

Carman Collegiate
Home & School Minutes
Feb. 4, 2013

Present: Lana Price, Joyce Nicolajsen, Mrs. Courtney, Jack Phillips, Doris May, Wendy Durand, Trischa Takvam, Rhonda Walker.

School Driveway markers – parent brought up a concern that the entrance to the school is difficult to see at times. Jack spoke to Bob Last at Highways Dept. who told him that the school could put up striped markers to help this. Jack thinks that arrow signs may be a better solution. Markers can't be put too close to the highway because of snow clearing. Jack is looking into getting arrow signs. Parent suggested that they be reflective. Jack will check to see if the signs have been ordered yet.

Provincials for Peewee girls hockey will be held in Carman on Friday, Mar. 1. Parent asked if it would be possible for students to be able to attend a game? Jack said that the school tries to make it fair so that students see as much as possible, but it has to be feasible and not too much class time can be missed. Jack requested that Trischa send him an email with the particulars. There will be 9 teams attending.

Theater Project update – Jack is still completing grant applications. Jack asked Lana to help him in applying for a grant from Farmer's Growing in Community. Part of the criteria for this is that you have to be farming x# of acres. This is a \$2500 grant. Jack is also applying for the FCC Spirit award. This has been given to theater projects in the past. The theater project is receiving a steady flow of income right now. Jack would like to sell more theater seats. He asked for help in promoting this. A display is going to be set up at the Coop grocery store to try to bring more interest to purchasing a seat. Currently 80-85 seats have been sold. Approximately \$55,000 has been collected for the theater project to date. The new seats to be installed will be chosen by the end of this month. There has been a very good response from the business community in support of the project. Seats sell for \$250 each. Tender is out right now for those groups that may be interested in taking the existing seats. The school wanted to make sure that there were no groups offended by not letting everyone have a chance at them. There are 300 seats to be removed from the existing theater.

Parent concern brought up last month about possible drugs being in the school and is it possible to get the RCMP to bring in dogs? Jack called the RCMP to inquire about this. They told him that this was definitely not a possibility. Under sect. 8 of the Human Rights Code it would be considered illegal search of property. There has to be probable cause to search something. The school administration has the right to search a student's locker with the student. Student's can also be asked to empty their pockets. If student refuses to do so, parents will be called.

Hershey Track Meet will be held at Carman Collegiate again this year on May 24. Last year approx. 700 athletes attended as well as 300-400 parents. Officials from Hershey, PA will be attending to see how the meet is run. They heard it was done very well last year. Jack may request that some Home & School members come to assist with parking for the event.

Conference on Sustainable Development – Rosanne Massinon will be hosting this. Hoping to tie this to the portfolios. This will be a climate change conference. It will involve gr. 9-12 students. Lunch will be provided.

Portfolios – next meeting will be Feb. 14. Students are being rotated to ensure they all get computer time.

Formal – gr. 9-12 will take place Feb. 14. This will include a catered dinner and dance.

Band trip – contact Clint Rivest for dates and details.

Parent asked about yearbook deadline – Feb. 01 was the deadline for ordering. Normally they are ordered at the beginning of the year.

Honour Roll – Jack went through statistics for Honour Roll from previous years for various grades. In 2008 the school went to no exemptions for exams. On average there was not more than a 2.5% change in all the grades. Gr. 11 is often the dip year of falling off the honour roll, but then it goes back up somewhat in gr. 12. Jack hasn't seen in the past where a student has 85% in all courses and 50% in one course. What is more common is a student will have an average of 80% and a 60%+ in a course. School administration is looking at making gr. 11 honour roll requirements the same as for gr. 12. This meaning the core courses plus four more courses with an average over 80% and not a mark under 60% would be considered honour roll. Another consideration is to have honour roll with distinction. This would include students with an average of 90%+. A parent suggested the possibility of bringing exemptions back. Jack said that it is the school division's policy to not allow this. It is beneficial for students going onto post secondary education to have written exams in high school. Gr. 12 ELA and Math have to be provincial exams. All other courses are school exams. Parent mentioned the concern that life is sometimes tough and students need to know that they can't always get anything they want.

Parent asked about gr. 7 trip to Winkler Bible Camp at the end of the year. Is this school driven or parent driven? Jack stated that this is organized by the school. It will probably be June 17-20. There is normally a gr. 7/8 celebration at the pool followed by 3 days at Winkler Bible Camp for the gr. 7's. Students are usually back to the school by 5pm on these days.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.

Next meeting to be held Mar. 4 @ 5pm.