

Mitford School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., ZOOM

AGENDA

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September 8, 2020 6:30pm, ZOOM MEETING

1. Call to order - 6:30 pm by Melinda Birmingham

2. In Attendance:

Melissa, Melinda, Fiona (Trustee), Brent, Peter (Principal), Brianna (AP), Hazel, Richard, Kristen (Josie, zoom name) came at second half of meeting.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Jamie Second: Melissa Approved

4. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

June 2, 2020 Minutes

Motion: Hazel Second: Melinda Approved

5. Election of Mitford School Council: Chair, Vice chair and Secretary roles reviewed.

Secretary: no nominees or volunteers, Brent D. not available at meeting but sent through email that he will continue the role.

Vice-Chair: no nominees or volunteers, Melissa E. to continue the role.

Chair: Alison nominated Melinda B, Melinda B. accepted and will continue the role.

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6. Mitford Administration Update – Peter F



Mitford School



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Principal Report for School Council 08 SEP 20

Student Population: 208

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.

New Mitford School Boundaries

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Beginning in September 2020 Heartland students for grade 6-8 have been designated to attend Mitford School, but with the option to remain at their current school for one more year. In 2021/22 Mitford will add grade 5 to its grade configuration. These changes will bring important growth and sustainability to our school community in a significant way.

New Bell Schedule for 2020/21

<https://mitford.rockyview.ab.ca/our-school/bell-times>

Mitford Daily Practice Guide & Daily Health Check Screening

Families are asked to support the school and encourage students to follow the protocols put in place to minimize the transmission opportunities for COVID-19 as outlined in the [Beats & Buzz 04 SEP 20](#)

Athletics

Mitford/CCA Athletic teams will begin later in September or early October. Teams will be able to hold practices and do skill development. More details to follow later in the month.

Mitford Leadership

Our student Leadership will be getting underway very soon. There is still much we can do to promote leadership and school spirit within our school. Events will be done differently, but we will be planning great opportunities for students to ensure our school culture and spirit remains strong.

Grade 7 & 8 CTF (Options)

Our current plan is to proceed with Options on September 21st. This is the only time during the school week that student cohorts will expand beyond their homeroom class. All necessary safety protocols as outlined in the Mitford Daily Practice Guide will be adhered to.

Future Presentations:

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

- Real Time Reporting

7. School Council SGF (School Generated Fund) Allocation: Peter explained

SGF funds as small accounts and can be seen below for details.

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School council is required to vote with a motion to transfer these funds to a current school operating budget.

Motion to approve fund allocation was brought forward by school council Chair.

Vote was unanimous for approval.

SGF report from Peter:

Currently, we have some very old funds sitting in old accounts. We are hoping to move some of these funds to cover some things that have been overspent in the past, and into accounts that are currently utilized in order to allow our current students to access them.

As an example, these are some of the funds we hope to move old monies out of:

- Cafeteria/Food
- General Supplies/Sales
- Badminton (and other specific sports)
- Old Field Trip funds
- Wilderness Fundraising

We would like to move some money to cover some overspent things like

- Yearbooks
- An old account called SGF general accounts
- Fees - non-curricular goods and services

We hope to move all old money out of these old types of accounts and into more useable places such as

- Athletics
- Student Support

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8. Report from Board of Trustees – Fiona G

School Council Meeting – Trustee Report

Back to School

RVS welcomed over 25,500 students back to school for the 2020/2021 year, approximately 3000 of those in our new RVS Online. It has been a huge undertaking by many dedicated and committed RVS staff to get us to this point so we can open schools as safely as possible, while allowing flexibility for families who choose to engage in learning online for home. Schools have reopened in 'Scenario 1 – Near Normal with Health Measures in Place. The RVS Re-Entry plan outlines the protocols for schools and parents are encourage to read it through and review the information available at www.rockyview.ab.ca/school-re-entry-plan

Outbreak Protocol

Schools, AHS, and Alberta Health will work in collaboration in the unfortunate event that a member of a school community tests positive for COVID-19. All parents of the school will be informed by the school principal if an individual tests positive, and parents of students who may be close contacts of a confirmed case will receive an additional letter from the principal. AHS will follow up with close contacts regarding next steps. Full details can be found at <https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/covid-19-in-school-k-12-resource-guide-for-schools-before-during-and-after-a-covid-19-outbreak>

Government of Canada Safe Return to Class Fund

On September 2, 2020, RVS received notification from the Minister of Education that we would be receiving \$9.3 million dollars of federal funding to help address the COVID-19 related expenses that are being incurred. RVS is appreciative of the funding and the flexibility provided by the provincial government allowing RVS to make funding decisions that are in the best interest of our students, families and staff. Decisions regarding how best to allocate these funds will be coming in the weeks ahead.

Joint Board School Council Meeting

Thank you to school council executive members who were able to participate in the August 27th zoom meeting. It was great to connect with everyone, provide information and answer questions about re-entry and back to school. Our next meeting date is set for Thu Nov 12th so mark your calendars.

School Council Orientation

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The Board will be presenting a zoom PL session for council executive members on Thu Oct 15th to provide councils with information on role of a school council, RVS procedures, how to handle money, ASCA, and more! More information will be forthcoming soon.

9. Friends of Mitford: Peter to touch base with group as he reported he was notified that there will be a change in executive positions.

10. Q & A regarding Health and Safety protocols:

No questions verbalized

11. Round Table:

Parent Kristen (Josie) asked who gives permission for masks not to be worn at desks, for ex. in a month's time will mask protocol change if COVID-19 rates go down?

Answered by Fiona - RVS has mandated masks to be worn and it will be the School board and Superintendent that would have to re-evaluate this. For mask exemptions approved by RVS see School Re-entry plan,

Peter then shared the examples of daily mask breaks that they are trying to implement.

12. Motion to Adjourn: 7:22pm

Next Meeting: Oct. 6/20 6:30pm