



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

School Council

Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2020

In Attendance: Jessica Cook, Principal; Danielle Santiago, Parent; Lisa Zannelli, Parent; Paul Troisi, Community Representative; James Marshall, Community Representative; Michael Parent, Student; Catia Melo, Student; Diane Cedorchuk, Recording Secretary

Absent: John Bagni, Faculty; Kerry O'Brien, Faculty

Call to Order – Welcome

Ms. Cook called the meeting to order at 7:34 am.

Introductions:

Ms. Cook expressed her gratitude to everyone and thanked them for being so flexible. Each member introduced themselves and gave a brief description of what role they play at the school.

Old Business:

Ms. Cook explained to new members the main purpose for the school council; the School Improvement Plan and updates to the Student Handbook. Ms. Cook explained the goal will be to look at post Covid.

School Safety is a big endeavor and is a main concern. Ms. Cook noted ALICE has been implemented and explained how it will be implemented this year with Covid. Drills are not being done this year but will have ALICE discussions and scenarios.

Ms. Cook went through each objective of the School Improvement Plan noting the addition of a second school psychologist. Ms. Cook also talked about the Crisis Team. A dozen additional radios have been purchased which has equipped the entire crisis team with radios. The Diversion Program was mentioned and Ms. Cook said it is still running.

Mr. Troisi asked the student representatives what could be improved if anything this year. Catia Melo explained distant learning is difficult but mentioned the chat feature which is helpful.

Michael Parent mentioned the office hours with teachers are very helpful.

Ms. Santiago said it is good the students are in shop. Academics is a struggle. It is hard being on a computer all day and an adjustment for the entire family. She appreciates all the help from the teachers. Ms. Zannelli also expressed her appreciation for having the students in for shop week. She said her student is always engaged when remote and it is much better than last spring and much better than the district she lives in. The students do miss the social aspect of coming to school every day.

Ms. Cook mentioned 100% in person for shop week has allowed Shawsheen to stay open. Any teachers who were exposed had no evidence of any transmission in school.

Mr. Marshall said the teachers miss the students and not being able to be in-person. He thanked the school for their extra efforts and said both teachers and students have risen to the obstacles from COVID.

Student Handbook:

Ms. Cook asked everyone to familiarize themselves with the student handbook for the next meeting.

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Ms. Cook motioned to adjourn. Mr. Marshall 2nd the motion. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14.