

Carman Collegiate
Home & School Minutes
Monday, Sept. 12, 2011

Present: Michelle Doerksen, Jan Hay, Elaine Owen, Joyce Nicolajsen, Jack Phillips, Garth Shindle, John Heard, Doris May, Cathy McCullough, Rob Hamm, Lisa Lehmann, Rhonda Walker. Regrets – Karen Tjaden.

Welcome and call to order – Michelle

Review & Acceptance of June 2011 minutes. Rhonda made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Cathy seconded. Carried.

Old Business

Dress Code – A parent commented that short shorts are the style right now and she doesn't see a problem with them. Jack commented that it becomes more of an issue with the cut off jean shorts. If the pockets are sticking out, this is not acceptable and the students are being pulled aside. The tailored type of shorts are more acceptable. Michelle commented that the policy should be reviewed to reflect the current standards.

Athletic Banquet – In June there was a sports banquet for the grade 9-12's. There was a good turnout, approx. 100 people (135 tickets had been sold). The caterer was excellent. In the end there was a loss of \$256.00 which came out of a general account at the school. The purpose of the event was to recognize students for their athletic achievements. There was a lot of positive feedback from students and parents. There were 20 tickets purchased for the coaches. There was \$1551 worth of tickets sold. Students paid \$12 and adults paid \$15. This school year the ticket prices will be \$15 for students and \$20 for adults. The increase will be made so that the school doesn't lose money on the event. Garth commented that he feels that the banquet is still a viable option to fundraise. The purpose of the event was to raise money to help pay for sport fees. This year hopefully it can be more organized and more businesses can be approached to be sponsors of the event. We would like to give a special thank you to Time Out Sports, Changes Fitness and the Access Credit Union for sponsoring the event. Garth commented that some of the movie nights that are put on at the school could also be used to contribute towards bringing the sports fees down. He hopes that different groups will come forward to help with this to subsidize travel. Parent asked if individual fundraising can be done by the teams? Jack stated that yes this can happen but it needs to be coordinated with the office and make sure that there isn't redundant fundraising being done in the community. Hopefully in the future 3 or 4 movie nights and the athletic banquet will be enough fundraising to do to offset the costs for sports.

Review of School Policies – The new Drug & Alcohol policy was passed by the PRSD in August. There is a link on the school's website that will take parents to the Division's website. The new policy can be seen there. Attendance policy, please see the school website.

Administration Report

- a) Maplewood – The server was changed and now the email is no longer working (for the school to send out emails to parents). The newsletters will be posted on the school's website until this is fixed.
- b) Gym Riot – canceled because the group that was supposed to put it on canceled at the last minute. Student Council is going to look at what other options are available. It's very unfortunate that it was canceled because it was the best turnout in a long time and the students were all very excited about it.
- c) Main St. Campus – This is an off-site classroom. It is located beside the Adult Ed. Center on Main St. There are approx. 15-18 students taking morning courses there. They then return to the school in the afternoon. The Career Internship program will take place later in the year. This is part of the Student Support Program. It goes from Monday – Friday, 9am – 12pm. The purpose of this program being off campus is to try to create a different environment for the kids to help them to be successful. i.e. Some students deal with anxiety while at the school. This helps to alleviate that. Every student that is there has chosen to be there, no one is there who doesn't want to be. The money to fund this program comes out of the school's budget and the student support program budget. Some of the students attending here come to school and leave by 10:30am, this program is trying to prevent this type of thing from happening.
- d) Terry Fox Run – will take place Sept. 29. Jack would like help from 5 or 6 parents. The event will start at approx. 11:15am and will go until about 12:30pm. The volunteers are needed to help hand out certificates, cookies, drinks, etc.

New Business

Grant – The current grant being looked at is a one time opportunity, so we should do an assessment of everything that may be needed i.e. theater sound system, gymnasium sound system, etc. Further discussion needs to happen on this issue. Parent commented that in the June minutes it stated the money that was made from the Band Aid concert in the Spring was to supposed to go to equipment for the theater sound system. The funds that were raised at this event were specifically for equipment that the Rock Band program is needing, not necessarily for equipment needed in the theater. It was suggested that it would be best to check with Heather Armstrong and Clint Rivest as to what the Rock Program's needs are as well.

Sports Handbook – Parent asked if these were sent out with the grade 7 parents? Garth commented that he thinks that they were, but he is going to double check on this.

Driving Policies – Parent asked if this has been reviewed with the students and parents? Jack commented that it was discussed at the opening assembly, but can be discussed again. Parent commented that it would be good to remind parents and students of these policies.

Policy for Students Leaving the School – The grade 7 & 8's have to do whatever they are supposed to be doing i.e. if they are supposed to go home for lunch, they are expected to do that. If they are supposed to be at the school for lunch they are expected to stay at the school. The grade 10-12's are expected to

sign out during spares. They need to get a blanket note from a parent to give them permission for this (grade 9's have no spares). It's fine if they want to leave the school for lunch. Parent commented that we need to make sure that our school policies reflect this as well.

Open House – Scheduled to take place Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7pm. This will go from 7-8pm with the gr. 9-11 awards night to follow at 8pm. Michelle is going to make up a Home & School storyboard to have on display. She will also have copies of the constitution available. Michelle suggested that everyone invite someone to a meeting and let them know that there are positions available. Michelle has asked for people who can attend the Open House from Home & School to please stand to let people know who they are. It was asked that whoever could bring cookies for the Open House night, to please drop them off at the school before 7pm.

Home & School Account – There is currently \$235 in the Home & School's account. Michelle will pick up some juice for the Open House.

AGM Meeting – Scheduled to take place Oct. 17, 2011 @ 7pm

Everyone is welcome! Please come out and support your Home & School!

We look forward to seeing you there😊