

Meeting Minutes

Mitford School Council

Tuesday November 3, 2020 6:30pm, Zoom Meeting

1. Call to order
 - a. Time: 6:31 pm
2. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Attendance: Melinda, Melissa, Brent, Peter, Brianna, Fiona, Jaimie
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion: Brent
 - b. Seconded: Jaimie
 - i. Approved
4. Minutes from Previous Meeting – October 6, 2020
 - a) Review
 - b) Business arising from minutes
 - c) Approval
 - a. Motion: Brent
 - b. Second: Jaimie
 - i. Approved
5. Mitford Administration Update

Principal Report for School Council 03 NOV 20

Student Population: 204

Classes: In-School Grade 6 (two classes), Grade 7 (two classes), Grade 8 (two classes);
Online

Grade 7 (one class), Grade 8 (one class)

In-School Learning

Mitford School has aligned its start up plans in accordance with guidance from RVS [Scenario 1](#). Our hope is to remain in this scenario for the school year, but we are ready to adjust to other scenarios should that be determined as necessary by Alberta Health Services.

Online Learning

To accommodate families who are not comfortable having their child attend in person schooling, RVS is providing an Online Learning option for the 2020/21 school year. Information regarding RVS online learning is found on the RVS website.

Updated Mitford Daily Practice Guide & Daily Health Check Screening

As of 03 NOV 20 [covid-19-information-alberta-health-daily-checklist.pdf](#)

Halloween Spirit Day

We had wonderful participation with our school spirit activities on Oct. 30th with our in-school students. It continues to be challenging to engage our online students with these special events. We will continue our best to involve them as our online students are an important part of our school community. Students participated in a costume contest as well as homeroom TikTok style performances.

Pandemic Funds from the Federal Government

Schools have been allocated \$79 per student (\$16 116) to support schools through the COVID situation. After consultation with staff, students, and some parents Admin is recommending those funds be allocated to partially fund another Learning Assistant that will connect with some of our online students as well as students in school. Additional student support in this regard is intended to reduce stress and at a time when increased support is needed. The remaining cost of the position would be covered from school carryover.

Parent feedback on this proposal is welcome. Final approval of the use of the funds will be made

by the RVS Schools Department.

Grade 6, 7 & 8 CTF (Options)

Option classes are going well. Teachers have adapted to our new reality, but students are engaging in the new variations of Option classes available. Term 2 is tentatively set to begin for early December. Changes are still being made to reflect the number of students that have moved online.

Real Time Reporting has arrived! What does this mean?

1. Teachers will be sharing ongoing student assessment a minimum of every two weeks through the PowerSchool Public Portal.
2. Teachers will provide regular feedback through comments when appropriate for completed student work on the Public Portal.
3. Three-way conferences will still be happening twice during the school year a usual so students, teachers, and parents can connect regarding student learning.
4. The primary difference will be having only one report card in June as opposed to three throughout the year. That said, families will actually see far more feedback from teachers because of the ongoing and frequent publishing of student assessment and progress through the Public Portal.
5. Teachers will be frequently reporting on student progress with the outcomes that are required for each subject area using both formative assessment (which is more practice) and summative assessment which will have an indicator (Limited, Beginning, Emerging, Progressing, Advancing, or Mastering).
6. Students will be using myBlueprint, their web-based portfolio to share and reflect on their student learning. Ask your children about how to access myBlueprint.

PARENTS! Please review the Real Time Reporting Parent Guide for more detailed information.

There are helpful links in the Parent Guide. Admin will be offering a presentation of Real Time Reporting at the next School Council Meeting.

Real Time Reporting Parent Guide

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

6. Report from Board of Trustees – Fiona Gilbert

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Government of Canada Safe Return to Class Fund

On August 26, 2020, the Government of Canada funding to support schools to cover additional costs for COVID-related measures. From this fund, \$9,285,850 is being directed to Rocky View Schools (RVS). Trustees approved the jurisdiction's spending plan as follows:

- \$2.8 million in additional teacher staffing to support online offerings and address class pressures now and in February 2021
- \$2 million directly to schools for the principal, in consultation with their school community, to decide how to best address local issues related to COVID-19
- \$2 million for additional substitute teachers resulting from COVID-19 related absences;
- \$1 million for centrally funded personal PPE and sanitizer;
- \$900K to maintain bus routes (that could be combined) to minimize the number of riders on the bus;
- \$400K for additional online curriculum resources, technical support and equipment to better support those working from home; and
- \$200K for Education Centre staff to support schools and departments with additional hiring needs as a result of COVID-19 and to help schools with confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Enrolment Numbers Summary for 2020/2021

As of Sept. 30, 2020, RVS had a total enrolment count of 25,289 students, a decrease of 348 students (-1.36%) from the previous school year. This is a new phenomenon for RVS as historically we have grown 3-5% annually. The Sept. 30 enrolment count includes:

- 21,264 in-class students;
- 3,074 online students;
- 629 Community Learning Centre (CLC) students, of which 307 are homeschooled and 322 Gr. 9-12 are in outreach or other CLC option

School Council Orientation

The Board hosted a digital Orientation session for school councils on Oct 15th and is very appreciative of the volunteer time and effort of our school councils. The presentation slides are available on the RVS website at

<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/families/schoolcouncilswebportal/assets/school-council-orientation-october-15-2020>

2021/22 Modular Unit Request Submission

Each year, Alberta Education requires school jurisdictions to review its accommodation needs to determine the demand for additional modular units. The Board of Trustees approved a submission to the province for 13 new modular units and nine modular unit relocations. Despite a small decline in enrolment numbers this school year due to COVID-19, modular units are still required, with the greatest need at the high school level. Modulares have been requested for Bow Valley High, Bert Church High, WH Croxford High, and Manachaban Middle.

Transition in Learning Option

Families are being allowed to switch between RVS Online and face-to-face learning at the first semester break at the end of January. Please stay tuned for information prior to the Christmas break on how families will be asked to inform RVS of their intentions and how this transition will be managed.

Joint Board School Council Meeting

Join the Board at our next joint meeting on Thu Nov 12th from 6:30-8pm via zoom. Agenda topics include school re-entry update, board and school council advocacy, and a special presentation on supporting student mental health. Please register in advance at https://rockyview.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArcuqtqjovEtbTT688luBVJDWmh_sk0XD4

7. Friends of Mitford update

- a. FOM AGM next week and looking for new executive
- b. Dollars will be gone if a new exec isn't set up

8. Q & A regarding COVID-19

- a. No questions

9. Discussion of how to increase online students' connection with our school

- a. In-school student that is part of leadership group – writes email sent that goes to all Mitford online students as a way of informing students about activities – peer to peer to create better connection amongst kids.
- b. Pen pals with in-school and at-home students.
- c. Use other means of communication – fun platforms for kids that are appropriate and supervised accordingly

10.Round Table

11.Motion to Adjourn – 7:11pm

- a. Motion: Melinda
- b. Second: Jaimie
 - i. Approved

Next meeting Tuesday January 5, 2020