

Carman Collegiate

Home & School Minutes

Monday, Sept. 13/2010 @ 5pm

Present: Deb Thoms, Cathy McCullough, Jack Phillips, Rob Hamm, Doris May, Robin Gitzel, Karen Tjaden-McClement, Jeanne Holmberg, Lori Wiebe, Teresa Dunn, Garth Shindle, Marie Dyck, Wendy Clark, John Heard, Jan Hay, Rhonda Walker. Regrets: Michelle Doerksen.

Welcome – Deb Thoms

Jack introduced Garth Shindle as the new vice principal & student support staff. Garth has moved into this position after teaching grade 7 at the school. Jack also introduced 3 new teachers, Ms. Nicole Nitsche, Mrs. Amanda Rheault and Mr. James Harder. Ms. Nitsche and Mrs. Rheault are both teaching grade 7. Mrs. Rheault is filling in for Mrs. Rouire while she is on maternity leave. Mr. Harder is the new woodworking teacher.

Old Business

1. Deb reported that Jan Hay will make a presentation at the October meeting regarding the MAPC (Manitoba Association for Parent Councils) AGM meeting that she attended last Spring. She will be talking about a parent advocacy program and also present on Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba workshops.
2. Constitution – The final draft has been completed. It will be made available to all parents via the school's website. A copy will also be sent out to parents via email. Comment was made by a parent that in the final draft the Home & School should be referred to as an Association as opposed to a committee.

New Business

1. Fees for Transportation – Jack reported that after looking at the final numbers for the canteen last year it lost money. Some of the prices have been increased but an effort is being made to keep the prices affordable. Last year 40% of the transportation costs were covered by money made by the canteen, the year before 50% of the costs had been covered. This year students will be responsible for 100% of transportation fees. Refunds for amounts under \$5 will not be given. The school is looking at subsidizing to help pay for curricular travel. Comment was made by a parent that parents aren't going to be able to afford for their kids to play sports, especially kids playing multiple sports and on multiple teams at the same time. Parent asked if we should look at fundraising? Parent suggested that the canteen should be open during sporting events and run by the parents and students. This is something that has been done in past years. It was then suggested that the Home & School send a letter to the school board to request money to help pay for transportation for sporting events. Deb Thoms and Lori Wiebe said that they would get together to do that. It was suggested that the letter go out this week because the school

board is scheduled to meet next Monday. Jack said that he would not be opposed to this letter. Jack also stated that if kids are playing on jr. & sr. teams that it would be considered as to what that student would be responsible to pay for fees.

2. Scheduling for 2010/2011 school year – Garth reported that he has been in contact with Winkler Bible Camp and has booked it for a 3 day camp for the grade 7 end of year field trip instead of going to Pioneer camp. The students will have the choice of staying overnight for the 2 nights or to be bused back and forth each day. The program being run will be very similar to Pioneer Camp i.e. canoeing, swimming, hiking, etc. This will bring the cost down for the students and also make it easier for teachers to take turns staying a night with the students. It is scheduled during a 4 day school week. On the fourth day of this week the grade 7/8 classes will go to the Carman pool for an end of year party.
3. Open House – Is scheduled to take place this Thursday, Sept. 16 from 7-8pm. From 8-9pm will be the grade 9-11 awards. This evening is presented by the Home & School. Comment that it would be good to do an overview of gr. 7/8 for new parents to the school. Also would be good to put the school website up on the screen to show parents everything that is available there. Comment that it would be good to have a map of the school for parents. Jack commented that that can't be done for safety reasons. Deb asked parents to bring cookies.
4. Deb reported that Deb Iverson had contacted her to see if anyone from the Home & School would like to go to the Safe Communities meeting that is scheduled to be held on Sept. 27. It will run from 6-10pm. It is mainly going to be 1 meeting now and then they will meet again in approx. 3 years. Jack mentioned that he is planning on attending the meeting. Deb said that she would also plan to attend.
5. AGM for Home & School – Nominations and appointments will be made. The meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 4 @ 5pm. (There is no school that day). Deb will give a presentation about the previous year.
6. Parent mentioned that National Day In Rememberance to End Violence Against Women is on Dec. 6. Would it be okay to get someone from the Genesis House to come and speak to the students in regards to this? Jack asked that the information be emailed to him of who would come and speak. Feedback was that this would be a good idea.
7. Parent asked about the \$5 that students pay for paper. Is that for new or recycled paper? Jack stated that currently the school is trying to teach the kids not to print things multiple times. He has talked to kids and staff about printing only the pages that are needed i.e. use print preview before printing complete documents. Students can ask for new paper if they want to hand in an assignment and make it look good. Students will not lose marks if there is printing on the backs of the papers.
8. Parent commented that their child stated that there are 35-36 students in their chemistry class. Jack commented that there are no more than 31-32 students in any class. Student is worried that the class is going to be difficult because of the large number of students.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Next meeting to be held is the AGM on Oct. 4 @ 5pm in the Middle Home Ec. room.