



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

Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2024

In Attendance: Jessica Cook, Principal; Kerry O'Brien, Faculty; John Bagni, Faculty; Carrie Patel, Parent; Tracy Shunamon, Parent; Michael Parent, Community Representative; Brendan Driscoll, Community Representative Dale Gardner, Student; Diane Cedorchuk, Recording Secretary.

Absent: Kristen Baker, Parent; Karina Palencia-Marroquin, Student; Alyssa Costantiello, Student

Call to Order:

Ms. Cook called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cook asked for a motion to accept the minutes of November 7, 2024. Mr. Gardner motioned to accept the minutes of November 7, 2024. Ms. Shunamon seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, all in favor with one abstaining. Motion passes unanimously.

Updates:

Mr. Gardner gave an update on Athletics, the Fall Fair and co-op.

Ms. Cook gave an update on Parent/Teacher night that took place November 21, the School Climate Survey, (which Ms. Cook will bring results to the January meeting), MCAS no longer being a graduation requirement and the update from DESE is there is no update as of today.

Old Business:

Student Attendance Policy: Ms. Cook distributed a detailed document with student attendance data, and tardies from September 3 to November 27 (59 days of school). Ms. Cook explained each chart in detail. Ms. Cook also told the group attendance meetings are held every Tuesday and interventions are discussed.

Ms. Cook also distributed a proposed change to the SVTHS Attendance policy along with attendance policy from other schools. She asked if everyone wanted to read this at their leisure and discuss at the next meeting. Everyone agreed.

New Business:

MCAS Update – No updates to date from DESE

Adjournment:

Ms. O'Brien made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Driscoll seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm.