J.V. Clark School Council

June 2, 2026

Minutes

1. **Call to Order: 6:38pm**
    a. **Present:** Ian Spencer, Tara Blanchard, Sarah Paschuk, Doug Cooper
    b. **Away:** Teresa Samson, Ashley Churches, Taiya Melancon, Denise Simons
2. **Approval of Agenda**
    a. Approval of Previous Minutes: April 7, 2026 – Tabled till next meeting, no quorum
3. **Reports:**
    a. **Principal:**
        i. **Attendance:** Over all for the month of May 74%
            - Over the course of the school year, the average attendance has been 79%.
            - The school growth plan has a goal of 75% attendance for the year.
        ii. **Staff:** JVC is fully staffed for next year, with all staff members returning
            - While this is good news! Council would like to see more supports in our school and will be **working to advocate for more Educational Assistants (EA)**. Right now, there are only two for the whole school. The staffing protocol for EAs is currently based on student population, council would like to see this process also include actual student needs.
            - Ms. Noseworthy will be returning in February next year!
            - **Council to advocate for a temporary teaching position, to June 2027**, to be filled by Ms. Cindi Cowie. She has been an excellent teacher to the grade 4/5/6 students and it would be very helpful to have her stay on till the end of the year.
            - School is working with Child Development Center to obtain supports for students that need one-on-one help throughout the day.
            - Student Advocate position is still vacant. People who are interested are encouraged to apply to FNNND – Education Department.
            - **Council will reach out to the Yukon Education Department to increase the number of annual visits for educational consultants.** These consultants work one-on-one with students and teachers to develop teaching strategies, and behavioural techniques. The consultants that visit are very helpful and welcome at the school. More visits would be appreciated.
        iii. **Graduation/awards ceremony:** June 5, 2026 - Awards will be at 10am, Graduation will be at 2pm, followed by a graduation dinner at 5pm.
        iv. **Update on student behavior:** Student behaviour is improving. There continue to be issues that arise however, they are addressed immediately and have not escalated. Students are spoken to directly as well as phone calls home to parents/guardians. In some cases students are removed from the classroom so that class can continue for other students.

- Female students are becoming more impowered. Staff is seeing females standing up for themselves, using their words respectfully but directly to set boundaries. There is also more immediate reporting of problems to staff. This is very helpful in addressing situations immediately before they escalate.
- School to host a restorative circle in September. This is an opportunity for parents and school staff to share expectations and concerns openly and respectfully at the beginning of the year. This exercise will be lead by FNNND Wellness staff. The idea is to strengthen the relationship between the school and student families to better support students in a holistic way.

v. Recent Events:

- Canoeing at five mile – this was a big success. Over two days grades 4-12 were able to participate in canoe lessons on five-mile lake. As well, teachers were able to be trained and certified in canoe safety. The school is thinking of purchasing a school set of canoes with a trailer to facilitate more canoe trips through out the year. One future trip is to visit the FNNND Old Village. **Council will discuss helping to purchase canoes.**
- Cycle smart visited the school, working with students on bike skills and safety.
- Thursday will be a fun day at five-mile lake: the whole school will enjoy fun in the sun.

b. **School Council Financial report** (standing item): yearend report: School council hosted two pancake breakfast events this year. There is money in the budget to support the school in purchasing canoes, to be discussed further in September.

i. Current budget of $23,000.00

4. Old Business:

a. School Growth Plan (standing item): To be discussed in the fall. Dept. of education has updated the assessment programs for literacy. These updates will be incorporated into JVC assessment regime starting next school year.

5. New Business:

a. **Bullying definition** – briefly discussed to remove the idea of exclusion from the current definition. Students should not exclude others from activities with the intent of isolating individuals in a malicious way. However, it is also understood that individuals do not have to be friends with everyone and sometimes it is ok to say “no”. Students should always be kind to each other regardless. All students need to feel welcome.

6. **Next Meeting: To be determined**

a. August 24, 2026 First day of school, pancake breakfast