

## Carman Collegiate

### Home & School Minutes

Nov. 01/2010

Present – Teresa Dunn, Rob Hamm, Trish Middleton, Terry Warburton, Karen Tjaden-McClement, Joyce Nicolajsen, Deb Thoms, Lynne Melvin, Michelle Doerksen, Rhonda Walker, Doris May, Garth Shindle, Jack Phillips, Ms. Rosanne Massinon, Nicole Nitsche, Jan Hay, John Heard.

Welcome – Michelle Doerksen

Minutes – Rhonda Walker

#### Old Business

Grade reps – Michelle asked if anyone around the table would like to be a grade rep? Parent asked, what is a grade rep? Michelle stated that if parents have a concern that they would like brought forward to the meeting but can't attend the meeting, it gives them a contact person to do that with.

The following volunteers put their names forward to be grade reps - Lynne Melvin for a grade 10 rep., Doris May for a grade 12 rep., Trish Middleton for a grade 9 rep., and Rob Hamm for a grade 7 rep. Jack requested contact information for all of the reps. to put on the school website. Rhonda will collect that information and get it to Jack.

Michelle made a motion to pay for the MAPC membership for this year. The fee has gone up to \$60. Jack gave an update that there was \$381 in the Home & School account but the MAPC membership has already been paid out of that for this year, so there is now a balance of \$321. Joyce seconded. Carried. The school division will be giving us \$35 towards the MAPC membership.

Karen Tjaden gave a small presentation - Every Dec. 6 is Canada's National Day in Remembrance to End Violence Against Women. Karen has a power point presentation with slides of all of the women that were killed at the PolyTechnique school (14 women were killed this day) in Quebec. This is what this day is set aside for. Karen has been in contact with the Genesis House to help coordinate a presentation to do at the school. Karen read a statement that will be a part of the presentation. Last year at the Morden high school, personal hygiene supplies were collected to give to the Genesis house. Students were also a part of making white ribbons to make people aware of Ending Violence Against Women. Garth sent an email to Genesis House to ask for further information. He and Jack thought that it would be a good idea to do. It should be done on its own, not as part of another assembly so that the focus is centered on the issue. One of the suggestions is to have 14 girls walk onto the stage with a white rose to symbolize that day. Karen – would we want to make an invitation to the community to be a part of the assembly? Jack – space could be a problem with the whole school being in the theater. Presentation would only likely be about 10 minutes. Not a very long presentation to ask parents/community members to come to. Garth thought that it would be good to have the students be a part of a community wide gathering. Maybe something at Memorial Hall like a candlelight vigil would be a good idea.

Senior Band Trip – Jack reported that it has been approved by the school board. Ms. Cooper has 5 fundraisers on the go. Parent volunteers have been responding. If kids don't want to participate they can just pay the full amount. The fundraising will go into a general pool to pay overall costs.

Fees Associated for Sports – Michelle read a letter from the school board in response to the letter that was sent by Home & School regarding this issue. In their response they stated the following:

Thanked us for our letter. The Superintendent discussed the issue with the principal's of our school. It is clear that some activities can occur significant costs for families. This will need to be addressed for all of the schools in the division. The budget for the current school year has been established. Jack commented that June 30 is when the budget ends. The board will look at this again for the 2011-2012 school year.

Parent asked, is there a possibility of fundraising? Jack and Garth have talked about this and they are open to ideas regarding selling food items at games. Parent asked, can things be done like shoot the puck in a hole? Yes, girls basketball last year did shooting hoops during the game, ½ court shot and they also sold 50/50 tickets. Response was approx. \$400 was made. Parent asked, could each team come up with an idea and bring it to Jack? Yes. It would be best to do by team instead of by sport. On game day if there are 2 games at the same time, there would have to be an agreement previous to the games. i.e. parents could share the responsibility/share the profit. Michelle suggested that for the next school year we apply for a grant on behalf of the Home & School to the Carman Area Foundation to help support our extra- curricular activities. This money would be divided amongst all of the sports. Parent asked, is the canteen money gone forever? Jack - hopefully not. They have revamped the menu and are hoping that the profits will be better. Canteen was in the hole last year. Extra money that was needed last year came out of the uniform fund that was left over. The drink machine made a couple thousand dollars last year. The canteen is strictly run on it's own there is no funding from the school or the school board. Parent asked, can students run the canteen during tournaments? Jack is afraid that it would get too confusing. Parent stated that all food would be brought in from outside, parents would just be using the facility. The canteen food would not be used. Jack would like the drink machines to be the primary source for drinks. This would mean there would have to be a lot of commitment from the parents to run some tournaments. Jack stated that the ideal is that the canteen starts making more money. Costs hadn't been increased for a number of years and now they have been. Michelle asked if any of the sport teams want to fundraise are they to approach Jack or Garth? Jack stated yes. Jack went on to say that there is some subsidizing for busing. Some schools cover 40-50% of the travel. There is a very wide range of what other schools in the division cover. The Division is going to start to track how much students are being charged for each sport and want to know how many games were played. Some schools get a small schools grant which they put into the school transportation fund, it is up to the school of what they want to use it for. Carman Collegiate is not eligible for this.

