



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

Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2022

In Attendance: Jessica Cook, Principal; John Bagni, Faculty; Kerry O'Brien, Faculty; Deborah Barnes, Parent; Melissa Bates, Parent; James Kenney, Parent; Brendan Driscoll, Community Representative; Kari Sullivan Davis, Community Representative; Diane Cedorchuk, Recording Secretary.

Absent: Gianna Papa, Student; Michael Parent, Student; Alex Strong, Student

Call to Order:

Ms. Cook motioned to call the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cook asked for a motion to accept the minutes of November 2, 2022. Ms. Barnes requested to amend the minutes to reflect some omissions that she had made note of. Ms. Barnes read the 6 items omitted from the minutes and there was a discussion on each. It was decided to amend the minutes. Mr. Bagni made a motion to vote on the November 2, 2022 minutes at the January meeting. Mr. Driscoll seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Old Business:

Progress on 2022-2023 School Improvement Plan Initiatives.

Ms. Cook outlined the DCAP and multi-tiered supports. The SST Intervention (Student Study Team) has revamped their process. Ms. Cook also spoke about the master schedule and articulation agreements. A mentor is continuing to help with our co-teaching.

PSAT registration for all 10th graders is currently on-going.

School Culture – Mr. Caruso is working with individual teachers on school culture. He will attend the February meeting to discuss school culture.

Homework policy will be discussed after the December break.

Ms. Cook spoke about the approved grant the district received for SEL/Mental Health. The one hundred-thousand-dollar grant has been granted from January 2023 until June of 2023. Postings are being worked on to support targeted students in homework and coping skills. It will also fund the BCBA and universal screening tool.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding substance abuse and the rights of students. Ms. Cook explained the process for substance abuse violations. She also relayed to the group the preventative measures being taken to reduce the vaping and THC use.

New Business:

Ms. Cook discussed considerations for the 2023-2024 School Improvement Plan. A handout was distributed outlining the following considerations: Supporting all Learners, Student Mental Health & Wellness, Master Schedule/Student Pathways/Course Offerings, Family & Community Engagement and Professional Learning & Culture.

Future Agenda Items:

Mr. Albert and Mr. Carlson attend the January School Council meeting.

Mr. Caruso attend the February School Council meeting.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bagni made the motion to adjourn. Ms. O'Brien seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 3:41.