J.V. Clark School Council

December 2, 2025

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:35pm
2. Present: Ian Spencer, Teresa Samson, Denise Simmons, Ashley Churches, Tayia Melancon, Sarah Paschuk, Doug Cooper
3. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Ian Spencer, Second by Teresa, all in favour
    a. Approval of Previous Minutes: November 4, 2025
        i. Moved by Teresa, second by Taiya, all in favour, signed by Sarah
4. Reports:
    a. Principal:
        i. Attendance:
            - Overall school attendance of 69% for November, this is low compared to other months. Typical as we get into colder weather and closer to Christmas. Still important for students to attend every day.
            - 5 students with 100% attendance for the month of November, will be recognized at "good news" assembly, the first Wednesday of the month.
        ii. Staff:
            - We had a teacher on call (TOC) - Doug, this month who helped in a number of classes, covering teachers who were away. Very helpful in shop class building sets for the school Christmas concert.
        iii. Upcoming events:
            - Good News assembly – this assembly happens on the first Wednesday of the month, and focuses on positive news and behavior in the school. Students are recognized for good attendance and good deeds from the previous month.
            - Families and community members are encouraged to attend when possible.
            - Friday bake sale, held on the first Friday of every month.
            - Purdy's orders cutoff Dec. 11, 2025
            - Dec. 18 Christmas Concert, doors open at 6:30pm.
            - Dec. 19 PJ day for all students. Put on by student council to spread some school spirit. This is also an early dismissal day.
        iv. Update on student behavior:
            - Have been experiencing some racist comments between students, and written on the walls in the washrooms. Teachers have been addressing these incidents directly and right away. The Principal has been following up with parents. This has lead to classroom wide discussions about the impact of your words, and improving the treatment of others. School is a welcoming and supportive place for everyone. Positive changes have been seen.
            - Students are encouraged to report any incident of bullying or racism immediately. This allows for teachers and staff to address the issue right away. Positive improvements have been seen in overall student behavior towards each other.
            - Teachers and Principal have been in the halls during classroom

transitions to observed students.

- Ideas to bring in Marylin Jensen to do bullying awareness workshop or a lateral kindness workshop with students.
    - Another idea is to host a multi-cultural event, encouraging students to share food or activities from their own cultural backgrounds. Recognizing JVC student have a culturally diverse group of students.

5. Old Business:
    a. School Growth Plan (standing item):
        i. The school growth plan has been updated and is available on the School website.
        ii. Key updates: Goals, set by the community and students, of what the school "should do", "keep doing", and "stop doing".
        iii. Opportunities for art therapy classes, starting next year
        iv. Outlines the expectations of students for academics, participation, attendance, and behavior
        v. Sets literacy goals in reading and writing. Idea is to see individual students progress by 2 levels per term.
        vi. Sets attendance targets of 80%, for the whole school
        vii. Contains all the school Policy's which will also be sent home so parents know the expectations of for students.
            - Behaviour, Cell phone, Bullying, Lunch time offsite Privileges, Bus, Racism, Dress code, and Head lice
        viii. The school growth plan will also be emailed home to Parents and guardians
6. New Business:
    a. Pancake Breakfast December 19: Pancake breakfast will start at 8:15am, all are welcome!
        i. Sarah to get groceries
        ii. Motion for council to buy 4 electric countertop griddles for the school kitchen.
        iii. Moved by Teresa, Second by Ashley, all in favour – Approved.
7. Next Meeting: January 6, 2026
8. Meeting adjourned 8:26pm