

Sheridan Technical College & Technical High School

School Advisory Council March 20, 2025

11:41 am to 12:11 pm

Members in Attendance:

Nicole Alexander, Grace Alvarez, Alfonso Arevalo, Terri Cuddihy, Robert Decker, Cara Daniel, Cristina de Cespedes, Shanti Golden, Shireen Milaji, Florence Murphy, Kim Curry, Trinity Noriega, Fadya Rauf, Nicole Rowntree, Tristan Saleh, Darren Stokes, Aniyah Smith.

Guests: Jose Laverde, Karen Green Walker, Marisa Dukes, Mary Barba, Wendy Sanchez, Frank Licolli.

Call to Order/Self-Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by Darren Stokes at 11:41am and self-introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Old Business:

Director's Report: Cara Daniel

Ms. Cara Daniel highlighted recent achievements of students from various tech programs who participated in the "World of Work" event, organized by the district in collaboration with Career Source Broward.

Ms. Daniel acknowledged the contributions of Beverly Ferguson and Christina Chinkoo Verba, whose behind-the-scenes efforts ensured the success of the event. Several students received awards and accolades, including one student who was honored with the "Just Do It" award. Four high school seniors—Sydney Dauphin, Jaden Brown, Julian Martinez, and Molly Fisher—were recognized as Outstanding Senior Leaders, with Molly Fisher additionally receiving a \$500 scholarship. Samantha Cedrati, a student in the Building Trades and Construction program, was celebrated by the City of Fort Lauderdale for her leadership and community service.

School accountability funds:

The current balance of school accountability funds is \$41,710.86. To prepare for the upcoming school year, all faculty and staff are encouraged to complete the 2025-2026 survey. The survey link has already been distributed, and submissions are due by Friday, March 21, 2025.

Campus Updates:

Ms. Daniel provided updates regarding the main campus. The construction project has progressed to Phase Two, with extensive roof renovations underway across the campus. Safety improvements include

the installation of new fire systems, alarms, and fire extinguishers. Restrooms in Building 12 are also being renovated to enhance facilities for students and staff.

She acknowledged that construction activities over the next year may lead to parking challenges and assured attendees that efforts are being made to mitigate these issues for both students and staff. At the high school campus, the intercom system is being upgraded, with equipment already in place.

School Improvement Plan (SIP) and High School: Wendy Sanchez

Ms. Wendy Sanchez reported that the school is preparing for PM3, EOC, and AP testing, with smooth progress and improved PM2 results. Saturday mock sessions for EOC and AP begin in April, and students are showing strong commitment to ending the year successfully.

Council of Occupational Education (COE): Mary Barba

Ms. Mary Barba reported that we are officially reapproved, as confirmed by a letter received the previous evening. She emphasized the success of the reapproval process and expressed excitement about pursuing future initiatives. One major development is the proposed introduction of a new nail specialty program. This 180-hour course has been submitted to COE for approval and is designed to be offered during evening hours. It will complement the existing nighttime barbering and facials programs, addressing the high demand for daytime classes by expanding evening capacity for students. If approved, the program is set to launch in the second week of April.

New Business: Assistant Director Reports:

Ms. Mary Barba reported that a new 180-hour nail specialty program, pending COE approval, is set to launch in April. The real estate program remains highly successful with strong enrollment and pass rates, accommodating 43 students in evening classes. Graduation is planned for June 2nd at 8:00 AM, featuring a traditional procession with flags representing each program.

Jose Laverde reported on current efforts to improve infrastructure, including the installation of new flooring in the early childhood education and business classrooms. Preschools are being upgraded with new facilities, enhancing both preschool and classroom spaces. In terms of program updates, all health science programs are actively engaged in clinicals.

Marisa Dukes reported that there were no updates from the previous month's meeting concerning the PN Adult Education and Construction and Building Trades programs. She emphasized that this is the peak of advisory season. Business partners have been sharing valuable feedback to improve the programs and have commended the positive attributes of the students they have hired. Additionally, all programs are currently operating at full capacity.

Security Report: Jose Laverde

There are no incidents to report at this time.

Student Reports:

Class of 2025 - Trinity Noriega reported Prom will be held at Bahia Mar on May 16th with the theme "Diamonds are Forever." GradBash is set for April 25th, with all 100 students having completed payments and service hours. Graduation is scheduled for June 2nd at 8:00 am at NSU. Dates for Senior Awards and Senior Breakfast are still pending.

Class of 2026 - Fadya Rauf and Aniyah Smith reported that the Class of 2026 raised \$702 from two car washes, including \$411 from the March 8th event. Plans are underway for monthly car washes, a popsicle fundraiser in May, and a mini bake sale after spring break. Officer elections for senior year are complete, and all positions are filled.

Class of 2027 -There was nothing to report.

Class of 2028 -There was nothing to report.

Dates of Importance:

March 21, 2025, it is Employee Planning Day (no school for students)

March 25-31, 2025, schools will be closed.

April 18, 2025, schools and administrative offices will be closed.

Member Announcements:

Mr. Frank Licolli expressed gratitude for being included in the School Advisory Council and working with Sheridan Technical College as a partner for 14 year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Tristan Saleh and seconded by Robert Decker, motion carries.

The next meeting will be held on May 29th, 2025