

Carman Collegiate

Home & School Minutes

Wed. Feb. 14/2011

Present: Mary Heard, Garth Shindle, Ken Byrka, Joyce Nicolajsen, Teresa Dunn, Rob Hamm, Donna Cox, Nicole Nitsche, Deb Thoms, Monika Menhold, Marie Dyck, Elaine Owen, Doris May, Michelle Doerksen, Karen Tjaden-McClement, Colleen Claggett-Woods.

Welcome – Michelle Doerksen

Jack introduced Ken Byrka who is the new Phys. Ed. teacher. Ken lives in Graysville and has three daughters that attend at Carman Collegiate. He was formally working at a school in Winkler.

Michelle mentioned that at the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils they suggested that it is a good idea to adopt the agenda in an effort to try to stick to what is on the agenda. Monika made a motion to adopt the agenda. Marie seconded. Carried.

Correction to the January Home & School meeting - dessert night will be held Feb. 17 not Feb. 15. Rhonda made a motion to accept the corrected minutes. Joyce seconded. Carried.

Old Business

Band Trip – Thursday, Feb. 17 will be the dessert night. Tickets will be \$5 each. It will be a come and go with the concert happening in the theater and dessert being served in the gymnasium. There is a parent meeting scheduled for Feb. 22 for band trip parents.

Intramurals/Sports – Playoffs will be happening in the next week for the gr. 7/8 students and then the gr. 9-12 students.

Athletic Banquet – The date has been set for June. 21. Garth stated that the premise for the evening will be giving out awards for athletic achievements. We need to put together a committee of Home & School parents and parents from the community. The evening will be to celebrate the students achievements and make connections with the community. The money raised from the banquet will go towards funding transportation for school sports. People who agreed to help are, Joyce Nicolajsen, Marie Dyck, Nicole Nitsche and Michelle Doerksen. A notice will also go home from the school via email asking if anyone else would like to be involved with this committee. Parent asked, wasn't there already a price that was decided for this? Yes there was because it initially was going to be organized by the staff so they were trying to come up with a number. The students pricing has been set. The parents and community members who come will pay more than what the students had to pay. The suggestion was made to possibly look at church groups or a Hutterite colony to cater the meal to try to keep costs down. This is not an optional banquet all students participating in sports are expected to attend. All of the students to this point have paid to go to the banquet. There is a tentative agenda for the evening. Suggestion was

made that the coaches be recognized for their time and efforts. Students should be approached to get ideas from them for the evening. Should also look at presenting something to Neil Martin.

Academic Integrity Policy – This was emailed out from the school at the beginning of January. It is very similar to the provincial policy. Parent stated that their child had marks taken off previous to this policy going into effect. Jack stated that the old policy was to deal with major assignments and was in place for 2 years. There is an expectation that teacher's implement the policies at their own discretion. What works for one subject may not work for another. If there are any further questions or concerns feel free to contact your child's teacher or the administration.

Student Support - Parent asked for clarification of last months minutes in regards to teacher's time spent with student support services. Jack confirmed that the Jan. minutes were correct. Parent commented that when her child was in elementary school he received one on one time with an Educational Assistant. After he came to the Collegiate that was dropped. Her son has suffered because of this. If level 2 is a documented disability, where does ADD fall? Jack stated that it's what the province recognizes. The province determines if funding is granted or not. There are kids currently waiting to be assessed. The division has been looking for a psychologist for some time now but has been unable to fill the position. Parent also commented that the Manitoba Education Student Services Grant is described differently than it is in the Prairie Rose School Division documents. Colleen Claggett-Woods said that she will look into this.

Administration Report – i) On Wednesday, February 16 at 6:30pm there will be a parent/student grad meeting. ii) Thursday, February 17 will be the band dessert night. iii) Friday, February 18 Gwynne Dyer will be coming to present re. Climate Wars. There will be approx. 80 spaces available to people in the community who would like to attend. iv) There will be a dance at the school on Thursday, February 24 from 7-10pm dependant on whether or not there are basketball playoffs going on.

New Business

Mary heard gave a presentation of a dvd made by a group of students. Mary works with the Regional Health Authority. The government has mandated an assessment be done every 5 years in the community. Part of this assessment is to do a youth survey. The animation and drama clubs got together and made a dvd to this regard. The dvd will be shown at two provincial conferences and will be seen by many professionals in the medical community.

MAPC breakfast – happened on Saturday, January 22. Michelle and Rhonda attended. Michelle stated that it was a good opportunity to meet with the board members of MAPC. We got the chance to evaluate the middle years report card and give feedback on some of the concerns that have been mentioned around our Home & School table. MAPC is meeting with the Minister of Education to give their input on it. MAPC is currently working with the government to have a document for all Home & Schools and Parent Advisory Councils to be more uniform. The MAPC AGM conference will be on May 6 & 7 this year. The guest speaker will be Barry McDonald and the theme of the conference will be "It's our Time-Strengthening the Parental Voice in Education." The cost is \$60/person if we register before

the end of March. Jan made a motion to cover the expense of the conference and mileage for 2 persons to attend the conference. Deb seconded. Carried.

Funding/Grant Committee - Michelle stated that while at the MAPC conference we were told that there are a number of grants available to rural schools. Do we want to form a committee for this? We would then need to create a Treasurer position. Is this something that we want to do? Jan said that she would help with this. Deb volunteered to contact MAPC to get more information as to what types of grants are available and she will give a report on this next month. We will then decide from there how to proceed.

Temperature of the School - Some students are finding it hot or cold in certain classrooms. Jack thought that his had been a pretty good year in regards to the temperature. There isn't much that can be done about this. Comment was made to have students layer their clothing.

Student Council Activities - Elections will be held in March. Student Council will be selling Kinsmen coupon books in March/April.

Next Meeting to be held Monday, March 7 @ 5pm.