



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

Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2023

In Attendance: Jessica Cook, Principal; John Bagni, Faculty; Kerry O'Brien, Faculty; Deborah Barnes, Parent; James Kenney, Parent; Michael Parent, Student; Alexa Strong, Student; Diane Cedorchuk, Recording Secretary.

Also in attendance was Mr. James Carlson, Director of Guidance & Health Services

Absent: Brendan Driscoll, Community Representative, Kari Sullivan Davis, Community Representative, Melissa Bates, Parent, Alyssa Costantiello, 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. Mr. Bagni requested to omit one of the future agenda items that was not originally stated. Ms. Cook opened the approval of minutes up for discussion. It was determined to amend the November 2, 2022, minutes omitting one of the future agenda items. Motion was made by Mr. Bagni to accept the amended November 2, 2022, minutes. Michael Parent seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passes unanimously. (Mr. Kenney arrived late and was not present for the vote.)

Ms. Cook asked for a motion to accept the minutes of December 7, 2022. Mr. Bagni requested to amend the minutes to reflect a change from 7 items omitted to 6 items omitted from the minutes. Ms. O'Brien was also omitted from the attendance. Motion was made by Mr. Bagni to accept the minutes of December 7, 2022, with changes. Ms. O'Brien and Michael Parent seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passes unanimously. (Mr. Kenney arrived late and was not present for the vote.)

Ms. Cook proposed to go out of order from the agenda so Mr. Carlson could update the group and be excused from the meeting.

New Business:

Mr. Carlson gave an update on initiatives regarding the DCAP. He explained the systems of support for students and spoke about the universal screening tool to provide support to students.

Ms. O'Brien questioned if the screening questions were anonymous. Mr. Carlson explained they were, and parents would have the option to opt out of the screening. Ms. Barnes asked if bullying would be part of the screening tool. Mr. Carlson explained that there are questions in the screening regarding bullying. Mr. Carlson also spoke about SST (student study team) that meets every Wednesday to discuss students and interventions. Mr. Carlson also spoke about SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment for Substance Use). Mr. Carlson commended the guidance department, and the staff for all their expertise and support they give to students. He also commended the vocational teachers for a great job dealing with students in the shop all day.

Ms. Cook distributed a list of new dates for the March, April and May meetings and requested everyone to check their schedules to see if any of the proposed dates were not available for them. The dates will also be emailed out to everyone.

Old Business:

Ms. Cook distributed a list of considerations for the 2023-2024 School Improvement Plan (SIP) for review and discuss and prioritize. Mr. Bagni felt under the Master Schedule/Student Pathways/Course Offerings the third bullet - Updating guidance curriculum & process for developing career plans should be expanded on. Ms. O'Brien noted under Family & Community Engagement the third bullet – Explore opportunities to expand outreach to our sending communities and families, should be prioritized. There was a brief discussion on targeted ads on Facebook.

The school calendar was also discussed for the purposes of adding all events. Ms. Cook explained the calendar will be going back to the format we had in the past where all events were listed.

Future Agenda Items:

Draft School Improvement Plan.

Mr. Caruso to attend the February 1, 2023, meeting.

Ms. Barnes requested a list of changes to the student handbook from Mr. Caruso.

Adjournment:

Ms. O'Brien motioned to adjourn. Alexa Strong seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.