

Carman Collegiate Home and School
Meeting Minutes
September 19th, 2018
5:30 – 6:30 pm

Present: Jeff Latimer, Jeannie Baker, Janice Beichter, Jill Krahn, Lori Wiebe, Tomasa Alvarado, Celia Alvarado, Jeannie Baker, Wendy Clark, Darcie Wood, Miranda Barker, Karen Park, Tracey Shinnners-Carnelly, Lana Price, Lisa Lehmann

Correspondence: None at this time.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Update on discussion H & S had in May 2018 on how PRSD budget cuts would affect students and is there a place for us to assist in fundraising.
 - PRSD no longer covering substitute for extracurricular activities– approx. \$10 000
 - They have decided to increase sport fees about \$20.00 per sport.
 - To fairly distribute the funds that are available each grade will be covered for 1 field trip (mostly related to busing and sub coverage)
 - Recent surprise expense – Electronic Outdoor Sign – cost \$5,000 (looking for PRSD support for this cost as it is a used community wide not just for the school).
 - **Plan:** Jeff to present the H & S board specific costs that we could assist with covering costs.

Student Council Report:

- Currently selling **Student Memberships** (\$10 per student) – Student council visited each class to discuss the need to sell membership raise funds to be able to offer activities such as: Bubble Soccer, Dances, Formal, Grade Wars. Goal to sell 125 membership.
- Fundraising – they have a lot of ideas – Spent Bros. Pizza most likely coming up first this fall.
- H & S member shared with Student Council, that in the past there have been parent concerns in regards to Hypnotizing Entertainment – it may affect student participation and membership sales – shared for Student Council to consider.
- **Suggestion:** for CC to send out e-mail to parents in regards to Student Council initiatives as a lot of that information does not reach parents through students

Administration Report:

- **Middle Years Grades 6-8**
 - Approx. 150 students
 - Smooth Transitions, not without a few hiccups they are working through.
 - Resource – Lynne Rempel & Guidance - Jesse Thomaschewski making up a great support team for the teachers and students.
 - Strong Beginnings – formative assessment process focused on numeracy and literacy. Appointments starting this Friday 21st and will continue on Monday 24th.

- Safe Schools Presentation – RCMP, Fire Chief – Ben Vanderzwaag and Monica Halbesma

- **Senior Years Grades 9-12**
 - Approx. 200 students
 - Open House and Academic awards presentation – 46% in attendance- staff considering changing it to 2:30 in the afternoon so that all student will attend to recognize those that achieved awards, which would then be followed by a 5:00 Open House
 - Discussion around the table re: Athletic Awards Banquet – Is a very nice event and appreciated and valued by both parents and students. However, discussion about the cost of it, the idea that we don't recognize our academic achievement in the same way and how that may be perceived when looking at our priorities.
 - Time table – The same timetable for all senior years across PRSD. Some difficulties and hurdles as always with the time table, as CC wants to offer a wide variety – then looks at numbers, who can provide the content, course competition and of course the cut backs. ISO – Independent Study covered by Jackie Metcalf and Evan Williams. Discussion regarding designated time for students to work on ISO, accountability.
 - Attendance – increase monitoring – monthly reports to go out to parents via Maplewood. Also anticipating that parents will also receive monthly reports on academics in the near future.

- **Staff**
 - New - Jordan Mahara – Electronics and Metalworks
 - New - Jesse Thomaschewski – Middle Years Guidance
 - Wellness to Well-Becoming
 - Stress Reduction for Staff – 90 minute presentation at Early Dismissal today

- **Sports**
 - Female Golf Zone 4 Winners

Grade Representative Reports/Questions:

- Cannabis – discussion about plan for education, via health, RCMP presentation and PH Nurse. There is a new Policy and Procedure for PRSD in regards to cannabis which is similar to the one for alcohol.
- Support for LGBTQ students – Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) a student-led/ community based organization intended to provide a safe and supportive environment for students interested in addressing issues related to sexual orientation, students can talk about their feelings and experiences, educate others and their school. Led by Jesse Thomaschewski.
- Cell Phones – discussion – what is the cell phone policy? – each teacher decides the rules for their classes. Is there a policy for teachers? – not at this time, the assumption would be that they would be responsible and model expected behaviour.

- Grade 8 – A year of regression – as some of their freedoms have been taken away. Are there ways we can alleviate some restrictions?

New Business:

- **Buses**
 - Some discussion of the expected hiccups that busing students will have at the start of the year. **Plan:** Could we invite Trevor Ryan who is in charge of Transportation for PRSD to a future meeting so that parents could ask questions?

Next Meeting: AGM October 24th, 2018 at 5:30