2010/2011 School year activities – Jack is looking at a grade 7/8 ski trip just prior to Xmas. If there is a home tournament i.e hockey or basketball, students will be asked to come to watch and support the team. Students will not be going out of town to watch a game.

Parent asked are there any plans for a ski trip for the older grades? Jack - In the past, there hasn't been enough kids to go. Neil Martin will be done as of Dec. 22. He has often been the staff to go. Trish suggested joining another school to go. Jack stated that in the past if kids don't know the teacher they don't always listen to them. This raises discipline issues.

Neil Martin's position has been filled. There will be an announcement shortly about that. Right now it is currently a term position.

Parents commented that the Body day for grade 8's was excellent. Jack stated that some schools didn't let their students go because of the risk of it being offensive. There was also concern by some because of bodies having to be donated for it.

Extracurricular Programs – Jack brought information from Lynn Rempel that he shared with the Home & School. Jack will email it to me so it can be attached to the minutes. Ms. Massinon gave an update of what she is looking at for the Science programs this year.

Class Enrollment numbers for gr.7-12 – Garth reported that he took all of the classes for the school, cut out student support programs, but left ITV courses in. The average class size for the school's 171 sections is 18. Math – 17, ELA 19, Science 22, Social studies 24. Out of 171 sections, 75 classes had fewer than 21 students. Jack received a request from the Division asking for class sizes over the last 5 years. This is information that the Division is going to start to collect. The total # of classes with 30 or more kids is 7. The total number of classes with under 20 kids is 75. Grade 7/8's average around 20 or 21. Two years ago in grade 7 there were 2 classes of 28. They were split into 3 classes for Jan. 1 of that school year because it was too much to handle for that age group.

Jack – Carman Collegiate Community Report for 2010-2011 School Year:

He would like the Home & School's input on different ideas. School priorities – communication, improved levels of student voice in terms of student leadership, increasing levels of student involvement through technology infusion and practical applications using the CTS strategy, literacy with integrated communication Technology (ICT), professional learning communities, pyramid of intervention.

Next meeting Jack would like to present on the Student Support Program. This starts running students on a more individualized program. Try to give those students some skills to be able to go into the work force.

Parent mentioned that there was a "We" presentation on TV that would be great to show in a social studies class. The students were wearing Me to We t-shirts, with the focus being on things outside of themselves.

Athletic Awards Banquet will be held on June 21/2011.

Jack let us know that final approval has been given for the Collegiate to put up a digital sign by the soccer pitches near the Town of Carman sign. The school is in partnership with the Credit union to make this happen. It has been a big process with Highways and town approval and budgeting with Access. Thank you to Richard Dyck for all of his help in getting the sign. Carman Collegiate cougar will be on the top of the sign, Access Credit Union will be on the bottom. (Digital sign in the middle.) It will have good visibility to the highway and to the front entrance of the school. It is a two sided sign north & south facing. Hopefully it will be in before Xmas. When sign is wired in, lights will also be wired in for both sides of the school entrance. The sandwich board will go and be for sale.

Parent asked, is there a intramural program at the school? Garth answered that there only ends up being i.e. 16 kids playing basketball when playing an organized game. If the gym is open 50 kids can go in and use it. The limited # of intramural programs has been run because of this. The official intramural program is floor hockey. Parent asked with the gr. 11/12 Phys. Ed. program wouldn't it be good to have? Garth answered that that's assuming that more than the same 50 kids will sign up for the intramurals. In the past, this has not been the case. If it's student driven it will be successful. Right now the floor hockey is the only thing that has the interest to be done. There is a split of jr. and sr. students who go to the gym.

### New Business

Meeting timelines – Are we set at having our meetings end in 1 hour? Today was long, but we went back over the last 2 months of things that needed to be discussed. Parent commented that they are really frustrated when things are cut off because of time constraints. Parent commented that new business will never be able to get addressed. The overall consensus was that it's fine for the meeting to go over an hour if needed. Nicole Nitsche and Rosanne

Massinon have volunteered to be our staff advisors. Michelle stated that we would like to ask trustees to attend our meetings. Board meetings are the first Monday of every month at 7pm so this does not conflict with our present Home & School meeting time.

Parent commented that an accident happened a couple of weeks ago during lunch hour. Divisional policy states that kids aren't supposed to be riding around in other people's vehicles. Jack commented that it is very difficult to monitor. Garth stated that the main strategy is to make kids aware that they are not supposed to get in vehicles with other students. Students are also not allowed to leave the school during spares unless they are in gr. 12. The police have been called in in the past to talk to students that have been seen driving erratically. Jack suggested when parents see this to take down the license # and report it to the police. Garth commented that in the past when kids were driving foolishly Jack has taken their keys away. Parent requested the administration communicate to parents reminding them of the school policies about driving. Jack thought this was a good idea and he will email something out.

Parent commented that being a bus driver, it's hard to get a license plate # when this happens because they are paying attention to where the kids are. She appreciated that someone else called the RCMP to report who had drove through her flashing lights and flashing lights.

Next meeting will be Monday, Dec. 6 @ 5pm.