



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

School Council

Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2021

In Attendance: Jessica Cook, Principal; Paul Troisi, Community Representative; Lisa Zannelli, Danielle Santiago, Parent; Paula DeLosh, Parent; Michael Parent, Student; Catia Melo, Student; John Bagni, Faculty; Kerry O'Brien 7:56 a.m., Faculty; Diane Cedorchuk, Recording Secretary

Absent: James Marshall, Community Representative

Call to Order:

Ms. Cook motioned to call the meeting to order at 7:32 am.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Troisi, seconded by Ms. Zannelli to accept the Minutes of February 11, 2021. With a roll call vote, Mr. Troisi, Ms. Zannelli, Ms. DeLosh, Mr. Bagni, Ms. Cook, and Catia Melo and Michael Parent voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Old Business:

Ms. Cook spoke about summer school and the schedule this year. It will begin June 15th and end July 2nd.

Ms. Cook also explained the MCAS waiver Shawsheen requested and has been approved for all paper tests this year. With all students returning to school it will be difficult to have all devices ready for both 10th and 11th grade students to take MCAS.

Ms. Cook also updated the School Council the Program of Studies has been approved.

New Business:

Ms. Cook spoke about the planned re-opening for full in-person learning. No date has been set yet but it will be in early May. Students need to be 3' apart in classrooms with masks on but lunches students have to be 6' apart.

Academic staff are excited to have students back in the building, students have mixed feelings. Students have been in shop all week and the masks, washing of hands and social distancing are working.

Ms. Cook discussed the student handbook and noted there probably won't be any changes made to the student handbook for next year. The lanyard policy has not been enforced this year. Ms. Cook said we can re-visit or discuss the handbook further, however everyone agreed the handbook was fine with no changes.

There was a discussion on the 1-1 devices for next year. Ms. Cook agreed and said that is her goal for 1-1 devices. Teachers have done so much to adapt for this year it should continue next year. When students come back instruction will be live but students will be on devices. There will not be paper as in the past. Teachers will be up in the front of the room but curriculum is all

on line. Catia asked if student will be using their own devices but Ms. Cook said it has not been finalized yet.

Ms. Troisi said he would be available if help is needed with technical problems. Ms. Santiago asked if there was a purchase order in place or if the ordering process is in place. Mr. Troisi noted supply and demand is so high right now manufacturers can't produce laptops quick enough. Mr. Bagni stated 2 years ago laptops were requested but were not purchased.

Mr. Troisi asked about remote learning on snow days and the hybrid approach for remote sessions. Ms. Cook said this is a hot topic. DESE had stopped the snow bags and now it's back with COVID.

Ms. Cook spoke about senior activities and noted they look like they will be happening. She thanked everyone for their support.

Adjournment:

Ms. Cook motioned to adjourn. Mr. Bagni 2nd the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Zannelli, Ms. DeLosh, Ms. Santiago, Mr. Bagni, Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Cook, Michael Parent and Catia Melo voted yes. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41.