

Transcona Collegiate Institute
Parent and Community Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, February 7th, 2012

Present: Greg Daniels, Tomi Bowker, Teresa Cripps and Brenda Smith

1. Welcome

- Parents Tomi, Teresa and Brenda were welcomed and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Review and adoption of minutes

- One change to the minutes of December 6th. In the Administrator's Report, SIMS should be changed to CIMS. Motion made by Tomi to accept the Minutes of December 6, 2011, as presented by Brenda Smith. Seconded by Teresa. Carried unanimously.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Approximately 300 families are on an email distribution list and more are being added.
- The staff appreciated the treats that the parent council presented to them on December 20th.

4. Correspondence

- Invitation from the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils to attend a Chairpersons' Breakfast on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at the Victoria Inn from 9-12:30 pm.
- Letter from Darryl Gervais, Director at Manitoba Education advising on Manitoba Education's release of the 2012 Music Month project.
- Safety Awareness for Everyone magazine

5. Administrator's Report

- Mr. Daniels reviewed the registration process. The Tyler System is being used for the registration process.
- Presentations were held at John W. Gunn and Bernie Wolfe School to potential grade 9 students. On February 13th, Bernie Wolfe students will come to TCI for a tour and on February 17th John W. Gunn students will tour TCI.

- February 15th is early dismissal.
- Last year \$75,000 in scholarships was handed out. This year TCI received \$20,000 from The Tallman Foundation. TCI will now be able to hand out \$95,000 in scholarships.
- Booths from the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba will be set up on March 14th so students can ask questions about course selection prerequisites.
- Mr. Daniels handed out the updated school calendar.
- Discussion regarding Heidi Hayes Jacobs Workshop regarding curriculum mapping.
- Various teachers from other schools will be visiting TCI to see the work the school has done in curriculum mapping. TCI was recommended by the superintendent's department as a school to visit.
- Mr. Daniels is putting together a proposal to the Superintendent of the River East Transcona School Division asking for approximately 6 to 10 Ipads, with the hope of having them in teachers' hands by next year. These will be used with an Apple TV device and media carts.
- School announcements are now posted on the school website.
- Exam week went smoothly.
- Melanie Sidirow is a new teacher at TCI. She teaches Grade 9 art and Grade 12 Biology.
- The basketball teams are doing well and the Titans hockey team is 16-3. The boy's curling team won the KPAC championships and they will be going to the Provincials.
- There will be a basketball tournament at TCI this coming weekend which is sponsored by the Transcona Optimist Club.
- John Henderson and Munroe Schools have visited TCI regarding their school wide positive behaviour system.
- There have been very few suspensions this year.

6. New Business

- Staff Appreciation - Staff Appreciation will be held on February 15th. Brenda will order pizza for the staff from Dominoes.

7. Tri-School Update

- Mr. Daniels has been putting grants together for landscaping and trees. He has applied for 7 grants so far. He is asking for \$15,000 from the city and the province. He is also asking for \$5,000 from Manitoba Hydro, \$5,000 from TD Friends of the Environment and \$10,000 from Run with

Porter. Current funds are going to be put towards some benches and concrete garbage cans to be put on the basketball court.

- The landscaping company will maintain any new trees for the first year. Every year following, the custodial staff will water and maintain the trees.

8. Questions

- Question regarding when the Open House will be held. It will be held on February 23rd.
- Discussion regarding the teacher websites. Passwords will be given to parents in order to be able to access teacher websites.
- Grad information dates are on the school website. The grade 12 students will meet with their TAs regarding graduation on February 23rd. The \$50.00 grad fee pays for the students' cap, (which they get to keep), the gown and diploma.

9. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting – Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 in the Conference Room