



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

School Council

Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2019

**In Attendance:** Jessica Cook, Principal; John Bagni, Faculty; Parent; Danielle Santiago, Parent; Taryn Gillis, Parent; Paul Troisi, Community Representative; Alison Pereira, Student; Catia Melo, Student; Diane Cedorchuk, Recording Secretary

**Absent:** Paula DeLosh, Parent, Jim Marshall, Community Representative

**Call to Order – Welcome**

Ms. Cook called the meeting to order at 7:36 am.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Troisi motioned to accept the minutes of October 23, 2019, Mr. Bagni 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor. Minutes of October 23, 2019 were approved.

**Old Business:**

Safety - Ms. Cook told the council the budget has been submitted with a request for 45 radios, all supplies for ALICE and an ID maker with all supplies so the Dean's office has the ability to print student ID's. Ms. Cook does not have any answers yet regarding the requests.

Ms. Cook stated the ALICE Drill will be soon and another one in the spring of this year.

Title I Parent/Guardian Involvement Policy. Mr. Bagni motioned to accept the policy. Ms. Gillis seconded the motion. All in favor.

**New Business:**

Ms. Cook discussed a hand out she distributed regarding the New State Accountability System. It showed Shawsheen's performance as well as accountability percentile comparison with other vocational school districts. There was a discussion on additional computers being purchased and what the status of the order is. More practice on computers is essential to improve MCAS scores. Members of the School Council would try and attend the next school committee meeting to ask what the hang up is on the new computers. Ms. Cook said she will continue to advocate for additional computers.

**Student Handbook:**

Ms. Cook asked the council if anyone had the opportunity to review the handbook or school procedures to focus on or prioritize on. Ms. Cook would like to address the attendance policy at another meeting due to time restraints. Mr. Bagni mentioned the cell phone policy. He said two

students were fired from their co-op positions due to cell phones. Cell phones should not be used during school at all. Students need to be taught responsibility with cell phone usage.

Vaping issue was discussed and agreed that the policy needs to be looked at and there should be a zero tolerance for vaping.

Assigned parking spots were discussed. It had been previously discussed to have jersey barriers in the parking lot with stop signs. This should be addressed again.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Bagni motioned to adjourn. Taryn Gillis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.