

SHAWSHEEN VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Minutes

September 23, 2021

Subcommittee Chair Asbedian called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. with the following member present remotely: Mr. O'Donnell. Ms. Kim will be late arriving to the meeting. Also in attendance was Dr. Bradford Jackson, Superintendent-Director.

Ms. Asbedian read into the record:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, S.18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational/Technical School District Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen or watch the meeting may do so by accessing the meeting link above. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Shawsheen website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

On the matter of approval of the Minutes of September 13, 2021, this will be revisited when Ms. Kim arrives.

Dr. Jackson began the meeting by correcting the language that he had in the first draft of the new admissions policy regarding the regional agreement. The percentage of students admitted from each town is in the School's admissions policy, last updated in 2007, and not in the regional agreement with the five districts. He advised the group that these numbers should not be changed at least through the first year of the new policy, which is required to be reviewed each year.

Discussion returned to the draft admissions policy, picking up with the selection process. Dr. Jackson detailed the process from application received until selection and how students are ranked and wait listed. He then went through the exploratory process and shop selection, again detailing the process of ranking of shops and admission to the student's permanent shop. The Subcommittee questioned the appeals process for both, who the appeal was directed to and how a determination was made on the appeal. Dr. Jackson and Mr. O'Donnell will work on language for a primary objective review of the numbers on appeal, but leaving open some extraordinary circumstances for final determination.

Ms. Kim joined the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

The Subcommittee completed its initial review of the draft admissions policy and agreed to meet next on Thursday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m., and to include the administrative team charged with updating the policy and inviting them to attend.

Motion made by Mr. O'Donnell, seconded by Ms. Kim, to approve the Minutes of the Policy Subcommittee of September 13, 2021, as written. With a roll call vote, Chair Asbedian, Ms. Kim and Mr. O'Donnell voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Kim, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Asbedian
Chair, Policy Subcommittee

Karen Faiola
Recording Secretary