



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

Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2021

In Attendance: Jessica Cook, Principal; John Bagni, Faculty; Kerry O'Brien, Faculty; Danielle Santiago, Parent; Debbie Barnes, Parent; Michael Parent, Student; Alexa Strong, Student; Diane Cedorchuk, Recording Secretary

Absent: Rebecca Chaffee, Parent; James Marshall, Community Representative; Paul Troisi, Community Representative

Call to Order:

Ms. Cook motioned to call the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Bagni, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to accept the Minutes of May 6, 2021. With a roll call vote, Ms. Santiago, Ms. Barnes, Mr. Bagni, Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Cook, Alexa Strong and Michael Parent voted yes. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Cook asked everyone to introduce themselves and thanked everyone for volunteering their time to be on the School Council. The School Council meets to get perspectives of everyone involved and the roles they play with the school from students, faculty, parents and members of the community.

Old Business:

A binder was distributed to each member of the School Council containing the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education School Council laws and regulations, FY 2021 Operating Budget, Five-Year Capital Budget, Student Handbook, School Improvement Plan, Professional Development Plan, Program of Studies and Massachusetts School and District Profile. Ms. Cook reviewed each of these items with the members. These are all public documents that are available online.

Ms. Cook explained the difference between the operating budget and the capital budget noting the capital budget is for big ticket items. She asked the members to review the budget and if there are any questions or comments to bring it to up at the next meeting. Ms. Cook also noted the School Council does not approve the budgets.

Ms. Cook requested members review the student handbook and if there and any questions or comments they will discuss them at the next meeting.

Ms. Cook discussed each objective of the School Improvement Plan noting the School Council had a lot of input with the Post-Pandemic Supports to bring back normalcy for students this year.

New Business:

A motion was made to appoint a co-chair. Mr. Bagni motioned to nominate Kerry O'Brien, co-chair. Ms. Santiago 2nd the motion. Ms. Barnes motioned to nominate Ms. Santiago. A roll call vote was taken. Ms. O'Brien had 6 votes, Ms. Santiago had 1 vote. Motion to appoint Ms. O'Brien as co-chair carried 6-1.

Ms. Cook spoke about the return of normalcy in school this year with the return of Spirit Week, a Pep Rally and Homecoming Dance in which they have a great number of students involved in.

Round Table:

There was a discussion about the meeting time for the School Council meetings. Ms. Cook mentioned the meetings have to be outside of the school day so the options would be either 7:00 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. Since not all members were present, Ms. Cook was going to email the members so the majority could decide.

Alexa Strong spoke about how hectic the lunch line is and if there is any possible way to fix it. Ms. Cook explained if students have their ID out and handy the line would move much quicker. Ms. Cook also stated the tent would be taken down in November because it would not withstand the snow.

Ms. Barnes asked about Tab 9 in the binder, page 13 regarding the discipline data report and requested to look at it in the future.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bagni motioned to adjourn. Ms. Santiago 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.