

**Carman Collegiate
Home & School Minutes
Monday, Dec. 05, 2011**

Present: Michelle Doerksen, Jack Phillips, Garth Shindle, Lori Wiebe, Teresa Dunn, Rob Hamm, Doris May, Karen Tjaden, Joyce Nicolajsen, Kim Deamel, Rhonda Walker.

Welcome and call to order – Michelle

Review & Acceptance of Nov. minutes - Rhonda made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Joyce seconded. Carried.

Parent asked for clarification from Nov. minutes regarding hockey tournament money, is everything from that sport kept separate from the rest of the school sports? Jack responded that yes that is how it is. This is because the hockey tournament is parent run. The sports that happen in the school are run by the school.

Old Business

Sport fees – No response has been received from Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) yet.

MAPC membership fees – This is a budget matter and will be discussed by PRSD at budget time. Karen let us know that it's not so much about the money, but more of an issue that not all schools are MAPC members. Michelle suggested that the PRSD should try to contact the school councils so that they are aware of MAPC and what it is. i.e. Carman Collegiate didn't know it existed a few years ago. The \$35 that was given each year from the PRSD in those years was put towards the open house at the beginning of the year as opposed to paying the MAPC membership fees. Michelle will send a letter to PRSD requesting they pay the full fee for the membership fee as opposed to half. Jack suggested that this letter be sent by mid January because budget discussions will begin to happen in February.

Surveillance Cameras – PRSD is in the process of putting together a policy regarding surveillance cameras in schools. The issue is currently with the policy committee. Research is being done and input from the principals is being gathered. Jack gave draft samples of policies from other schools to the PRSD.

Administrator's Report

Kevin Brooks came to the school on Nov. 21 to talk to the students about drinking and driving. He is paralyzed from the chest down because of a car accident that was caused by him drinking and driving. The students were very impressed with what he had to say. He covered other topics as well for example, depression, self harm and making choices.

WE Day – 64 students and 6 staff members were able to attend from our school. The Philanthropy group will be doing additional work in regards to this. All feedback has been very positive from all who were able to attend.

Parent/Teacher evening – the numbers were down from previous years.

Band Concert – will happen tonight at 7pm. The school piano is still being refurbished so one is being borrowed for the concert. Parent asked if it would be cheaper to replace the piano than to repair it? Jack stated that no, the cost to buy a new piano similar to the one at the school would be \$35,000-\$40,000.

End Violence Against Women Day – will happen tomorrow. There is a vigil being held at Memorial Hall. Garth will take students who are interested in attending. The staff and students who are attending have been asked to dress in white.

Thursday, December 15 – The gr. 7 & 8 Scrooge play will take place at the school. Tickets are \$5.

Wednesday, December 21 – The school ski trip to La Riviere will take place. Currently there are approx. 54 students signed up to go. The school would like to have at least 70 students, this would give 35 students for each bus and cover the transportation costs.

Thursday, December 22 – Activity day is planned. Curling with the gr. 7 & 8's is a possibility. Possibly for the gr. 9-12 students as well.

Attendance letters/emails – Parent asked what is the procedure to deal with these when they are received? Jack stated that parents can call the school to find out the dates of absences. Each case will be looked at individually. If absences are affecting the student's marks, they will be looked at more closely.

Blizzard Fest – is scheduled to happen Feb. 10 & 11/2012. The dog sled races will happen on the Friday. Parent mentioned that Friday there is a varsity basketball tournament scheduled at the school. An outdoor gym riot is being looked at. Fiona Bell who is an Olympic gold medalist will be in attendance and scheduled to speak. Details on this are yet to be determined.

Curling provincials – Feb. 9, 10, 11 in Swan Lake.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Next meeting to be held Jan. 16/2012 @ 5pm in the Middle Home Ec. Room

*We would like to wish everyone a very safe
Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!*