

## FRIENDS OF MITFORD – GENERAL MEETING

DATE – February 4, 2025

TIME - 7:30pm

LOCATION – Mitford School Learning Commons / Zoom

### 1. Call to Order: 7:30pm

Attendees

In person: Tinille, Dwight, Andrea, Brooke, James, Barb, Elva, Katie, JoDana, Shauna, Jessica.

Zoom: Michael & Erin

Principal Fultz

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve - Elva

2<sup>nd</sup> – Shauna

### 3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve – Jessica

2<sup>nd</sup> – JoDana

### 4. Treasurer Report

- General Account - \$2272.07
- AGLC Account - \$25
  - It is expected by next meeting we should know how much money we raised at the casino nights.
- Outstanding debits – None
- Deposits to be made
  - Growing smiles (winter)
  - Tips from the casino night \$110.

### 5. Update from the Board

- Spring Growing Smiles Fundraiser is in the works
  - Veggies and planters
- Movie night in April (see round table)
- We are looking for parent volunteers to help with Freeze Fridays.
  - This would require one hour during the lunch break on any Friday you are available. If you are interested please email [Friendsofmitford@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsofmitford@gmail.com).
  - One volunteer signed up.

### 6. Business

- Casino Fundraiser Review
  - Everything went very smoothly. Shout out to all of the volunteers. We received positive feedback from the casino about the volunteers.
  - We are expecting more that \$26,000 for the FOM. The final amount is expected later this month.

- All volunteers will be getting house points for the kids they are supporting. An email will be sent out to all volunteers so those points can be appropriately allocated.
  - All debits for the casino night have been paid.
  - We came in under budget for food and drinks.
  - The paperwork has already been filed to run another casino night in four years. (Previously casino nights could be run every two years however the current rules are one casino night every four years).
- Playground Fundraising Committee
    - Mitford's playground will be expiring in 2 -3 years. A new playground is expensive and we are seeking parents to start a Playground Fundraising Committee. While we have a few years before it expires it is beneficial to get things started now.
    - Funds cannot come from the casino money (AGLC rules)
    - Principal Fultz will be supporting the committee by approaching the town and recreation committee as the park is used by the community regularly.
    - The committee would be under the umbrella of FOM but not run separately and focus specifically on the playground. A separate playground account will be opened under our current FOM accounts.
    - The committee will be responsible start to finish for the playground.
    - While the final approval for the playground design is with the RockyView School District, it is the committee that, with input from stakeholders, will create the design concept.
    - Glenbow has been fundraising for a new playground the FOM has reached out to the organizer who is willing to pass along information and best practices. We are hoping to have her speak at the next FOM meeting to gain more interested and understanding of the project.
    - Principal Fultz to send out another email about the committee.
    - Three people from the meeting have expressed interest in joining the committee. But we need as many people as possible for this venture.
    - If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the committee please email the FOM at [Friendsofmitford@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsofmitford@gmail.com).
- Grade 8 Farewell Support
    - In previous years the FOM have supported the Farewell Principal Fultz is asking if we will be supporting it again this year.
    - The first parent meeting will be on February 26 and would like to know what funds are available.
    - Last year the budget was \$1400. FOM provided \$700 towards the \$1400.
    - While the FOM is to support the school in whole and not one specific class/grade this is an annual tradition and helps support the overall community of the school.
- Music Program Support – Purchase of a Timpani
    - The band program services over 1000 students in the school and it is in need of a Tampani (Kettle drum).

- The school has already purchased the Tampani on sale for \$3253.95 Principal Fultz is asking for any financial support on this as it would be greatly appreciated.

After making the ask for the Grade 8 Farewell and the Tampani Principal Fultz leaves the learning commons so all in attendance can vote on the above two items.

- Motion made by JoDana to support the Grade 8 farewell by contributing 50% of the budget upto \$700.  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Barb  
Vote - all in favour, none opposed.  
Motion passed.
- After discussion it was decided that the FOM would commit to contribute at least \$1000 from the Casino funds to the Tampani. No motion was put forward at this meeting as the FOM would like to confirm the following before making a decision on the final amount:
  - The total amount of money raised at the Casino night.
    - The casino money needs to last four years but does have to be spent or it goes back to the AGLC (although it was noted some extensions are possible).
  - The anticipated tech needs for the school over the next four years.
    - The money raised from the casino nights will likely be used to purchase the new Chrome books and charging carts the school needs to replace the expiring ones or as new classrooms are added and they are needed. The Chrome books and charging carts will be around \$8,500 - \$13,000 the FOM is paying a portion and not the whole amount. The Chrome books were expiring every three years but this has changed and now could last up to eight years.

Principal Fultz is asked to rejoin the meeting

- Principal Fultz is informed of the outcomes of the above. He advises that he has already asked for a detailed list for anticipated tech needs for the school. This should be available for the March meeting.

#### 7. Round Table

- Movie night date selected April 11
  - Tickets will be for free (tickets needed for the numbers)
  - Cash Concession will be the fundraising component. Still have some inventory left from the last movie night.
  - It is a family movie night which means parents are required to be there (however, one parent can supervise more than just their children)

#### 8. Adjournment: 8:39pm

Next meeting March 4 7:30pm