

Carman Collegiate
Home & School Minutes

Jan. 14/2013

Present: Joyce Nicolajsen, Jennifer Courtney, Garth Shindle, Doris May, Trischa Takvam, Marnie Sherritt, Lisa Iverson, Jack Phillips, Rhonda Walker

New Business

Gr. 8's will be travelling to Ag. Days in Brandon. Bus will leave tomorrow morning at 8am. Thursday of this week will be the gr. 7/8 drama. Cougar Hockey tournament will be Thursday – Saturday of this week. Friday morning the Cougars play and the students will be bused to the rink to watch. Gr. 7 & 8's need a permission form signed. Admission is \$2. Students not wanting to attend will stay at the school.

Math provincial exam is worth 5% this year instead of 30% because it is a pilot year. Last week of January is exam week. Feb. 4 is when second semester starts. Feb. 8 report cards will be sent home. For second semester the first term report card will be a little later going out. This is because there is not a lot of time to assess students.

Honour roll – gr. 7-12. Administration is looking at making some changes. Currently students have to have an average of 80% with no course mark under 70%. Possibilities that are being looked at are:

- Gr. 12 honour roll would include English, Math + 3 courses. If both Applied & Precalculus are taken then the higher of the two marks would be taken into consideration.
- Administration is finding that students are removing themselves from classes because they are not on honour roll. i.e. 60% in Chemistry
- Looking at changing gr. 11 to be similar to gr. 12
- Gr. 11 English, Math, History, Phys. Ed + 4 courses (any 4). This would be done to encourage students to attempt the more difficult courses.
- Looking at waiving the no course under 70% for gr. 7-12. If a student is getting a 55% in a course that would take them out of the running anyways.
- Administration would like to see students to take risks and do more difficult courses.
- Looking at partial courses i.e. Electronics, Cooking, Sewing, and Woodworking not being part of the calculation for honour roll.
- This year there would be no change.
- Parent suggested looking at Honours with Distinction to still be able to recognize the higher achievers.
- Parent commented that they would like it to remain an honour to be on the honour roll.
- Suggestion from parent to make it so that a student couldn't have a mark under 65%.
- If a gr. 11 student is taking some gr. 12 courses then only the gr. 11 courses would be taken into consideration.

Community Service Credit – A credit can now be earned by a student who wants to volunteer in the community. The student must do 55 hours to receive a half credit or 110 hours to receive a full credit. This can be done in any grade. Can only be done one time. The student can't get paid for doing the work. It can't involve helping immediate family members. Guidelines are in place. Volunteer

opportunities could be done at such places as Summer camps, Christmas Cheer Board, Blizzard Fest, Recreation Commission etc.

Theater Update – To date 70 seats have been sold – the goal is to sell 300. The business community has really stepped up in the last month with donations. The school has now received over half of the total funds needed for the project. There have been some platinum sponsors that have stepped up (this is a donation of over \$10,000). Jack showed different samples for materials that will be used in the project.

Parent brought up a concern about drugs in the school and possible dealers. Asked if dogs could be brought in periodically? Jack said that he would look into the possibility of doing that. Will have to speak to the RCMP regarding this.

Parent commented that the scholarship link on the school website needs to be updated.

Jack mentioned that the school has temporarily gone to using Outlook Express instead of Maplewood to send out emails.

Next meeting will be Monday, February 4 at 5pm.