



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

School Council

Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2019

In Attendance: Jessica Cook, Principal; John Bagni, Faculty; 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: 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 January 16, 2019.

Ms. Troisi motioned to accept, Mr. Marshall seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes of January 16, 2019 were approved.

Old Business:

Ms. Cook recapped the MCAS testing and explained the process with a trial run the week before the actual MCAS testing. During the trial run for MCAS there will be a vaping presentation for students with the dangers of vaping. Ms. Cook also spoke about signs that will be placed in bathrooms about the dangers of vaping. Ms. Gillis asked about the vaping alarms. Ms. Cook said Tim was in favor of them, they will need to be put in the budget.

Ms. Cook spoke about graduation and caps and gowns. All students will be wearing one color this year, purple.

New Business:

Ms. Cook discussed the handbook and updates to the attendance policy. She said currently the handbook has been sent to the lawyer.

Ms. Cook spoke about the Exsel Initiatives and the mental health needs. She said they are adding an adjustment counselor for the school year 2019-2020.

Ms. Cook discussed employability skills. A handout was distributed with the top 10 employability skills. Ms. Cook spoke about the employability framework and rubric and how we need to build these skills; group a common language through English and electrical. At the last professional development staff were asked to prioritize these skills. There was a lengthy discussion and everyone felt it was a great idea to set expectations and accountability. A rubric will be very clear. Students can take ownership and identify what they need and ramifications of what can happen. Students can practice before they go out to work.

Ms. Cook discussed student ID's and lanyards. She said students are abusing the clips that they are allowed to use in shops and no clips will be allowed next year. Lanyards can be hung up in the shop. The handbook will state lanyards only. Detentions will be given out from the dean for repeaters who do not comply with the lanyards. Ms. Cook noted the lanyards are different colors for each grade. A question was asked if the color on the badge could match the lanyard color.

Safety Update:

Ms. Cook updated members on the foyer in the mall entrance. Glass doors have been installed to prevent access to the building. The only access is to the bakery and cosmetology. Ms. Gillis noted the Rams Head is still in need.

Ms. Cook also stated they are in the process of rewiring the fire alarm system.

Ms. Cook distributed the MassCore Framework. She stated they are updating graduation requirements and will look at more standardizations, homework, and makeup policy.

Ms. Cook noted at the next School Council meeting they will discuss homework policy, graduation requirements and handbook updates from the lawyer.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.