



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

School Council

Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2020

**In Attendance:** Jessica Cook, Principal; John Bagni, Faculty; Kerry O'Brien, Faculty Danielle Santiago, Parent; Paula DeLosh, Parent; Paul Troisi, Community Representative; Alison Pereira, Student; Catia Melo, Student; Diane Cedorchuk, Recording Secretary

**Absent:** Taryn Gillis, Parent

**Call to Order – Welcome**

Ms. Cook called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Troisi motioned to accept the minutes of November 20, 2019, Ms. DeLosh 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor. Minutes of November 20, 2019 were approved with a correction to add Kerry O'Brien as in attendance to the November 20, 2020 minutes.

**Old Business:**

Ms. Cook gave an update on MCAS, all students have passed. Laptops have been purchased and are being configured for ELA MCAS testing. Mr. Troisi asked if they were being configured manually or automated. He stated to simplify things they should be automated.

Ms. Cook explained the Crisis Team School Safety Manual draft has been submitted for approval. ALICE has been in place now and staff will be renewing their ALICE online training. Barriers have been designed. It is a universal design for all doors.

Two way radios were discussed and Ms. Cook explained she has not had a response yet but it was in the Crisis Manual.

Ms. Cook also spoke about concurrent enrollment. History will be added and there will be 4 courses in senior year. She explained that AP courses do not get student the credits that concurrent enrollment does.

**New Business:**

It was suggested to have the shops paint the jersey barriers for the parking lot and discussion was to have 6 locations for them. Ms. Cook stated she would put a proposal together this week.

**Student Handbook:**

Ms. Cook discussed the vaping policy. There is a zero tolerance in the school and noted the policy in the Student Handbook on page 37 under Tobacco/Vaping Policy. There was a discussion about education and detectors to deter the students from vaping. It was noted a big

presentation does not get to the students, they are better in small group (possible 2 health classes at a time).

Cell Phones were discussed and how to limit the use of cell phones. Many shops feel cell phone use should be banned. Teachers feel cell phones are a negative, nothing positive. Teachers do not feel the need for cell phone in shops or in the workplace. Academic teachers do allow the use of cell phones for information. It was decided to send a survey to staff and students on how they are utilizing their phones in the classroom.

Ms. Cook tabled the attendance policy.

**Adjournment:**

Ms. Cook motioned to adjourn. Kerry O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.