



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

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2025

In Attendance: Jessica Cook, Principal; Kerry O'Brien, Faculty; Tracy Shunamon, Parent; Michael Parent, Community Representative; Dale Gardner, Student; Karina Palencia-Marroquin, Student; Diane Cedorchuk, Recording Secretary.

Absent: John Bagni, Faculty; Carrie Patel, Parent; Kristen Baker, Parent; Brendan Driscoll, Community Representative; Alyssa Costantiello, Student

Call to Order:

Ms. Cook called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cook asked for a motion to accept the minutes of February 25, 2025. Mr. Gardner motioned to accept the minutes of February 25, 2025. Ms. O'Brien seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, all in favor.

Motion passes unanimously.

Updates:

Mr. Gardner gave an update on Spring Sports tryouts, SkillsUSA, National Honor Society Induction and the Gondola Boat Race.

Ms. Cook gave an update on freshmen permanent shop selections, career clusters, junior co-op and senior activities.

Old Business:

SVTHS Attendance Policy.

Ms. Cook distributed a copy of the draft attendance policy with revisions.

Mr. Gardner motioned to accept the new attendance policy pending updates from the attorney and clarification on phone dismissals. Ms. Palencia-Marroquin seconded the motion. With a roll call vote. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business:

Ms. Cook distributed the current GPA scale and a proposed GPA scale and explained the current GPA scale needed to be updated.

Motion was made by Ms. O'Brien to implement the new GPA Scale. Ms. Shunamon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

School Improvement Plan – Ms. Cook distributed a SIP Planning sheet and told the council she would have an outline for the April meeting.

Ms. Cook distributed SVTHS Accountability Data sheets and accountability data overview. Ms. Cook explained the chart and the accountability in detail noting increased awareness to guidance counselors for low-income students.

The student council have organized a resource closet to help students who may need hygiene products.

Adjournment:

Mr. Parent motioned to adjourn. Ms. O'Brien seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm.