

Sheridan Technical College & Technical High School

School Advisory Council May 29, 2025

11:46 am to 12:38 pm

**Members in Attendance:**

Nicole Alexander, Grace Alvarez, Esther Charles, Terri Cuddihy, Cara Daniel, Amanda Davis, Cristina de Cespedes, Yvette Familia, Shanti Golden, Shireen Milaji, Noor Milaji, Florence Murphy, Kim Curry, Nicole Rowntree, Tristan Saleh, Darren Stokes.

Guests: Jose Laverde, Karen Green Walker, Marisa Dukes, Mary Barba, Wendy Mola, Frank Licolli, Maria Sparacino, Glen Benjamin, Peter Hernandez, Barret Goldman, Julina Esguerra, Danielle Young.

**Call to Order/Self-Introductions:**

The meeting was called to order by Darren Stokes at 11:46am and self-introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2025, by Shanti Golden and seconded by Kim Curry; motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Director's Report: Cara Daniel**

In May, the leading departments in Industry Certifications were Commercial Vehicle Driving (145), Automotive Service Technology (115), HVAC (112), Practical Nursing (36), and Surgical Technology (33).

End-of-year performance highlights include Algebra I EOC at 80%, Geometry EOC at 78%, Biology EOC at 96%, U.S. History EOC at 92%, Civic Literacy EOC at 86%, FAST ELA (PM3) for 9th grade at 88%, and FAST ELA (PM3) for 10th grade at 92%.

Senior Awards Night was a success, the Class of 2025 secured \$10 million in scholarships.

Underclassmen Awards Ceremony recognized 9th–11th graders for their academic and community service achievements.

Graduation is scheduled for Monday, June 2, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. at NSU. Please note that book bags will not be allowed on campus from May 29 to June 3.

**School accountability funds:**

School Accountability Funds – The current balance stands at \$13,723.86.

**Sheridan Budget Presentation 2025-2026:**

Projected enrollment includes 534 high school students and 2,077 post-secondary workforce students. The total budget allocation is \$20,965,062, plus \$9,075,353 for fixed costs. Priorities include retaining staff, maintaining programs, and supporting workforce education.

Staffing remains stable, with 1 principal, 5 assistant principals, and designated classroom and support roles.

#### **Campus Updates:**

Construction Projects – Phase I improvements at the Main Campus are underway, including upgrades to the roof, windows, exterior walls, fire alarm, fire sprinklers, HVAC, and electrical systems. Building 12 will receive a new restroom, and the Media Center will undergo ductwork and lighting enhancements.

Intercom System Updates – Work is currently in progress at Sheridan's High Campus, and the Main Campus is tentatively scheduled for updates in summer 2025.

#### **School Improvement Plan (SIP) and High School: Wendy Mola**

The School Improvement Plan, updates on End of Course (EOC) testing data showed strong progress, with Algebra 1 proficiency increasing to 80% in the spring and Geometry improving to 78%. Biology EOC scores were impressive, reaching 96% in the spring, with 100% proficiency in the previous school year. US History maintained strong performance with a 92% proficiency rate, while Civic Literacy saw growth from 78% in winter to 86% in spring. FAST ELA results showed continued strength, with Grade 9 achieving 88% and Grade 10 reaching 92%. Regarding teaching and learning, four new AP courses will be offered next year, including AP Pre-Calculus, AP World History, AP Government, and AP Biology, with enrollments ranging from 18 to 45 students. Updates to the Annual School Counseling Plan and the School Improvement Plan will integrate assessment data from EOCs, AP exams, and other performance indicators.

#### **Council of Occupational Education (COE): Mary Barba**

The Annual Report is still under review, while the addition of Applied Cybersecurity has been approved, and the closure of the Patient Care Assistant program has been finalized.

#### **New Business: Assistant Director Reports:**

Mary Barba reported the Nails Specialty program successfully completed its first group of students with a 100% completion rate, and 16 students are set to begin the next section.

Barrett Goldman reported that the Mazda Program is set for a full launch in August, with four students already placed and working, and a press release expected soon. In Automotive, ASE certifications have increased, GM and possibly Ford will hold graduation ceremonies in August, and four new EVs have arrived for the GM training center. CVD classes have been more challenging to fill, prompting a review of class schedules for next year.

Jose Laverde reported that Students who supported the VITA Tax program attended the VITAU Conference in Puerto Rico, presenting their experiences as high school students running a VITA site.

A new CTE program, Applied Cybersecurity, will launch, focusing on Security+ and CySA+ certifications in a 750-hour format for students with prior IT knowledge. Next year, a work-based learning program will begin in partnership with the DoubleTree Hotel and WOW, providing students with employment training five days a week.

Marisa Dukes reported that as of May 2025, the Construction/Energy program has achieved 54 Industry Certifications for Electricity and 31 for A/C, with enrollment remaining at full capacity. The Practical Nursing program has 36 Industry Certifications, with a Summer Pinning Ceremony scheduled for July 2 and a new class beginning on June 2 with approximately 20 students. AGE enrollment stands at 137, reflecting a slight decline from earlier in the year, while 20 GED students have successfully completed their requirements.

#### **Security Report: Jose Laverde**

We have a new security specialist, who will be with us for the rest of the year. She is currently stationed at the high school and will be working closely with staff to familiarize herself with our operations.

#### **Student Reports:**

Class of 2025 - There was nothing to report.

Class of 2026 - There was nothing to report.

Class of 2027 – Noor Milaji reported that the Mother's Day fundraiser was a success, raising \$350. Students participated in a teacher appreciation vote, with tenth-grade English teacher Mrs. Horton receiving chocolates, a plush, and roses in a heart-shaped box. A \$200 donation was received from Tropical Financial Union.

Class of 2028 -There was nothing to report.

#### **Dates of Importance:**

June 03, 2025 – Last Day of School

June 4, 2025 – Employee Planning (no school for students)

June 30, 2025 – Reports Card Issued

#### **Member Announcements:**

Glen Benjamin: Join us this Saturday at the Museum of Discovery and Science for a free and family-friendly event focused on hurricane preparedness. Learn how to protect yourself, your family, and your business.

#### **SAF Report: Grace Alvarez**

The calendar committee is planning for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years. Sunshine Law and Ethics Training is required for members, and BCPS offers volunteer opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Kim Curry and seconded by Glen Benjamin, motion carries.

Next SAC Meeting - TBA