

**Carman Collegiate
Home & School Minutes
Monday, May 07/2012**

Present: Kim Deamel, Jack Phillips, Rob Hamm, Michelle Doerksen, Joyce Nicolajsen, Marie Dyck, Doris May, Rhonda Walker

Reading and Acceptance of April 2012 minutes – Correction to be made regarding soldering irons, they were purchased last Dec. 2011. Rhonda made a motion to accept the corrected minutes. Joyce seconded. Carried.

Old Business

Grants for Theater Project – Michelle asked if parents want to get involved? Home & School will need to create a Treasurer's position and set up a separate bank account if we intend on doing any fundraising for the project. We would need to amend our existing constitution to create this position. The Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) is wanting the Home & School to be involved with the project. Michelle and Rhonda are willing to help to apply for grants etc. We would like more parents to come forward to be involved with this effort as well. Jack is willing to help with filling out grant applications. Parent commented that they thought it would be best to only apply for more substantial grants that are worth the time as opposed to smaller ones. Amendment will have to be done at our AGM to change the constitution. It would be best to do research on grants we could apply for now so that we are ready to start on the process this fall. Rob made a motion to amend our constitution to apply for grants and create a Treasurer's position. Joyce seconded. Carried.

Athletic Banquet – Jack isn't sure what the response has been at this point. Michelle stated that she could help with organizing the event. Jack isn't sure about the number of grade 8 parents that have committed to helping with the event.

MAPC AGM – Thank you from Rhonda for supporting Jan Hay and myself attending the event. It was a great weekend – report attached.

Staff Appreciation Breakfast – Thank you to all the parents who contributed and made the breakfast a great success for the staff.

Administration Report

Thank you to parents for Staff Appreciation Breakfast.

Theater Project – The school has gotten the go ahead from PRSD for the project. There will be a seat sale @ \$250/seat to help raise money. Information handouts about the project are being made up. The school would like to put up a portable wall between the theater and canteen to be able to completely close it. The plan is to move the lockers between the theater doors around the corner. This space could then be used for display purposes. The school hopes to start the work on the project June 2013. There is an old theater that is looking at purchasing the existing seats. If they will take the seats that would save approx. \$5000 for the removal fee. The new sound system in the theater is up and running. New speakers are up in the corners. Only Carman Collegiate (C.C) technicians can operate the sound system. It will be locked down between events. There is a new form at the office that groups need to fill out who would like to use the theater to find out ahead of time what the group's needs are so students can be approached in advance.

Course Selection night – Tuesday, May 8/2012. The gr. 8-11 students were met with today to give them course selection forms. Courses can be booked online, form needs to be printed then signed by a parent.

Badminton Provincials – were last Friday and Saturday at C.C. There were 256 athletes in attendance. All of the athletes were fed lunch on Friday from Subway. This was paid for by the different schools and PRSD. The event went very well. Canteen stayed open later on Friday, but not Saturday. Last year when it was open on the Saturday it didn't make any money. It did very well on the Friday. The canteen has been doing very well overall. Next provincials to be held at our school will be for hockey next year.

New Business

Portfolios – Parent asked about the grade 9 portfolios being a huge project i.e. spent hours going through photo albums etc. This parent had been told that another parent had to go into the classroom last year to find the portfolio and was concerned about photos, certificates etc. being left in the portfolio. Jack stated that every portfolio gets read. There are no marks or comments put in the portfolio, this is done on a separate form. Portfolios are kept at the school until gr. 12, otherwise the school is afraid of losing them. The school purchases the binders and dividers so they want to keep track of them. Complete, incomplete or honourable mention is given. All of the portfolios are handed back but then recollected. This is why they are due in May. It gives students time to complete them if needed. The portfolio helps the student keep track of what they've done for leadership, etc. When filling out scholarship applications, it's very helpful to have. Kim commented that she has helped students in her gr. 9 business class come up with ideas i.e. school lunch monitor, patrols. As the students get older they can replace younger years items. It is encouraged that the students make photocopies of items or certificates in case they get lost. What is the expectation of the advisor? It is good to go through the checklist. The advisor is there to help them through the process. There is a link on the school's website for portfolios. There isn't a mark given. It is a pass/fail to get your ELA credit.

Band Aid concert – went very well and was well attended. The sound equipment was given at cost from Gord Stobbe's son. Thank you to Heather Armstrong, Clint Rivest and student's who worked so hard to make it a great success.

Driver's Ed. Information – parent thanked Jack for putting the information on the school website. Suggested that he leave it on the website, perhaps could be one of the sidebars.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

Next meeting will be June 04/2012 @ 5pm.