

# Mitford School Council AGENDA

Date: September 10th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

## LEARNING COMMONS & ZOOM MEETING

1. Call to order

6:33 p.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

James

Peter

Amanda

Elva

JoDana

Jessica

Melissa

Tinille

Elizabeth

Brooke

Fiona

Trisha McPherson

3. Approval of the Agenda

a. Additions 5c. Personal Mobile Device Guidelines

Tinille/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth

4. Approval of the Minutes from May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Meeting

James/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke

## 5. Agenda Items

### a. School Council Operating Procedures

- i. James: The Mission of the School Council is to foster the well-being and effectiveness of our school community and thereby enhance student learning. We try to focus our conversation on Mitford and do our best to keep conversations to 5-10 minutes. If more discussion is needed, we will add it to a future agenda. We welcome anyone to submit agenda items to us ahead of time as well.

### b. Class Representation

- i. James: We talked as an executive about encouraging participation at our meetings by asking for a parent rep from each class to attend. We understand this may not always be achieved but would this be something people would support trying?
- ii. Attendee Response: JoDana: Great idea, could be hard to achieve. Peter: At a previous school they had success in having a primary class rep and then an alternate rep that could come when the primary was not available. Good outcomes came from this method. Elva: No harm in asking and trying to find out if it would work. Elizabeth: Why do we need a parent rep, and that should be explained when we ask so parents understand the value of these meetings and their attendance at them. 1. The general agreement is that it's a great idea worth exploring, possibly with extra house points to boost participation. James wrapped up the discussion by mentioning that we would focus on the "why" communication to support the ask.

### c. Personal Mobile Device Guidelines

- i. Peter: Alberta Education new guidelines on mobile phone use. This is not a change for Midford as this was already a policy at the

school for the past few years. Mitford is also using a new protocol around Laptop use; students will come to class and leave lap top closed until it is time to use them. When it comes to free time, recess and lunch, it's about being social, having fun and getting fresh air. The intent is not to be punitive but to educate students as they learn the expectations. This helps the students prepare for similar expectations in future grades. Attendee discussion: very supportive of guidelines

- ii. Motion to accept information as presented

- Elizabeth/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Jodana

## 6. Reports

- a. Mitford Administration – Peter
  - i. See attached
- b. Board Of Trustees - Fiona
  - i. Fiona: Year Two Report – Strategic Plan. The goals of the Strategic Plan are:
    - 1. Improving our students' learning
    - 2. Strengthening our workforce
    - 3. Bolstering our infrastructure and
    - 4. Connecting with our community.
  - ii. Success in student spaces, with the approval of 12 new modulars and money to move 12 within RVS. This was achieved thanks to the advocacy of the Board, schools and parents. Locations will be decided after Sept 30<sup>th</sup> in anticipation of final school numbers.
  - iii. Growth. RVS is still growing, but not as fast as the past few years. This year it grew by 2.5%, the previous few years have been in the range of 4%-5% growth.
  - iv. RVS Board meeting highlights  
<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/download/466913>
- c. Friends of Mitford
  - i. Save the date Dec 18/19 for large fundraising opportunity. Volunteers will be needed to support the casino volunteer positions on these dates.
  - ii. Last movie night was well attended and plan to host more
  - iii. Growing Smiles fundraiser planed for Fall with delivery in Dec. The spring Growing Smiles Fundraiser was well supported
  - iv. Looking for new board members, minimal time commitment needed. Positions include Co-Chair and Secretary

## 7. Round Table

- a. James: Is there interest in Educational Financial planning, if so, could do a presentation to the group. The consensus was yes.

Motion to Adjourn

7:30 PM

**Next Meeting:**

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> AGM