

Mitford School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., ZOOM

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1. Call to order
 - a. Time: 6:32 pm
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Attendance: Peter, Brent, Melinda, Jaimie, Brianna, Regrets: Fiona, Melissa
4. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. **Motion: Brent Second: Melinda Approved**
5. Minutes from Previous Meeting – September 8, 2020
 - a) Review
 - b) Approval
 - a. **Motion: Melinda Second: Jaimie Approved**
6. Mitford Administration Update

Principal Report for School Council 06 OCT 20

Student Population: 206

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.

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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 shared in [02 OCT 20 Beats & Buzz](#)

Athletics

Mitford/CCA Athletic teams are underway. Teams will be able to hold practices and do skill development. More details to follow later in the month. Community coaches are permitted, and families will be advised of any school teams that have a community coach.

Every Child Matters: Reconciliation Through Education

September 30th is annually recognized as Orange Shirt Day, highlighting the damage the residential school system did to the well-being of Indigenous children. Equally, it serves as a healing journey for the survivors and a commitment by all who wear an orange shirt, that every child matters.

School-wide, every Mitford student participated in many activities to recognize and support the purpose and journey behind Orange Shirt Day and Every Child Matters events. We thank our students for their engagement and participation in this important day.

Terry Fox Run

In recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope, Mitford School participated in the Terry Fox run raising funds for cancer research. House teams had a friendly competition to see which team could run the most laps as an added incentive. Congratulations to the White Wolves completing 254 laps to win House Team honours.

Grade 6, 7 & 8 CTF (Options)

Option classes have begun, and students do transition following all the necessary safety protocols. Students are enjoying the opportunity to pursue option classes

Future Presentations:

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

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Friends of Mitford – Mr. Fultz added that FOM is working on updating their financials for CRA purposes to keep the society in good standing. He is working closely with FOM.

Mr. Fultz also added that SGF funding was now in the school's hands and would be distributed accordingly.

7. Real Time Reporting Presentation – Peter Fultz

- a. Mr. Fultz highlighted the excellent resources available on the RVS website which help parents understand RTR.
- b. Mitford moved to RTR this year and the all of RVS is now using it.

8. Report from Board of Trustees – Fiona Gilbert

Mitford School Council Report October 2020

Organizational Meeting

The Board held its annual Organizational Meeting on Sept. 24, 2020, where Fiona Gilbert was re-elected to serve as Board Chair and Shali Baziuk was elected to serve as Vice-Chair for the 2020/21 school year. The Board also approved the 2020/21 Committee Appointments and Representatives membership.

School Start Update

The 2020/21 school year has had a positive start with RVS staff, students and families adapting to new in-class and online learning environments. RVS' has had 12 confirmed cases of COVID-19 throughout the division since the start of the school year and we continue to learn and improve protocols for notifying impacted families and the school community.

The jurisdiction has reviewed requests from students to change from in-class to online or vice-versa through to Sept. 17, 2020, and the majority were accommodated. Online offerings are now full and RVS will not be able to accommodate additional requests until January 2021.

RVS will continue to review and refine its COVID-19 related protocols, practices and tools based on new information and guidance from the Alberta government as well as feedback from schools. Since the start of school, scenario plans 1 and 2 were updated and a new Student Flowchart was included to provide clarity on when students should stay home and when they

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are safe to return to school. Stakeholders can view up-to-date COVID-19 information for the 2020/21 school year at <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/school-re-entry-plan>

Board Advocacy Priorities Updated

As publicly elected officials, Trustees are advocates for public education and work to identify, address, and seek resolution to educational issues while working with the government to continually improve Alberta's K – Gr. 12 system. The Board updated its advocacy priorities, to reflect the belief that student success requires:

- o Space for Students
- o Funding for Students
- o Support for Students

Full information on Board Advocacy Positions can be found at https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/board_policies/advocacy

New Inclement Weather Policy Approved

Given the feedback RVS has received in previous years, the Board decided to review Board Policy 20 – Emergency Closure of Schools and School Programs at Off-Site Facilities. After careful consideration, it was approved to be replaced with the new Board Policy 20 – Inclement Weather that provides more clarity to families and stakeholders regarding the decision-making process and protocols for closure and cancellation decisions across RVS.

The new policy can be viewed on RVS' website at https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/board_policies/board-policies/policy-20-inclement-weather/view

School Council Orientation

Reminder of the zoom learning session for school council executive and members on Thu Oct 15th at 6:30pm. Please register in advance for this meeting at:

https://rockyview.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYpc-CvpzkoHdA_g9tTR4BB4Lk6g9C5EdPR

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Parent Council wishes to congratulate Fiona on becoming Board Chair.

9. Q & A regarding COVID-19

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- a. Staff remains overall healthy and are doing a fantastic job with kids – warm, welcoming, caring environment.

10.Round Table

- a. Adjustment from using Google Docs to Moodle was a bit of a challenge for transition with online schooling.

11.Motion to Adjourn – 7:15 pm

Next meeting Tuesday November 10, 2020