

Mitford School Council

Mitford School Council Minutes

Date: Tuesday April 4th , 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

LEARNING COMMONS & ZOOM MEETING

1. Call to order

6:34 pm

2. Welcome and Introductions

Melinda

Brooke

Peter

Alexandra- Zoom

Fiona

Charlotte

Anne

Brianna

Devon-zoom

Karen- zoom

3. Approval of the Agenda

Charlotte/Melinda

4. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

a) Review

b) Business arising from minutes

c) Approval

Brooke 1st/Anne 2nd

5. Report from Mitford Administration – Including a presentation of the meaning of RVS assessment indicators- Will be postponed until May meeting.

-Consultations regarding school fees for 23/24 school year.

-Slight difference in athletics fees for Mitford and CCA. Working together to fix.

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Activity and extracurricular fees increasing according to inflation for next year.



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Student Population: 320

Classes: Grade 5 (three classes), Grade 5/6 (One Class), Grade 6 (two classes), Grade 7 (three classes), Grade 8 (three classes)

Literacy & Numeracy Focus:

Mitford teachers will be focused on data collection and professional learning to forge a path to support and foster real progress for students impacted by the disruption of learning due to COVID. Mitford will do its best to affect growth and change in these key areas of learning. RVS (Rocky View Schools) Learning Specialists will be facilitating this professional learning with us.

Teachers have been engaged in professional learning through book studies to collaborate on innovative ideas that are research-based to effect change through classroom instruction.

Home Reading Initiative:

As part of our literacy focus within the Mitford Workbook (School Improvement Plan), a home reading program is being developed. It will begin with grade 5 with additional grades added over time. Resources are being purchased and consultation with schools currently running successful programs are underway.

Boundary Accommodation Decision:

Mitford School is eagerly awaiting the Cochrane Boundary Accommodation decision. Mitford School is one of the schools that will be impacted by the changes. The board of trustees will make their decision on April 27th.

Mental Health Success Coach

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A Mental Health Success coach (from Steppingstones for Mental Health in association with Rocky View Schools) will be based in Mitford School for the remainder of the school year. The mental Health Success will provide weekly programming in classrooms and/or small groups, as well as activities such as learn at lunches, whole school programming for events such as Pink Shirt Day or Mental Health Awareness Week, staff wellness activities, and be able to connect with students to provide space and guidance in stress management and emotional regulation. While MHCB Steppingstones to Mental Health does not provide individual counselling, our coaches often work to create calm spaces in their core schools where students can regulate and build connections, including connecting them with community supports.

Addictions and Mental Health Presentations (Grade 6-8):

An RVS Addictions and Mental Health worker will be visiting grade 6, 7, and 8 classes to share a presentation related to addictions and mental health. Mitford School welcomes this additional support to share information with students to foster learning on topics that are impactful for youth.

Vaping & Tobacco Use	Internet & Screen Addiction
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is Nicotine and Tobacco• Nicotine and the brain• Smoking and Vaping statistics• Effects of Nicotine• Media/Ad Targeting• Risks associated with vaping• Nicotine Withdrawal• Harm Reduction and smoking Cessation• Steps to quit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Difference between Habit & Addiction• Statistics• Digital Addiction• The Reward Circuit• Teens' use of the internet• Internet Risks• Risk Factors• SMA. GA. GMA. PNA• Symptoms of digital Addiction• Harm Reduction• Protecting & Managing D.A• Intervention Skills• Available Resources

The presentation will take place on April 5th and May 4th. Classes 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, and 7.3 will have the presentation tomorrow in their classroom while the remaining grade 7 classes and grade 6 will have their presentation on May 4th.

Earth Week Cross-Curricular School-Wide Project

Mitford is launching a school-wide cross-curricular project over three days from April 24-26! Each morning students will be collaborating on a common grade project connected to the theme of Earth week! Cross-curricular is an approach to teaching curriculum outcomes that favours the dynamic use of learning topics and themes to be covered and skills/competencies to be developed in several learning areas across the curriculum.

Future Presentations:

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

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6. Report from Board of Trustees

-Now have budget profile

-Division wide the budget is an increase from last year, about 12 million more than what RVS received last year.

-When you look at the breakdown a little over 5 million is for teacher's settlements.

-Transportation is about a 4 million increase if all requested government changes are completed.

-Some increase in operations and maintenance.

-A little over a million in classroom support.

-Concerned that none of the funding goes to instructional funding.

-Actual impact at school is yet to be determined.

-Capital announcements

-RVS is disappointed in not receiving any construction funding.

-Still trying to figure out what the pre-funding allocations mean.

-Are waiting on modular supports as well, not yet public information.

-Capital plan for next year

-RVS did approve capital plan for the next cycle.

-Currently trying to figure out what projects still stay on the development list.

-Previous top four projects are still on the development list, the next three projects for government request are:

k-8 in Airdrie

k-8 in Springbank/Harmony

new high school in Cochrane

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-Four delegations came to speak to RVS regarding the Powell Street School project.

-CCA was advocating for not moving because they want to stay together. -

-Three groups from Fireside were similar and didn't want to move their kids.

-Still planning on deciding and reporting decision for 27th of April.

-Currently RVS administration is going through all the data regarding the decision over Powell Street School.

7. Friends of Mitford update

-Spring flower fundraiser up and running

-Movie night idea requires volunteers to happen in June. Email will be sent out to parents for help.

8. Discussion for the use of the \$500 School Council Grant

-Must be used by June 30th.

-Decision TBD, should be voted on by next May.

-Would like to use toward home reading program to help kids' literacy

-May 31st is Mitford showcase night, which could be used as an opportunity to provide parents with resources?

-Fridge magnet with school calendar and important dates and information?

9. Round Table

-What do parents think about RVS removing school fees? Would they be concerned that kids will miss out? Are school fees becoming too expensive?

10. Motion to Adjourn 7:46 pm

Next Meeting: May 2nd , 2023