

Carman Collegiate
Home & School Minutes
Apr. 04/2011

Present: Deb Thoms, Colleen Claggett-Woods, Doris May, Nicole Nitsche, Rob Hamm, Lori Wiebe, Teresa Dunn, Marie Dyck, Jeanne Holmberg, Marie Dyck, Rosanne Massinon, Trish Middleton, Jan Hay, Jack Phillips, Garth Shindle, Rhonda Walker. Regrets: Karen Tjaden-McClement, Joyce Nicolajsen, Michelle Doerksen.

Welcome and Call to order – Deb Thoms

Adoption of Agenda – Parent asked that a i) ski trip for senior grades and ii) front office staff be added to the agenda. Deb made a motion for the agenda to be adopted with these two items added. Lori seconded. Carried.

Acceptance of March minutes – Rhonda made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Marie seconded. Carried.

Old Business

- i) Update on Athletic Banquet – Nicole reported that a company was approached that serves pork on a bun, but that is the only thing that they would supply. Two Hutterite colonies were approached. One of the colonies said that they would charge \$15/person if they were to serve the meal or \$8.45/person if we served. If we were to serve that would mean having to go and get the food and trying to keep it hot. This colony is in Notre Dame so it would be quite far to go. Nicole is still trying to set up a time to meet with the second colony. She is hoping to meet with him next week. Garth mentioned the possibility of starting a tradition of the grade 8's volunteering to serve, etc. something like what is done for grade 12 graduation.
- ii) MAPC conference – is coming up on May 6 & 7. Michelle, Jan and Rhonda will be attending. Please forward them any questions or comments that you may have regarding this.
- iii) Explanation of wording from Colleen Claggett-Woods – A parent had asked for clarification on the wording used by PRSD regarding Manitoba Education Services Grant. Colleen explained that PRSD has separated the three levels of grants for budgeting purposes, where the government has lumped all of these levels together and designated money to all three of them together. There are certain categories that don't fit into certain levels of funding. Parent mentioned that there is concern that there may not be a lot of students in one particular level that funding is given to. Colleen stated that there are usually more students than less in need of each level of funding. Sometimes the student has to have 3 or 4 symptoms in order to qualify for a certain level of funding. The PRSD divides their funding this way because it allows them to have more flexibility with it.
- iv) Grants – MAPC doesn't offer help in regards to getting grants. Michelle was supposed to send some information to Deb in regards to grants but Deb hasn't received that information

yet. Deb will wait for this information and then look into what grants are available and report back next month.

- v) Jan Hay gave a presentation regarding Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). See attached. She showed a clip from a video on You Tube. Jan asked that Jack pass some information along to parents regarding upcoming workshops for parents and people dealing with children that have ADD and other learning disabilities. Jan also gave some resources for parents to go to. Please see below. Thank you to Jan for a great presentation.

Administration Report

- i) Gr. 7 & 8 agenda book – Jack and Garth gave out a sample of the new agenda book that they are looking at purchasing to replace the existing agenda given to gr. 7 & 8 students. This agenda would not have the code of conduct, bell schedule etc. inside of it. This is a generic book, so it would be easier to order more copies as they are needed. Please let Jack know if you have any comments regarding the book. It would also be available to purchase to the older grades. Parent commented that their child never used the agenda and feels that it is a waste of money, would rather not have to purchase the book. Jack commented that it is a tool that is used to try to teach time management. Garth commented that it depends on the teacher, some use it more than others. Parent asked if it could be optional? Garth commented that the books are free to the students (they are only paid for at the elementary school level). The cost is just under \$5 for each book and it comes out of the school's budget money.
- ii) Parent made a comment that the teacher's blogs haven't been kept up as well this year as in past years. Jack stated that he would give the teachers a reminder regarding this.
- iii) Philanthropy – Looking at fundraising for projects. i.e. purchasing a movie license for pre-released movies. Show approximately once a month (i.e. what's on at Cinema City). A parent commented that the Chamber of Commerce has already purchased one of these licenses. The school could look at piggy backing onto this license. The cost is approx. \$1000 to purchase the license. Trish said that she would check with the Chamber of Commerce regarding this and get back to Jack, Garth and the Home & School. Could make the movie day for example the first Tuesday of every month. The school would look at playing only rated G or family movies. The drinks would have to be restricted to water so there wouldn't be any spills in the theater. There could be popcorn for sale or have that you bring your own. Parent commented that Carman Ford has a large popcorn machine, could look at borrowing it.
- iv) April 19 – Course Information Registration Night – This will take place in the Middle Home Ec. room this year because Tempo Festival will be happening in the theater. Students entering grade 9 in September 2011 will meet at 7:00 PM and students entering grade 10 to 12 in September 2011 will meet at 8:00 PM.
- v) Staffing – Jodi Rouire is back from maternity leave and teaching grade 7 again. It was sad to see Ms. Rheault go. The closing date was today for 5 positions open at the school. The first for a Home Ec. term position as Mrs. Phillips will be going on maternity leave. The second is

- for an Electronics teacher. Mr. Lang will be moving over to teach woodworking. The third is for a grade 8 home room/French teacher. The fourth is for a term position teaching Social Studies as Mrs. McCullough will also be going on maternity leave. The fifth is the Phys. Ed position that had been a term position this year from January to June.
- vi) Basketball Provincials – went very well.
 - vii) Gwynne Dyer – stopped by the school unexpectedly on Mar. 23. He came to speak to the students about his book “Climate Wars” (topic - the effects of global warming). He had been scheduled to come in February but it turned out to be a storm day. Jack called Glen Halleck quickly from The Valley Leader and he was able to come to the school. Dyer had a lot of very interesting things to say to the students and was well received by them. Jack received an email from a gentlemen in Houston, TX afterwards rebutting the Valley Leader article. Jack has had a few exchanges with this person and he is going to ask permission from this person to share these emails with students to get a discussion going about both sides of this topic. It was mentioned that it would be good to get a speaker in with the opposite point of view as well to give the students a different perspective.

New Business

- i) Regional Envirothon Projects – This will happen on May 11 in Stephenfield. Rosanne Massinon explained that this is an outdoor annual competition. It involves gr. 9-12 students. She is still recruiting to get more students to participate. She asked that if anyone knew of a student that may be interested to have them go and talk to her. There is a need for some parent volunteers for this day. Please send Rosanne an email if you are able to help.
- ii) Colleen Claggett-Woods – brought an announcement from the PRSD. During their budget process it was decided that a \$15 increase would be given for each student to go towards funding for extra-curricular activities and sport transportation fees.
- iii) Senior Ski Trip – Parent asked if there is going to be an option for the gr. 9-12's to go on a ski trip next year? Jack stated that in the past these have been out of province trips and the interest hasn't been there to make them happen in the last few years. Parent asked if they could go on a day trip instead of the away trip? Perhaps Holiday Mountain? Jack said that they will look at this option next year.
- iv) Front Office Staff – Parent stated that she has been calling the school to ask for information in regards to badminton practices. The office staff responded that they aren't aware of the schedule and asked her to call Mr. Byrka. Jack stated that on the school website under the Sports tab the badminton schedule is posted. Another parent commented that if there are any changes that are made to the sporting schedules posted on the website, they should be posted on the front page of the school's website to let parents know.
- v) Coaches are still needed for both the boy's and the girl's baseball teams. There are teachers that are willing to go along with the teams to games, but not to coach. There are no coaching requirements needed. Please contact the school if you are interested.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 2 @ 5pm.