

## J.V. Clark School Council

February 11, 2025

### Minutes

Present: Terra Blanchard, Ian Spencer, Ashley Churches, Taiya Melancon, Sarah Paschuk, and Doug Cooper

Regrets: Teresa Samson, and Richard Poirier

1. Call to Order: 6:40pm
2. Approval of Agenda: moved by Ian Spencer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashley Churches
  - All in favour: yes
- a. Approval of Previous Minutes: December 3, 2024
  - i. Moved by Ashley Churches, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terra Blanchard
    - All in Favour: yes
3. Reports:
  - a. Principal:
    - i. Attendance: December overall 67%, January overall 77%.
      - Drop from previous average of 85%, but on the way back up. This could be due to a number of factors like: weather, lack of interest after Christmas ... The school is starting to see brighter attitudes and increases in attendance.
      - Still have some students who are chronically late or absent. At what point do we say students have dropped out? The school does not want to discourage students from attending. Will not make changes for now.
      - When students do show up, staff will work with them, to the extent possible, to help them get caught up. Want students to be supported at school, but understand it can be discouraging for students who don't know what's going on in class, and may feel left out.
    - ii. Staff – updates
      - Have hired a new EA, Veronica, for the high school end. She has been working out really well, and is a positive addition to the school staff.
      - LAT Position has been filled: Nishi, is a new resident of Canada, and in Mayo. She has completed the International Teaching Certificate program, and is a new teacher. At JVC, she is fitting in great as a Teacher on Call, and filling in wherever needed when other staff are away. She brings a positive, calm presence to the classroom.
    - iii. Upcoming events
      - Polar Games for grade 6 in Whitehorse
      - Dog mushing course – all day for high school
      - Drum making in grades 4/5/6
      - Seed restoration course for high school
      - Will have a memory day for FNNND on Feb. 14

- Basketball jamboree
  - February 24 is a Pro-D day
  - February 26 is science fair
- iv. Other:
- Phone Policy: has been showing progress. Students are following the rules and handing in phones to the front desk at the beginning of school. Phones are returned at breaks and at the end of the day.
  - Issues were arising after the Christmas break with students sneaking phones in the bathrooms, hiding phones, and lying to staff.
  - Reminders and consistent enforcement of the phone policy have increased student compliance.
- b. School Council Financial report (standing item):
- i. Current bank balance: \$21,511.06
  - ii. Received YG annual funding in early February 16, 2025
  - iii. Will reimburse school when Otterbox cases are purchased for the new set of classroom iPads.
4. Correspondence:
5. Community Concerns/Comments:
6. Old Business:
- a. School Growth Plan (standing item)
    - i. Will have more information at the next meeting. Currently going over student data collected for reading, writing, and literacy
7. New Business:
- a. Every Child Everyday application:
    - i. School received \$25,000 in funding from Every Student Everyday foundation, future purchases include:
    - ii. Science room:
      - Backrest attachments for stools
      - Special dolly for lifting heavy tables, for the custodial staff
      - Vandergraph generator
      - Hood fan ventilation
    - iii. Wood Shop:
      - Lathes
      - Bandsaw
      - Hand tools
    - iv. Gym Class:
      - Ping pong table
    - v. Other:
      - Art supplies, Acrylic paints
    - vi. Council has suggested adding a new sound system, similar to VOM's new sound system. Principal was agreeable to this, and thinks they can fit it into this budget
  - b. School Calendar 2025/2026:
    - i. Council reviewed the calendar for the 2025/2026 school year and are in agreeance with the schools adjustments.
  - c. Teacher Interviews/Report Cards:
    - i. Next year the school will try doing parent teacher interviews in the evening to increase parent/guardian participation. Dinner would be provided as a fundraiser

- for sports.
- ii. Opportunities for parent teacher interviews without students present will also be provided.
  - iii. Report Cards:
    - Council would like to see more details provided for all subjects. Pointing out what areas students are excelling in and what areas they are struggling/need more help in. This would help parent/guardians to better understand the grade given.
    - It would also be very helpful to include the overall grade as a Percentage mark to help with the transition to the new marking system which parents struggle to understand.
  - iv. MOTION: Council moves to include the overall course percentage grade in each subject for report cards, and a detailed description of each course to better assist students at home.
    - Moved by Ian Spencer
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terra Blanchard
    - All in Favour: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

8. Next Meeting: March 4, 2025

Apr. 1/2025  


