

Carman Collegiate

Home & School Minutes

Jan. 11/2010

Present: Rob Hamm, Kathy Hintz, Michelle Doerksen, Joyce Nicolajsen, John Heard, Jim Hay, Jan Hay, Rhonda Walker, Mr. Nykyforak, Jack Phillips, regrets - Deb Thoms.

Welcome - Michelle Doerksen

Grade 10 teacher and advisor Mr. Nykyforak was in attendance to let us know what he is up to. The other three grade 10 teachers were unable to attend. Mr. Nykyforak is teaching grade 10/11/12 Applied Math and grade 11/12 Physics. He coached the boys JV volleyball team. He mentioned that next year there will be no grade 10 Applied Math. There will only be 2 maths offered. It is felt that Applied Math and Pre Calc currently have about a 60% overlap. This is a provincial change.

Outstanding Business

1. Constitution sub committee - has not had a chance to meet all together. They will give a report next month.
2. Home & School meeting time - In Oct. 2009 there was discussion and a change to the meeting time from 4:30pm to 7pm to see if more people would be able to attend the meetings. This was to be reviewed in 3 months time at our Jan. 2010 meeting. There were comments made from parents who like the later time and comments made from parents who prefer the earlier time. The possibility of having a 5:15pm meeting was discussed. It was decided that the members of the Home & School will be contacted and vote on the matter. Next month's meeting time is to be announced.

New Business

1. Animation Club is up and running.
2. Floor hockey is having a good sign up response.
3. There will be a meeting regarding grade 12 graduation in mid February.
4. No confirmations yet for grade 7 activities outside of Pioneer Camp.
5. Suggestion was made that there haven't been many French field trips and maybe the Festival du Voyageur would be a good place to take some of the students.
6. Cougar hockey game - is to happen this Friday, on opening day of the tournament. Student Council is paying for the busing. The game will end approx. 12pm, and all students should be back by 12:30pm for afternoon classes. There are 3 buses to transport the kids.

Administration Report

1. Olympic torch came to the school Thursday, January 7/2010. A power point presentation is currently being worked on for the school's website. Carman Collegiate was a 15 minute rest point for the torch. The events happened inside because of the extremely cold weather.
2. Tomorrow Freeze Frame (a production co.) is coming to the school. They will be filming the grade 9's doing live action news casts.
3. Wednesday an ATV safety presentation will be happening. This will include snowmobiles as well. All students will be involved with this.
4. Curling playoffs are currently going on.

5. Exams are coming up for grade 9-12 students. The schedule is on the website. January 26 & 27/2010 will be the main writing days.

6. Senior Years Report Card - Currently looking at revamping the grade 9-12 report cards. A mark will still be given in all courses. The difference will be that there will be a Learning Skills Column. This forces 4 more areas to be addressed. This will make for less comments to have to be made regarding behaviour, comments can be more subject oriented. The Learning Skills Column scoring being looked at:

3 - consistently

2 - usually

1 - seldom

This will be in addition to comments that the teacher would still like to make. The changes will hopefully lead to further discussion during parent/teacher conferences. General feedback in the meeting was that this gives parents more information than the other report card. It is always a good thing to have tools to open up dialogue and discussion with parents, teachers and students. This report card would start in March 2010.

7. Awards Ceremonies - Currently looking at separating this into 3 award ceremonies.

i) Athletic - would happen near the end of May and include all grade 7 - 12 students. There would possibly be snacks served, but no meal.

ii) Music/Arts - would tie together with Arts Appreciation night.

iii) Academic - grade 12 awards would all be given out at graduation. The grade 9-11 awards would be moved to Sept. and would be an evening ceremony. The grade 7&8 ceremony would stay the same and be held in a morning near the end of the school year. There would be more academic awards added to the grade 7&8 ceremony i.e. provincial assessments, science fair projects.

This would only add approximately 10 minutes to the current grade 12 graduation program.

There was a suggestion made to put honour roll students on the graduation program.

Next meeting will be held Feb. 1/2010, Home Ec. Room

Time TBA

Hope to see you there!!!