

Mitford School Council

Mitford School Council Minutes

Date: Tuesday October 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

ZOOM MEETING

Attendance: **Alisa C, Peter F, Melinda B, Melissa E, Shelley R, Janis R, Sarah R, Heather V, Karen S, Ivy, Anne H,**

1. Call to order

6:31 pm

2. Welcome and Introductions

Peter Fultz – Principal

Melinda Birmingham – Chair

Melissa Evans – Vice Chair

Alisa Chartier -Secretary

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Karen S 2nd: Anne H

4. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

a) Review

b) Business arising from minutes

c) Approval

Meeting from May 2021

Motion: Karen S 2nd: Anne H

Meeting in Sept 2021

Motion: Karen S 2nd: Melissa E

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5. Presentation of Parent Portal and My Blueprint

Presentation Outline:

PowerSchool:

- **All teachers and classes should appear**
- **Classes without a grade may still have information – click on the dash to open tasks, likewise for the grade**
- **Click on the last tab to view comments or assignment information**
- **To view skills / breakdown of grade, click on the mini ‘chart’ to expand the details; a dash means the skill was not assessed (yet)**
- **If a task is formative, it may appear as ‘exempt’ with an orange start; Exempt could also mean a student wasn’t assessed on the skill due to absence or personalized learning goals**
- **Check with your classroom teacher if things don’t make sense, are missing or you’re not sure how to interpret the comments / grades;**

My Blueprint:

- **Resource for showcasing learning; can only be viewed by the teacher and persons with the student’s login information; can only be built / altered by the student when logged in**
- **Tasks relating towards future employment are embedded with prize incentives**

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- **Students can post assignments that showcase their learning, or specific learning goals**
- **MyBlueprint can be used as a report card to show growth and achievement for students on alternative learning plans whose goals and developments are not charted using the PowerSchool model (ie: images of student work may be uploaded to demonstrate growth in areas monitored on an SSP but not necessarily in an academic course setting).**
- **Goals, layout and design are age-appropriate, divided into primary, intermediate and middle – high school portfolios.**

6. Report from Mitford Administration

Principal Report for School Council 05 OCT 2

Student Population: 275

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

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continues to be a school community's best means of preventing the transmission of COVID in the school setting.

Public Portal:

Families will be able to see ongoing student progress through the Public Portal (PowerSchool) throughout the school year. A refresher for families regarding assessment and the communication of learning will be shared in the next two weeks.

Literacy Support:

Each school year, a benchmark literacy assessment is completed to gauge where students are at in terms of their literacy skills and progress. This is one tool that teachers use to determine how best to support the identified literacy need of students. After Thanksgiving small group literacy support will begin as an additional support to classroom instruction. Should your child be identified as a student that could benefit from this additional support you would be notified by our learning support team.

Mitford Guidance Counsellor:

The new 0.5 Mitford Guidance Counsellor, Ms. Chan will begin in her new role on October 12th. This position will strengthen our learning support team and our capacity to meet the social emotional needs of our students.

Athletics:

It was a great start to the RVS sports season with great participation in grade 6 soccer, girls, and boys Volleyball, as well as cross country running! Thanks to our volunteer coaches for supporting the kids!

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Terry Fox Run:

Mitford Lions raised \$1595 in support of cancer research from the Terry Fox Run. The total was just short of our goal which would have meant a cool challenge for Mr. Fultz to have to endure. Maybe next year!

CTF:

Our joint CTF courses with CCA are well underway with many different opportunities for students to explore their passions and interests. It includes over 15 courses with a total of 54 scheduled classes over our three terms. While field trips have been halted, we can still bring the activities to us such as a local Cochrane Karate club currently bringing Karate to the Active Living class.

Future Presentations:

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

7. Report from Board of Trustees

No update

8. Friends of Mitford update

5 volunteers needed to get casino licencing approval (2 more names needed) Licencing approval needed 2 months prior to casino date

8-day volunteers needed

8-night volunteers needed

Must have proof of vaccine to volunteer

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9. Round Table

New provincial school Covid protocols

10. Motion to Adjourn 7:49pm

Next Meeting: November 2, 2021 6:30pm