

# **Mitford School Council**

## **Mitford School Council Minutes**

Date: Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

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

#### **1. Call to order**

6:33pm

#### **2. Welcome and Introductions**

(zoom) Brianna S, Melissa E, Olna B, Alisa C,

(In person) Melinda B, Karen S, Tinille M, Devon W, Amanda H, Charlotte T,

Richard T, Anne H, Fiona G, Peter F

#### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

1<sup>st</sup> Karen S

2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda H

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

a) Review

b) Business arising from minutes

c) Approval

1<sup>st</sup> Melissa E

2<sup>nd</sup> Melinda B

#### **5. Report from Mitford Administration**

### **Principal Report for School Council 06 SEP 22**

#### **Student Population: 318**

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

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Welcome New Staff:

We are excited to welcome Mr. Crowe (Grade 7), Mr. Kaczanowski (Grade 7), and Mr. Lo (Grade 5) to our Mitford staff.

Learning Support Team:

The Learning Support Team is led by our Learning Support teacher, Mrs. Clark. The team also includes two Child Development Advisors (Mrs. Mcmanus, and Mrs. Facey) to offer additional support for social emotional wellness post pandemic. Mitford has four Learning Assistants (Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Kyle, and two currently being hired) for students needing additional support during the school day. As Fall budgets are finalized, we may be able to add another Learning Assistant.

New Student Resources & Equipment:

- Four New Chromebook Carts for Grade 5 & 6
  - o Mitford has one to one tech devices for Grades 5 & 6 students to support student learning via the Google Classroom platform
  - o Mitford has Chromebooks available for loan to grade 7 & 8 students that opt not to purchase a tech device as recommended through the One-to-One Program
- Outdoor Education outbuilding (Funded by Mitford Reserves)
  - o Twenty- eight Mountain Bikes & accessories (Funded by FOM) for CTF (Career and Technology Foundational) and Homeroom class use
  - o Seventy pairs of snowshoes for CTF and Homeroom class use

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.

Athletics: Mitford School has an Athletic Director that oversees RVS Sports at school. There are many different sports offerings throughout the school year. News and information will be shared as the start of the sports season approaches. Information

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regarding any need for community coaches will be shared in the coming weeks. We appreciate that many of our students thrive with these many opportunities.

### **Cross Country Running**

- Grade 6 -8 – Shannon Sekulich/Kim Bishop

### **Volleyball**

- Grade 6 Girls, Junior B Girls, Junior A Girls, Grade 6 Boys, Junior B Boys, Junior A Boys

### **Soccer**

- Grade 6 Mixed, Grade 7/8 Mixed

### **Basketball**

- Grade 6 Girls, Junior B Girls, Junior A Girls, Grade 6 Boys, Junior B, Junior A Boys

### **Badminton:**

- Mitford Grade 7 – Scott Roen, Mitford Grade 8

### **Track & Field**

- Sprinting / Running, Long Jump/Triple, High Jump, Discus, Shot Put

\*Based upon student interest other sports can be considered if consistent with the Alberta Physical Activity Guide for Schools

### **Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs:**

There are many different activities and club offerings throughout the school year. Additional news and information will be later for sign up. We appreciate that many of our students thrive with these many opportunities.

### **Leadership**

- School Leadership Events 5/6, School Leadership Events 7/8, Assembly Set Up Leaders, Digital Leaders (Pic & Video), News Team Leaders, Office Team Leaders

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Other Clubs include: Yearbook, GSA, Snowshoe Club, Bike Club, Homework Club, Games Club, Grade 5/6 Intramurals, Grade 7/8 Intramurals, Grade 8 Farewell, House Team Assemblies

\*Based upon student interest other clubs and activities can be considered.

Future Presentations:

Are there presentations that the School Council feels would be valuable for future meetings? Suggestion – PowerSchool/Public Portal/Assessment

## 6. Report from Board of Trustees

School Councils

School Councils are such an important part of our education system in Alberta. They are so important that it is a requirement in the Education Act that all schools have a School Council and RVS Board of Trustees is committed to being part of each school council to connect with and hear from parents, and to keep apprised of what is happening in our schools. Each School Council across RVS is a member of the Alberta School Councils' Association and they are a good resource in supporting the important work of school councils. [www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca](http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca)

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School Start Up

September is such a busy time in schools, and an exciting time! RVS schools welcomed over 27, 700 new and returning students which reflect a 4.3% enrolment growth. This is more than projected and schools are responding to the growth as best and as efficiently as they can. The enrolment numbers will continue to fluctuate with official enrolment to be determined end of September.

With this continued growth, RVS' is in urgent need for new schools and additional student spaces in order to continue to provide the quality learning experiences that our students deserve.

Summer Projects

Lots done over the summer as operations and maintenance staff use the time to do upgrades and renovations that can't be done while students are in the buildings.

Looking Ahead

Joint Board School Council meeting set for Thu Oct 27 at 5:30pm at the Education Centre in Airdrie. Stay tuned for invitation.

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7. Friends of Mitford update – The AGLC bylaw changes will allow FOM meetings to be opened up to non school members.

There is around \$10,000 left in the casino fund.

There was a suggestion that the school talk to the students to receive suggestions on what they might want to use the money for.

8. Discussion and planning of School Council's year ahead

Fiona said that there would be another \$500 grant money for school council to spend on helping with parent involvement this school year.

Ideas for parent learning nights:

RCMP internet safety. Telus offers a free internet safety as well.

Parent Portal information night

Basic First aid for parents

9. Round Table

Its nice to be back in person

10. Motion to Adjourn

7:36pm

**Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting - October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:30pm**