the presentation, we will follow up with you by sending an information package and link to our online registration form for you to complete if your child expresses a desire to participate in the Healthy Me Program. Participation is completely voluntary and requires your consent as parent/guardian.

If you have additional questions after receiving our forthcoming information and registration package, please feel free to reach out to our Gender Specific Programs team lead Mehnaz Rehmani at mrehmani@centreforsexuality.ca.

PBIS:

As a part of our focus on positive behavior intervention support, the school PBIS committee will be inviting students to join so their perspective can continue to be represented in this important part of Mitford School culture. Staff will continue to model and teach regarding the agreed upon behavior guidelines as decided from student and community consultations last year.

Limited Field Trips:

When connected to curriculum and permissible based upon venue COVID protocols, excursions are being planned. It is hoped that guidelines may adjust as we progress through the school depending upon COVID. CTF Active Living will be swimming at Genesis Place on November 16 and 18. Information will be coming home soon.

Future Presentations:

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

6. Report from Board of Trustees

November 2021 Council Report

Welcome to a new Board

Welcome and congratulations to recently elected trustees who have been selected to represent their community as a member of the Board of Trustees for the 2021-2025 term. The new Board was sworn in at its organizational meeting on Oct. 28, where trustees elected a Chair (Fiona Gilbert) and Vice-Chair (Norma Lang) from among their ranks, as well as appointed members to various committee roles.

Draft K-6 Curriculum Parent Focus Groups

The Alberta government has announced that they will introduce a new Kindergarten to Grade 6 curriculum for all elementary schools across the province starting in the 2022/23 school year. Rocky View Schools (RVS) would like to hear from parents/guardians who have children in these grades and then share that feedback with government prior to government finalizing the K-6 curriculum. This feedback will be collected through facilitated small group discussions held virtually on Zoom with the last one scheduled for Nov 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Please call 403.945.4031 to register.

Modulars

Every year at the end of October, RVS submits a Modular Unit Request to government asking for modular classrooms for the coming year. This year, RVS is requesting 18 modular units (aka portables) – 2 @ Mitford, 4 @ Fireside, 6 @ Northcott Prairie and 6 @ George MacDougall HS. RVS continues to experience areas of growth that modular classrooms can help address. While securing these modular units helps to alleviate space constraints in some schools, RVS continues to require new schools to be built in alignment with the needs of growing communities with increasing student populations.

New COVID-19 Hazard Reduction Administrative Procedure

A new Administrative Procedure, AP 173 – COVID-19 Hazard Reduction, requires all individuals 18 years or older who are NOT students in RVS to either show proof of being fully immunized or provide a recent negative COVID-19 rapid test result to access RVS schools or facilities starting Jan. 3, 2022. The Board recognizes that not everyone will agree with the approach that RVS is taking. The decision to require proof of vaccination or a negative test was made in response to the government's request of all school divisions and in support of our commitment to measures that reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in our schools. The implementation of AP173 is another important step in RVS' multi-layer approach to keep the 26,600+ students in our care safe and in school, and to protect our 2,600+ staff.

Save the Date – the next Joint Board School Council Meeting is taking place on Thu Nov 25th at 6:30pm via Zoom. Invitations have gone out to school principals and council chairs. Please register in advance.

7. Friends of Mitford

please stay for their meeting that will follow

8. Discussion and Planning of School Council Presentations
9. Round Table
10. Motion to Adjourn

7:08pm

Next Meeting: February 1, 2022 6:30pm