

**Carman Collegiate  
Home & School Minutes  
Monday, Jan. 06/2012**

Present: Michelle Doerksen, Garth Shindle, Lori Wiebe, Teresa Dunn, Rob Hamm, Doris May, Karen Tjaden, Joyce Nicolajsen, Jennifer Courtney, Rhonda Walker.

Welcome and call to order – Michelle

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

**Old Business**

MAPC response to sport fees – haven't received anything yet. Michelle is hoping that something will be said at the MAPC breakfast this weekend.

WE Day – Parent asked if anything further has happened with the students or in the classroom as a follow up to WE Day? Garth wasn't sure. He is going to check and report to us next month. Michelle mentioned that material had been sent out from the program and was wondering if any of that material has been used? Garth will check on this. Garth mentioned that the Philanthropy group is still on going.

**Administration Report**

There is a dance this Thursday – chaperones are needed.

Exams – are at the end of January. The schedule is on the school's wiki.

Carman Collegiate has started a Twitter page for another method to keep parents and students informed of what is happening at the school. The hope is to utilize this tool more and more in the future. Information for this can be found on the school's website.

**New Business**

Tutoring – Parent mentioned that at another school there were signs posted stating that there was tutoring happening on Tuesdays in a particular room. Is this something that we could look at for Carman Collegiate? Garth said that if a student is having trouble the first step should be to speak to the teacher about it. Anyone wanting peer tutoring should see Mrs. Pritchard, she can match students together. Parent suggested that there are online tutoring sites. Parent suggested that the school put up signs i.e. Need Tutoring? Here are some options..... And list the options that are available to students so that they are aware that help is available. Could there be a possibility of Tuesday Tutoring? – have a group of students go to a particular room and try online tutoring together or have a teacher attend? Maybe the teachers could attend on a rotating basis? Garth will gather information from teacher's to see what they are doing and experiencing in regards to this issue.

Carman Collegiate ranking re. Provincial testing – Garth stated that C.C. sits above the average of the province. Garth is comfortable with where the school is at. Parent asked if the information is available of where exactly C.C. sits? What is the average of the province? Garth doesn't believe that the government makes these results available to the public but he will double check.

PRSD pre- budget meeting - will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 7:30pm at Carman Collegiate. The Board has asked members of the Home & School to attend. Michelle asked if there is anything that members would like to see on the next budget?

- Sports fees and transportation to and from sporting events (currently \$15/student is being given by PRSD but this is for curricular transportation only. Does not go towards extra-curricular activities.) There is a lot of talk about students staying active but there is no support for the students when it comes to sports costs.
- Ask PRSD to pay for our full MAPC membership cost instead of half.
- Ask for a tutor to be paid to be at the school over a lunch hour.

Michelle asked everyone to call her or email her with any further ideas or questions. Karen mentioned that the evening will include talking about long term plans, up and coming issues in education, and there will be discussion groups (hoping for different stakeholders at each table). The division would like to see some students attend the meeting as well.

MAPC breakfast – This Saturday Michelle and Rhonda will be attending the annual MAPC breakfast. We will try to discuss these issues there. If there is anything else that members would like to have brought up there please let us know.

Pre-Calc/Vertical conflict – There is anxiety being felt amongst the grade 11 students who are in vertical because in Semester 2 they will be missing a Pre-Calc class every cycle. Jack discussed this with the Pre-Calc teacher. They resolved that the day before vertical there will be two thirty minutes blocks of instruction time taught in the one hour time slot instead of thirty minutes of instruction time and thirty minutes of work time. The day of vertical, there will be two thirty minute blocks of work time with the teacher. Homework will be expected to be completed for the day after vertical by all students. There will be sixteen out of twenty students that will be attending vertical. The students can approach the teacher and ask for extra help. Garth stated that it's inevitable that some math course is going to be effected by vertical. Parent commented that we should ask for the PRSD (at their pre-budget meeting) to pay for a tutor to come to the school over a lunch hour. Another suggestion was that other schools use vertical as a regularly scheduled class, maybe this is something that Carman Collegiate should look at? C.C. receives extra funding to have vertical classes because other schools come to our school. The other schools have similar timetable scheduling issues. Parent asked if those schools have programs in place to deal with this? Garth said that he would talk to Tanis about this. Parent commented that this is going to be tough on the students in vertical as their classroom time will be cut considerably and Pre-Calc is a very difficult course. Hopefully the school will be able to get some tutoring options organized and available ASAP.

Parent commented that the JV girls like their basketball uniforms.

C.C. Cougar hockey – won bronze in their home tournament.

Adjourned at 5:45pm.

Next meeting to be held Monday, Feb. 06/2012 @ 5pm in the Middle Home Ec. Room at Carman Collegiate. Hope to see you there!!