

Carman Collegiate

Home & School Minutes

Monday, Mar. 5/2011

Present – Rob Hamm, Elaine Owen, Rosanne Massinon, Nicole Nitsche, Joyce Nicolajsen, Jan Hay, Doris May, Michelle Doerksen, Jack Phillips, Garth Shindle, Donna Cox, Teresa Dunn, Rhonda Walker

Welcome & Call to Order – Michelle

Adoption of Agenda – Joyce made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of Conversation About Education (re: Manitoba government). Rob seconded. Carried

Reading and Acceptance of February 2011 minutes – Rhonda made a motion to adopt the February minutes with the correction of adding Jan Hay and Claude Lachance to the people who were present at the meeting. Doris seconded. Carried.

Old Business

Athletic Banquet Committee– has not had a chance to meet yet. They will report next month. Michelle would like those at the meeting on the committee to please stay for a few minutes after the meeting. Tabled until next months meeting.

Funding/Grants for Home & School – Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) told Deb that they didn't provide assistance in this area. Michelle spoke to Millie who is the MAPC member that she had spoke to at the AGM. She gave Michelle a website to look at. After looking at the website Michelle concluded that we need to have specific needs or items in mind in order to access the grants. Michelle asked Jack if there were any suggestions from the school. Jack mentioned that they are currently looking at a portable computer docking station. This would be a wireless system that would be able to work with laptops. The school is also looking at doing a major reno on the grand piano. Michelle will give Deb the information and ask her to look into it further. Three of the possible websites to look at would be:

www.mbcsc.ca – Community Services Council

www.gov.mb.ca/housing/cpp

www.healthincommon.ca – this organization won't give funding to schools but will give funding to parent groups.

Michelle decided that we should table this discussion until next months meeting. Asked the members to bring ideas to the next meeting.

MAPC AGM May 6 & 7/2011 – Michelle suggested that we split the cost that the Home & School has donated for 2 members to attend the MAPC AGM between the 3 people from the group who would like to attend (Michelle, Jan & Rhonda). All were in agreement with this. Thanked the Home & School for their support in funding 2 members to attend.

Student Services question from February minutes – Elaine will give Colleen a reminder to give Jan and the Home & School a response to the question that Jan asked in February re. the discrepancy between the Manitoba Education

Student Services Grant being described differently than it is presently in the Prairie Rose School Division documents. This will be tabled until next month.

Michelle shared with the group that she received in a package a nomination form for an outstanding member on a Home & School or Parent Advisory Council. She has this paperwork if anyone would like to have a look at it.

Administration Report – There will be a school dance this coming Thursday, Mar. 10 from 7-10pm. The varsity boys basketball team won Zones against MCI. They will be going onto provincials. Tonight the Varsity girls basketball team will be playing game 3 against Morris for zone finals. Provincials are to be held in Morris. Currently these girls are ranked 6th in the province out of the rural schools. They have also applied for a wildcard spot at the provincials, so if they don't win tonight there is still a chance of them attending provincials.

Graduation – Organization & planning are under way. The hall and safe grad meetings took place last week. The next meeting is scheduled for Mar. 16/2011.

Report cards – Are scheduled to go out on Friday, Mar. 18/2011 or at the latest Monday, Mar. 21/2011.

New Business

Staff Appreciation week – the province wide date happened 2 weeks ago. Comment was made that we usually hold this in May. Suggestion was made to have it earlier before farming gets under way. Michelle asked about next Tuesday, Mar. 15? Everyone was in favour. She will send out an email to the parents who were not at the meeting to see if they are able to bring something. When asked, Jack stated that there will likely be 35-40 people in attendance. Parent suggested that next year we should try to have this day coincide with the province wide staff appreciation week.

Conversation about Education – The government has been advertising on the radio, newspapers and tv to go to their website at www.manitoba.ca to hear people's opinions and points of view on Manitoba's Education system. They want our ideas on how to: i) Give our kids the best start ii) Improve quality and results iii) Make schools more parent-friendly.

Jan let everyone know that she spoke to Mrs. Enns in regards to an issue that was brought up earlier around the Home & School table. That issue being if students volunteer their time and efforts towards music concerts in the community in an effort to raise funds for different fundraisers can they use these hours towards their Phys. Ed credit? The answer is that yes they can.

Michelle thanked the school and staff for their help with Blizzard Fest.

Gwynne Dyer – The school is still looking at dates to try to reschedule for him to come. He was going to come to the school to speak about his latest book "Climate Wars", but was unable to come because of a storm.

Michelle thanked the Prairie Rose School Division board members for coming to our February Home & School meeting and also for holding their budget meeting at our school following that meeting. Tonight the budget will be analyzed by the PRSD and finalized.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.

Next meeting to be held Monday, April 4th at 5pm.