

# Carman Collegiate

## Home & School Minutes

Jan. 7/2011

Present: Lori Wiebe, Terry Warburton, Monika Menold, Deb Thoms, Michelle Doerksen, Nicole Nitsche, Rob Hamm, Ken Rutter, Garth Shindle, Jack Phillips, Rosanne Massinon, Jeanne Holmberg, Doris May, Cathy McCullough, Jan Hay, Karen Tjaden-McClement, Joyce Nicolajsen, Trish Middleton, Teresa Dunn, Mary Heard, Colleen Claggett-Woods, Rhonda Walker

Welcome – Michelle Doerksen

Reading and Acceptance of December 2010 minutes – Rhonda made motion to accept. Monika seconded. Carried.

**Old Business** i) Graduation – Michelle found out that the deadline to have insurance in place for safe grad is May 15/2011. For more information regarding this please go to: <http://www.mbschoolbaords.ca/whatwedo/documents/Safe%20Grad%20Booklet%202009.pdf> ii) Ski Trip – approx. 82 students attended the gr. 7/8 ski trip. It was a great day with several volunteers attending. Question was asked if there will be a senior high ski trip? Jack mentioned that the school has tried for the last 3 years to do a senior ski trip (overnight trip) but there wasn't enough interest. Going on a senior high day ski trip won't be an option for this year. iii) Band trip – There are a number of chaperones that have committed to going on the band trip with the students. There are 25 students that will be going. The bus is a full coach bus. The fundraising is going well. Some students have already raised enough money to cover the cost of their trip. The cost is \$185/student. The excess money that is raised from fundraising will go towards helping to pay for the chaperones. Money raised from band concerts in the past will go towards funding the trip. On February 15 there is a dessert night scheduled to happen at the school. The Red Coats Band will be coming. After this event Ms. Cooper will have a meeting with the parents to see where fundraising is at. Jack mentioned that an extra day will not be looked at for the band trip. Passports aren't needed for school groups when crossing the border. iv) School Sports policies – The volleyball parents who drove students have now been paid. Thank you for that. Garth has drafted a form for parents who drive students. See attached. Parents will be paid .30cents/km who drive students to sporting events. This is based on what teacher's receive for going to meetings. The forms will be available at the offices or from the coaches. This will begin ASAP. Michelle commented that she would like the school to put some thought into how JV will be handled next year. Because the gr. 8 class this year is a very large class and will be moving up to JV, it would be good to look at what the options are to handle this situation. Jack commented that there are models out there that they are looking at to deal with this. In regards to the school's rule regarding students having to play JV if they play varsity, Jack mentioned that in the MHSAA (Manitoba High School Athletic Association) it states that it may be necessary for schools to have this rule to ensure there are enough students to play for both levels. Jack & Garth are looking at putting rules into place to clarify this rule. The comment was made that there should be something put in writing. A parent commented that in the gr. 7&8 level students hardly get any playing time because the teams are so large. There's not enough playing time to be able to

develop their skills. Should we look at splitting the gr. 7&8's or look at putting them all together but splitting them up? Parent commented that the gr 7&8's were split up this year into 4 teams. There was only 8 JV players for JV basketball this year. Parent commented what about looking at intramural sports? Have the grade 11 & 12 students organize and run it and put the time towards the volunteer hours that they need. Jack stated that this has been tried in the past but this limits the number of students who can be in the gym at lunch hour. There has also been the problem of students signing up to be there and then not showing up. It is felt that when the gym is left open there are more kids there being active. Floor hockey has been the only successful intramural sport at the school. Garth commented that some of the drop off when you get to JV level is that the kids have tried it in Gr. 7 & 8 and have decided they don't want to do it any longer. v) Provincial Assessment policy – this policy is to be in place by the beginning of February to be implemented in Sept. 2011. Jack is currently working on the draft. For more information regarding these changes please visit: <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/edu/index.html> . Information will be sent home from the school regarding the changes. The main change will be in regards to the students having consequences for handing their work in late. It used to be that everything had to be accepted. The government is now mandating consequences for that. vi) A parent commented that they would like to see the school website updated under the Performing Arts tab to let parents know what is coming up in regards to band, choir, drama etc. Parent also commented that they would like in future if workshops i.e. Gabor Mate speaking in Winkler, could be announced to the parents via the school newsletter that is sent out. vi) Student Support Program – how does it operate funding wise? Jack stated that our school has 1.0 allocated to resource - this is Lauren Adams, and .5 allocated to support - this is half of Garth Shindle's time. The school has also taken Level 1 funding and put it toward .75 support teaching position - this is Lynn Rempel. There are 3 levels of students who require care. The 3<sup>rd</sup> level is a student with multiple handicaps (requires 6.5 hrs/day assistance), the 2<sup>nd</sup> level is a student who has a documented disability (requires 3.5 hrs/day assistance) and the 1<sup>st</sup> level is a student who falls under the block funding (assistance is given as the school sees fit). Level 2 & 3 students have educational assistants assigned to them. Level 1 students have a teacher who works with the support program.

