

Carman Collegiate
Home & School Minutes
Monday, April 5/2010

Present – Lori Wiebe, Lynne Melvin, Cathy McCullough, Monika Menold, Trish Middleton, Doris May, Deb Thoms, Jack Phillips, Michelle Doerksen, John Heard, Sandy Waddell, Jan Hay, Karen Tjaden-McClement, Rhonda Walker.

Welcome – Deb Thoms

Outstanding Business

Constitution Sub Committee

- Michelle handed out a draft constitution and asked everyone to review it and make notes for discussion at our next months meeting. We will email the draft out to all members that we have email addresses for. Jack will also put it on the school's website for parents to review. He will let people know that they can send any feedback/concerns to Michelle Doerksen.
- The comment was made that there was no reference to a teacher rep. being present in the draft. That may be something that we want to look at and discuss at the next meeting.

Fees Associated with Sports and Uniforms

- Jack brought the issue of the JV teams wearing team jerseys at sporting events to a staff meeting. It was mentioned that the girls JV baseball jerseys would also work well for basketball because they are the sleeveless style. The school will also look into getting these for the boys as when the boys perspire the cotton shirts do not wear well.
- It was thought that for volleyball the cotton shirts are fine to wear because the kids don't perspire as much. A parent commented that in certain years there are not enough kids to make up senior varsity teams (i.e. volleyball), the uniforms that those seniors would have worn could then be used by the junior varsity team. Jack commented that the junior varsity teams do not get the uniforms because they are difficult to collect. They are also difficult to replace as they go missing and then the team uniforms no longer match.

Pioneer Camp

- 36 kids are currently committed to attending. Approximately 4 of these kids are from Miami.

Administration Report

- Jack is looking for help from grade 11 parents and students to setup tables etc. for graduation.
- Wednesday the grade 10 students will be attending a Career Symposium at the Winnipeg Convention Center. There is an evening session offered Apr. 7.

- Thursday will be course selection evening. There will be presenters in the hallway for different career opportunities – post secondary.
- Jack will mention at course selection evening that the grade 12 Phys Ed. Credit cannot be put towards gaining entrance to post secondary school because it is not a marked course.
- Scott Burton a motivational speaker will be coming to the high school Apr. 13 to talk to the kids at an assembly about pursuing their dreams and not forgetting about education.
- The school is looking at purchasing a defibrillator. It will go above the telephone near the front entrance of the school. There are lots of programs and community members that come to the school. The training will be done by Gord Stobbe. It comes with an alarmed case.
- French Day will take place Apr. 23 for the grade 7 & 8 classes at the Elm Creek school. All instruction will be in French. This is for all kids in the division.
- MADD presentation will take place for the grade 9-12 students on Apr. 23.
- Carman Elementary Nutrition Day – Apr. 27.
- Jack would like to have a canteen meeting this month to go over the menu and incorporate healthy choices. The canteen supports 40% of extra -curricular travel, so it is a very important asset to the school. Jack would like parent/student involvement. Helen Klassen is now working in the canteen.
- Student Conference evening – There were approx. 92 families that attended Thursday evening (approx. 100 overall) which is a pretty good turnout. There was not much feedback on the new format for the grade 9-12 report card.

New Business

- Is there not going to be any fundraising this year for the music program? Comment was made that there was no Chinese auction table at the band concert evening. Jack stated that if there is a need that fundraising will be done. BAND-AID is planning a fundraiser for Haiti. There is also a jazz clinic happening on Mar. 23, put on by the U of M.
- Paper for printers – comment that students are complaining that there is no “good” paper to print assignments on. Jack stated that there is paper available, but they are trying to cut down on the usage. Students are using recycled paper.
- What is the difference between a resource and/or support staff? Jack stated that Resource staff is intended for funded students. Our resource person is Lauren Adams. There are 3 levels of needs involved here and different funding for the levels of the needs. Support staff is for students who wouldn’t pass a course without extra support. There is no certification required to be support staff. Right now the 2 support staff persons in our school are Lise MacNair and Lynn Rempel.
- Communication – JV badminton practices are not always posted on the school website.
- Course selection night would be a good thing to mention the night of student conference night. Also would be good to mention to bring your child with you to course selection night.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY, MAY 3 @ 5PM

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!