

# **Mitford School Council**

## **Mitford School Council AGENDA**

Date: Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

### **LEARNING COMMONS & ZOOM MEETING**

**1. Call to order**

6:33 pm

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

Melinda

Anne

Alexandra

Fiona

Peter

Melissa

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Alexandra/ Melinda 2<sup>nd</sup>

**4. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting**

- a) Review
- b) Business arising from minutes
- c) Approval

Melinda/ Anne 2<sup>nd</sup>

**5. Report from Mitford Administration**

- Discussion of Powell Street School Decision
- Assessment Presentation

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## Principal Report for School Council 02 MAY 23

**Student Population:** 322

**Projected 2023-24 Classes:** Grade 5 French Immersion (1 class), Grade 5 (two classes), Grade 5/6 (One Class), Grade 6 (three classes), Grade 7 (three classes), Grade 8 (three classes) Total 2023-24 Projected School enrolment: 343

### **Welcoming French Immersion to Mitford School:**

Mitford is excited to welcome French Immersion students to the Mitford family. French Immersion families have been invited to Mitford on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. We know this decision generates many questions for parents. Mitford School is working with Glenbow and RVS to begin the process of transitioning and welcoming the FI Glenbow students to their new school. This includes required staffing, and resources to ensure a great beginning for the program at Mitford.

### **Grade 8 Farewell:**

We have an amazing number of parents that have come forward to plan and support the Grade 8 Farewell. The theme chosen by the students is 'Starry Night'. The Grade 8 farewell Ceremony will be June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6Pm followed by a dance. The Friends of Mitford have donated \$500 for the Grade 8 Farewell.

### **Home Reading Initiative:**

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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. Grade 5 French Immersion will be included in the Home Reading Program. Resources are being purchased and consultation with schools currently running successful programs are underway.

## Earth Week Cross-Curricular School-Wide Project

Mitford's school-wide cross-curricular project during Earth week was a successful learning segue! Students were highly engaged and enjoyed the break in routine to tackle learning applying a different approach that incorporated meaningful applications of their learning to everyday life. Mitford will continue to explore ways to enhance this experience for students in the coming year with the expectation of expanding it to a full week. This learning adventure still addresses the required learning outcomes for each grade just in a different way.

## Mental Health Success Coach

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 and for 2023-24. 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
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•What is Nicotine and Tobacco</li><li>•Nicotine and the brain</li><li>•Smoking and Vaping statistics</li><li>•Effects of Nicotine</li><li>•Media/Ad Targeting</li><li>•Risks associated with vaping</li><li>•Nicotine Withdrawal</li><li>•Harm Reduction and smoking Cessation</li><li>•Steps to quit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Difference between Habit &amp; Addiction</li><li>•Statistics</li><li>•Digital Addiction</li><li>•The Reward Circuit</li><li>•Teens' use of the internet</li><li>•Internet Risks</li><li>•Risk Factors</li><li>•SMA. GA. GMA. PNA</li><li>•Symptoms of digital Addiction</li><li>•Harm Reduction</li><li>•Protecting &amp; Managing D.A</li><li>•Intervention Skills</li><li>•Available Resources</li></ul>
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## Future Presentations:

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

- Projected enrollment for 2027 is 525
- Going to be introducing CTF into grade 5/6 for next year.
- All resources for French programming is being put in place
- School Matrix will be located at front of school in both English and French
- Looking to place welcoming messages to the Stoney Nakota students at school entrance as well
- CTF collaborations with CCA will no be able to happen due to Powell Street move
- Home reading initiative still being developed.

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## 6. Report from Board of Trustees

- Powell street school decision made to move CCA into building
- Powell street will be known as CCA by August
- French immersion being introduced into Mitford for 2020/24 year
  - Expecting steady growth for immersion program
- Government has allocated 9 modular units to RVS. Board now needs to decide best locations.
- Board approved to keep transportation fees the same for next school year as previous.
- RVS has decided to leave Government transportation lengths as status quo.
- Langdon community consultations have begun regarding new school.
- There was a community request regarding RVS policy on locking school doors. As a board a decision was made to have the Superintendent implement new safety measures.
  - k-8/9 all school doors will be locked at all times, working on implementing tech to have staff be able to unlock doors remotely, such as cameras etc. (Beginning as soon as possible)
  - Highschool levels will continue to have doors unlocked, which is a standard across the province.
- Decisions on budget and course fees upcoming.

## 7. Friends of Mitford update – please stay for meeting after

## 8. Planning of School Council Meetings for next year

- First meeting in September meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> week instead of first
- Remaining meetings will be Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, Apr 9<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>

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-May 31<sup>st</sup>, 6-7pm will be experience Mitford, 7-8pm will be an open house (Will be a substitute "June meeting")

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

-Ideas for parent engagement last meeting was to have fridge magnets with important school dates. Various costs for amounts and sizes. Turnaround time to make is about two weeks. 400 at \$1.50.

-Approved toward \$500 grant use.

## 10.Round Table

-Will include information for parents from each class to participate in future School Council meetings for the 23/24 school year.

## 11.Motion to Adjourn

7:40pm

**Next Meeting: Sept 12, 2023**