



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

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2024

In Attendance: Jessica Cook, Principal; Tanya Baron, Faculty; Melissa Bates, Parent; Kristen Baker, Parent; Dina Castiglia, Parent; Carole Reardon Parent; Michael Parent, Community Representative; Dale Gardner, Student; Alyssa Costantiello, Student; Diane Cedorchuk, Recording Secretary.

Absent: Kerry O'Brien, Faculty; Brendan Driscoll, Community Representative.

Call to Order:

Ms. Cook called the meeting to order at 2:21 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cook asked for a motion to accept the minutes of February 8, 2024. Mr. Gardner motioned to accept the minutes of February 8, 2024. Mr. Bagni seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Ms. Baker and Ms. Castiglia were not in attendance for the vote.

Updates from the Principal:

Ms. Cook gave an update on the following:

- Context for today's meeting. Ms. Cook explained she would like to work on the School Improvement Plan using Accountability Data and the District Strategic Plan. Attendance policy will be discussed at a later date.

Mr. Gardner gave the following student updates:

- Freshmen completed Exploratory 13 this week. They will be in their last exploratory before picking their permanent shop.
- Winter sports have ended. It was a great season for the hockey team who were the State Vocational Champions, CAC League Champions and they also were in the Final 4 for State Champions.
- Spring sports tryouts are going on this week.
- Project Explore has completed for all 7th graders in our 5 sending towns.
- The senior class is doing very well on Co-op with 71% of the class working earning over \$1 million dollars since last April. A round of applause to all students, shop teachers and co-op office for working hard to help students succeed.
- Traveling Rams had their annual Gondola race a few weeks ago and are preparing to go to Italy during April vacation.
- Students in Skills took their qualifying test last Thursday.
- Some of the junior class is gearing up to go out on co-op during quarter 4.

- MCAS testing is next week for the sophomore class. They have been preparing during MCAS camps.
- National Honor Society induction is tonight March 31. 33 juniors and 3 seniors will be inducted.

Ms. Cook distributed copies of the District Strategic Plan, Accountability Report for Shawsheen and a draft of the 2024-2025 School Improvement Plan.

Ms. Cook reviewed the detailed data of the accountability report. She also included a color-coded chart that explained the data in a simplified format. There was a discussion of the data and student needs.

Ms. Cook spoke about the 2024-2025 School Improvement Goals emphasizing Teaching and Learning (objective #1 from the District Strategic Plan) and Access, Equity and Outreach (objective #2 from the District Strategic Plan).

Alyssa Constantiello made a motion to accept the School Improvement Plan with two-word changes, 1) personal to professional, 2) competency to readiness. Ms. Bates seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

There was also discussion of two ideas to consider in the future: to include family resource tabs for low-income families and family resource links and include private schools within our communities for eighth grade students to visit Shawsheen during the school day.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bagni motioned to adjourn. Mr. Parent seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 3:27pm.