



SHAWSHEEN VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL  
100 Cook Street, Billerica, MA 01821

School Council

Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2019

**In Attendance:** Jessica Cook, Principal; Paula DeLosh, Parent; Taryn Gillis, Parent; Paul Troisi, Community Representative; James Marshall, Community Representative; Alison Pereira, Student; Sarah Michaud, Student; Diane Cedorchuk, Recording Secretary

**Absent:** John Bagni, Faculty, Kerry O'Brien, Faculty, Faith Stevens, Parent

**Call to Order – Welcome**

Ms. Cook called the meeting to order at 7:37.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Cook motioned to accept the minutes of November 28, 2018.

Ms. Troisi motioned to accept, Ms. Gillis seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes of November 28, 2018 were approved.

Ms. Cook asked if anyone would like to review anything from the last meeting. Mr. Troisi asked about resources for MCAS and the school's capacity to handle the technology. Ms. Cook explained the Director of Digital Learning is well aware and has been working to make sure we are all set. She does not expect any problems. Ms. Cook also explained we have students taking paper based test. Ms. Gillis commented that students are adaptable.

**Old Business:**

Ms. Cook recapped the ALICE training that was done on December 13<sup>th</sup> with all students and staff. The police and fire were both here and were very impressed. Ms. Cook mentioned another drill will be done in the spring.

**New Business:**

Ms. Cook brought up the student concern with vaping. There was a discussion on vaping in the bathrooms and how to prevent it from going on. Ms. Cook spoke about the Vape alarms that are available and the school is looking into purchasing them for the bathrooms. Student safety is the main concern.

There was also a discussion regarding attendance and the 7-day unexcused absence policy.

Ms. Cook discussed the student ID's and how well it is going. She also spoke about graduation and the gown color. The change in gown color from two colors to one is to display unity and inclusion, it is not based on gender. Ms. Cook wants the shops to be recognized which will be displayed on a stole and the National Honor Society will be recognized with cords.

There was a brief discussion about safety protocols and how the new system is working. Ms. Cook explained some cameras needed to be moved but they are working very well. Multiple people can be on the cameras at once. Also, the one touch lockdown system is in place which disables key card entry.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 a.m.