

Home & School Association  
Annual General Meeting and  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Monday, Oct. 17/2011 7:00pm

Present: Michelle Doerksen, Lori Wiebe, Doris May, Kim Deamel, Jennifer Courtney, Rob Hamm. Teresa Dunn, Jack Phillips, Marj Warkentin, Rhonda Walker. Regrets – Karen Tjaden

Welcome and call to order – Michelle

Reading and Acceptance of 2010 AGM minutes – Rhonda made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Teresa seconded. Carried.

Michelle highlighted some of the items that were discussed during the 2010/2011 Home and School meetings. These items were:

- Adoption of the new Carman Collegiate Home & School Constitution
- Fees Associated with Extra –curricular sports
- National Day in Remembrance to End Violence
- Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) – membership, benefits and Spring Conference
- Student Support Program
- Review/Discussion of School Policies – Drug and Alcohol, Attendance and Dress code
- Fundraising/Grants/Movie License
- Provincial Assessment Policy
- Student Council Activities
- Terry Fox Run, Blizzard Festival
- Senior Band Trip/Junior Ski Trip
- Athletic Banquet
- Monthly administration Reports: Staffing, school goals, policies, etc.

Elections – Michelle explained that all positions held on the Home & School Committee are one year term positions then opened the floor for nominations. The following nominations were made and accepted:

Grade Representatives:

Gr. 7 – Lisa Lehmann

Gr. 8 – Rob Hamm

Gr. 9 – Doris May

Gr. 10 – Teresa Dunn

Gr. 11 – Lori Wiebe

Gr. 12 – Doris May

President

Vice President

Secretary – Rhonda Walker

Teacher Representatives – Kim Deamel and Jennifer Courtney

Michelle commented that she would consider letting her name stand for the President's position if there was a Vice President that would help her with this job throughout the year. There is room for 2 grade representatives for each grade so hopefully there will be more people at the next meeting that will want to come on board. Everyone was encouraged to tap shoulders and talk to people to consider filling the

open positions, especially to fill the need of President and Vice President. This will be tabled until our next meeting in Nov.

AGM was adjourned at 7:30pm

### **October Monthly Meeting**

Rhonda made a motion to accept the Sept. minutes as presented. Lisa seconded. Carried.

#### **Old Business**

Terry Fox Run – Jack thanked everyone who participated and helped with the event. The school raised over \$1600.

Grants – Previously concerns were mentioned about using a lottery as a fundraiser. This issue will be tabled until November. If anyone has ideas of where fundraising money should be spent, please bring your ideas to the table at our next meeting.

Sport Fees – Michelle mentioned that at the MAPC conference in Spring, the Minister of Education was surprised to hear how much students are currently paying to be part of the high school athletic programs. MAPC was going to follow up on this issue. We need to contact MAPC to see if they have gotten any further feedback regarding this issue.

Gr. 7/8 volleyball – Parent asked why students were charged \$100 for equipment & first aid kits? Jack said that he would check on this.

JV tournament – Parent mentioned that she had heard \$700 was made at this tournament, what will happen to this money? Jack is not sure what was made at the tournament, but the profit will go towards paying expenses i.e. referees, he will look into where the rest of the funds are.

Parent suggested that the Home & School Committee write another letter to the Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) asking for additional funds for the students to put towards sports fees. The school currently has funds to help parents that can't afford to pay for these fees. There is also Kids Sport available. This issue will be tabled until November.

#### **New Business**

MAPC membership - \$60. Do we want to be a part of it again? Rob made a motion to join MAPC as long as the fee is less than \$100. Lori seconded. Carried. Michelle also suggested writing a letter to the PRSD asking them to pay for the whole fee.

Fas Gas Fundraiser – Glenn Yeo (owner of Fas Gas) called Jack regarding people being able to donate their liter logs to a charity. The school will use this to put towards transportation fees. It will be worked out at the end of the year to see how much money gets paid back to students. Fas Gas is going to keep track of individual sales that people want put towards the school as opposed to handing over a whole liter log. People are free to do that as well if they'd like to.

2011/2012 School Activities – Jack stated that there is no confirmed schedule as of yet. Not everything has been booked for the year. Tentative plans have been made. We will table this issue until November.

Parent requested that there be a full length mirror supplied for the students before getting their picture taken on Picture Day.

Parent asked how does access to the gym work over lunch hour? Are there intramurals? She has a child in gr. 7 who is sometimes intimidated when there are older students in the gym. Jack commented that currently the gr. 7 & 8's have volleyball practice two days a week in the gym so it's closed at that time. There is always an EA in the gym at noon. Other options to do at noon hour are gr. 7/8 drama, computer labs or the library. Parent commented that she would like to see the school look at an intramural program again for lunch hours. Jack commented that Mr. Ballantyne, the new Phys. Ed. teacher is currently trying to get intramural volleyball going.

Parent commented that a student handed in \$5 of change to the office for their paper fee but the money wasn't accepted. Jack said that he would look into this.

Awards night – Parent commented that the awards evening was not very well attended by students. Should we look at moving it back to the Spring again? Jack stated that one of the main reasons that it was moved is because June is a very busy time of year at the school and it is difficult to get trophies engraved, certificates ready, etc. at that time of year.

Jack mentioned that there is a new Educational Assistant at the school – Alex Reynolds

What time should our Home & School Meetings be? 5pm is the best time for everyone that was seated around the table. It was also noted that our attendance at this meeting was low and this may be because this meeting was held at 7pm so not as many parents are able to attend at that time. Meetings will continue to be held on the first Monday of every month at 5pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.