### **Administrator's Report**

i) There is a new Phys. Ed. teacher at the school, Mr. Ken Byrka. Jack will see if he is able to come to our next meeting. He came from a school in Winkler. His background is in Phys. Ed and Music. ii) The teacher filling in for Mrs. Deamel at this time is Melissa Legault. iii) The new digital sign is up and running as of Dec. 29/2010. The old sign out front of the school has been sold. If there issues regarding the sign that parents notice please let Jack know. iv) Athletic Banquet – Garth mentioned that they are looking at ways to pay for the transportation fund. One idea is to have an annual athletic banquet. There would be awards given out. This could be an annual fundraiser to go towards helping pay for transportation costs in regards to sports. There would be a meal and an auction, and possibly other ideas that are brought forth. This would bring the community together in support of school sports. The school would like volunteers from the Home & School to help and form a committee to be in charge of organizing the event. This year the approx. cost of transportation was \$11,000. Home & School could subsidize this each year with money made from the banquet. (The school paid out 40% last year which came to approx. \$4600). Each student would pay \$15 to attend the banquet. The Hall has already been booked. Garth & Jack have received a quote for the use of the Hall. A parent commented that the committee should be a Sports Banquet committee as opposed to Home & School forming the committee.

Michelle stated that she would be willing to help with this. There will be approx. 60-70 awards given out over the course of the night. Parent & grandparents would be welcome to come to the meall. v) Garth mentioned that there are high achieving students programs at the school. One being the gr. 11/12 Physics program. There is also advanced placement of English. vi) Jack mentioned that the canteen fund paid out \$9630 last year. This money went to curricular activities and approx. \$4600 of it went to ski trips, field trips, athletics etc. The drink machine paid out more than half of this. There was also some smaller accounts at the school that were used up to go towards paying for these activities. There was an MTC account with \$327 that got cleaned out. A gr. 7&8 field trip account that had extra money in it that got cleaned out. There was \$2100 that came out of the uniform fund. Jack is trying to get the canteen to be more fiscally responsible. Prices have been adjusted on some items to try to make up for the losses it's been having.

### **New Business**

Blizzard Fest Festival – Carman Chamber of Commerce is putting on their 1<sup>st</sup> annual Blizzard Fest. Some of the events for this will be taking place at the school. The gr. K-8 students will be receiving snowflakes to decorate and put up at the elementary school. They will then be moved to the Hall at some point to be used for decorations for the Snowball Evening. Passports will be given out at the schools and in area businesses. This is to encourage people to go to businesses and get their passport stamped. At the end of the day the passports will be handed in and the top prize to win will be a \$2000 travel voucher. On Friday, February 11, Jarrod Funke will be coming, he was a part of the Olympic volleyball team. He was in a car accident and is now a parapalegic. On Saturday, February 12, there will be an Olympic hurdler coming. There will be a concert held at the high school highlighting local talent. Tara Funke will be running a mini Olympics in the gym. There will be a social in the evening for adults. There will be snow sculpting at Syl's. Nine blocks of snow will be provided to sculpt. Three teams per school. Michelle stated that they are looking for volunteers to help make this day a success. It would be a good opportunity for the gr. 11 & 12 students to count towards their volunteer hours. If parents would like to get involved let Michelle know. There was a comment made to speak to Larissa Enns to get clarification of what qualifies to be used for volunteer time. There could possibly be information found on her website for this as well.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.

Next meeting will be held Monday, February 7 @ 5pm. Hope to see you there!