

Carman Collegiate Home & School Minutes Monday, Mar. 05/2012

Present: Michelle Doerksen, Jack Phillips, Teresa Dunn, Joyce Nicolajsen, Jennifer Courtney, Jan Hay, Jim Hay, Rhonda Walker. Regrets – Karen Tjaden

Welcome and call to order – Michelle

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

Old Business

JV Basketball hotel fees – Jack stated that the JV girls stayed in a hotel this season. There was an amount of notice given. The girls really wanted to stay at the hotel and Lyle Myers thought it would be a good team building experience. Parent suggested that it would be good for parents to be asked about this in the future as the girls would always likely want to do this type of activity. Jack said that the school would work with parents i.e. payment installments if it's a financial issue. Parents are encouraged to talk to the school when faced with this type of situation.

Manitoba Assoc. of Parent Council (MAPC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) – April 28 & 29 are the dates of the conference. Barbara Colorosso is the keynote speaker. Cost is \$75/MAPC member. We have until Mar. 23 to get the paperwork in for the early bird discount. Parent suggested putting a cap on how much Home & School contributes. Whoever attends the money will get split between whoever wants to go. Division gives us \$35/year to go towards our MAPC membership (there is money in the account from years that the school wasn't a member of MAPC). Annual fee is \$75. Minister of Education will be in attendance. Teresa made a motion for \$50 in total be split among people who would like to attend. Jan seconded. Carried. If anyone else would like to attend please contact Michelle in the next 2 weeks.

Theater Upgrades – The school is looking at new seating for the auditorium. Garth & Jack presented the idea to the Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD). They are meeting again tonight with the PRSD to answer questions because it is a major renovation with a major price tag. The existing theater was built in 1972. The community gets a lot of use out of it as well – on average between the school and the community it is used 2 times/week from Sept. - June. Currently there are 302 seats. The sound system is in need of upgrading. The current lighting system is from the 1960s, this is the biggest ticket item. The school is looking at the possibility of putting the sound system at the very back of the theater to be able to add more seating. The objective is to have 300+ seats, min. 19" wide, easy access for people with mobility issues, upgrade sound and lighting systems. Quotes have been given from 2 different companies. Projected expenses are lighting \$80,000, seats \$67,500, floor \$25,000, sound \$15,000, seat removal \$5000, new screen for data projector \$2500. The financial plan is to approach the following for funding – PRSD, Carman Collegiate, Carman Area Foundation, Pipeline Oil, sell corporate recognition plaques and put on a donor wall, sell seat recognition plaques for \$250/ea. Jack spoke to MCI and they sold seats for \$1000 each and had a waiting list. Parent asked where the money would come from for Carman Collegiate? Jack said that it would be taken out of the funds given for exchange students. They try to use this money to benefit as many students as possible. Also they would use some of the school budget money. The steps that need to be taken are to get approval from PRSD (hoping to get approval tonight), fundraising would begin in Spring 2012. Sound system to be upgraded by April 2012, order seats by April 1, 2013, seat removal and floor replacement July 2013, seats installed

August 2013. Lighting upgrade to be completed by July 2013. Jack is still exploring different avenues to try to get grants, etc. i.e. Canadian Heritage. Michelle commented that because the Home & School is considered to be a not for profit organization we can apply for grants that the school can't. Parents need to consider if this is something that they would like to support and help out with? If there are any questions please ask Jack. Any comments, please let Michelle know. Home & School will need to get going on this if it is something we hope to get money for next year. Michelle can see this being a community event.

Administrator's Report

Basketball – All teams had incredible seasons. JV boys, SV boys and SV girls are all off to provincials. JV boys will go to Lac Du Bonnet, SV boys to Minnedosa and SV girls to Neepawa.

Attendance Letters – There is a change being made by the province. Only excused absences are those that are school related. Unexcused absences will be split into 2 categories, absences with a reason or absences. Letters will still go out the same. The province is trying to get a more accurate picture of actual attendance for Maplewood. Jack will look at changing the letters that are sent out to not include excused absences.

New Business

Student Advisor Program – There is a meeting every 2 weeks with grade advisors. Every students name is gone over. It is up to teachers to get a hold of the student advisor, if they think that person should contact home. A-D would be designated to a certain teacher and so on. The school tries to make it so that the student has the same advisor throughout their years at the school. The school doesn't keep track of how many calls are made from this program. Parent suggested that guidelines be put into place i.e. if a child fails a certain number of tests in a subject a call should go home. Parents should be contacted to be made aware. The school will have then done their due diligence and the parents can choose what they would like to do with the information.

Staff Appreciation – will be on Wednesday, April 18. Home & School members will be asked to bring fruit, muffins, etc. for breakfast for the teachers that morning.

Student Council Info. – Parent wanted to know how student council operates? Jack said there's a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Members at Large. In the past they have tried to get someone to come to a H & S meeting throughout the year. He has mentioned it to the 2 cuurent presidents, they are both very busy. Jack will mention it to them again.

Gr. 9 & 10 Sex Ed. – Topics discussed are STIs/STDs, birth control and relationships. Julie Hesketh has received calls in the past from parents regarding concerns. School will be notifying parents. Mr. Martin left last year so the ball was dropped regarding notification to parents. Jack has talked to Mr. Ballantyne and he is going to send out a notice. Parent suggested that when groups are made to have equal number of boys and girls in groups. If parents have questions about the content contact James Ballantyne. Instruction is done class by class.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm

Next Meeting Monday, Apr. 09/2012.