

Sheridan Technical College & Technical High School

School Advisory Council February 20, 2025

11:40 am to 12:45 pm

Members in Attendance:

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

Guests: Sydney Dauphin, Samantha Cedrati, Anastacia Timofeeva, Barret Goldman, Jose Laverde, Karen Green Walker, Marisa Dukes, Glen Benjamin.

Call to Order/Self-Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by Darren Stokes at 11:40 and self-introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the January 7, 2025, SAC meeting were approved. The motion was made by Shanti Golden and seconded by Kim Curry; motion passed

Old Business: Director's Report: Cara Daniel

Skills USA Winners: With the support and leadership of Jennifer Messina, our SKILLS USA advisor and several of our CTE and high school instructors our students won 32 medals across various competitions that included: 18 Gold Medals, 7 Silver Medals, 7 Bronze Medals. Congratulations to our students and instructors.

STC'S Tax Program: Under the guidance and leadership of Diahann Holder, our dedicated Business and Accounting students have been thoroughly trained to offer FREE tax preparation services to the community. Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, eligible taxpayers can receive professional, reliable, and complimentary tax preparation assistance from IRS-certified volunteers. The STC VITA Tax Site is scheduled every Thursday until May 8th in Room 133, Business Building.

A Day of Love and Service: I would like to acknowledge, Dineen Williams for her outstanding leadership and unwavering dedication in organizing the unforgettable Day of Love & Service activities in commemoration of February 14th. This memorable day would not have been possible without the invaluable support of Yvette Katz, Mary Horton, Mike Fischer, and the many faculty and staff members who contributed their time and efforts. Throughout the day, our students participated in a variety of reflective and engaging activities designed to foster community, creativity, and joy.

Literacy Week: With heartfelt appreciation and immense gratitude, I would like to take a moment to express my deepest thanks to Yvette Familia for her incredible efforts in launching Literacy Week in such a meaningful and impactful way. She invited the esteemed guest author, John Schu, who captivated our

students with his compelling book, *Louder Than Hunger*. This unique and enriching experience left our students not only engaged but also inspired by the power of storytelling.

Family Foundation Scholarship Winners: With the support and guidance of our CTE Instructors, three of our students earned Full Scholarships Brenda, a Cosmetology student, Turiq and Jayden students in our Professional Culinary Arts Program.

Capitalization Grant: Sheridan was awarded the Capitalization Grant from the Florida Department of Education to expand our CTE Post Secondary Programming. We will be adding a post-secondary Automotive Program at Hallandale High School.

Caliber Awards Ceremony: On Friday, February 7th we came together to celebrate two outstanding members of our Sheridan family at the 2025 Caliber Awards Ceremony. We proudly recognized Henry Michaud, our dedicated Teacher of the Year, and Ryan Carter our exceptional School-Related Employee of the Year.

BCPS Annual Survey: The BCPS Annual Customer Survey window opens on March 3 and closes on May 2, 2025. Within the next few weeks, we will be rolling out additional information for teachers, students and parents.

Black History Month: In recognition of Black History Month, which is celebrated throughout the month of February, the STC Student Government Association is proud to sponsor an Essay and Artwork Contest exclusively for currently enrolled students at both the Main Campus and the West Campus.

School Accountability: We currently have \$32,210.86 in School Accountability funding.

Mr. Decker made a motion to approve the following purchases for high school students: Bookbags - \$9,078, Medical Assisting (RMA Exams) - \$3,750, Electrocardiograph Technology (CET Exams) - \$3,613, Pharmacy Technician (exCPT Exams) - \$3,000, and Practical Nursing - \$3,177. The motion was seconded by Shanti Golden, motion passed.

Campus Updates: Cara Daniel

Main Campus: Roofing work has begun on buildings 13, 14, and 15 at the main campus. The project is being funded with dollars from the SMART Bond initiative. The initial work will take place after school hours, from 3:00 p.m. until Mid-night. We are also having an Air Handler Replacement Project at the main campus.

High School Campus: FPL will be installing solar panels at the high school, more details to follow soon.

Intercom System updates: Sheridan Tech West intercom system has been installed as of January 2025 and fully operational. Sheridan Tech Main & HS Campuses a projected start date is June 2025.

School Improvement Plan (SIP) and High School: Esther Charles

Math 2024 Winter BEST EOC Exams, we are at 50% proficiency in Algebra I where we were at 41% at the same midyear checkpoint last year (2023) which shows a gain of 9%. As for Geometry, we are at 71% proficiency, where we were at 66% at the same midyear checkpoint last year (2023) which shows a gain of 5%.

2024 Winter FAST ELA PM2 Exams, we are at 86% proficiency in Grade 9 where we were at 82% at the same midyear checkpoint last year (2023) which is a 7% gain. As for Grade 10, we are at 83% proficiency, where we were at 65% at the same midyear checkpoint last year (2023) which shows a gain of 18%.

Our 11th grade students are scheduled to participate in the district's annual SAT School Day on Wednesday, March 5th. Parents have received notice and information on how their child can continue to prepare the exam.

Anastasia Timofeeva, Sydney Dauphin and Samantha Cedrati presented the many accomplishments of the Human Relations Council which included participating in panels and at Teen Summits and implementing the following initiatives: No Place for Hate, Start with Hello, Say Something/Trusted Adult, Chalk4Peace, Wear White Day. They also promote learning about positive social norms.

Council of Occupational Education (COE): Mary Barba

We have successfully completed all our fall advisory meetings, and they went beautifully. We are now preparing for our spring advisory meetings. Teachers are currently conducting their industry visits for the third quarter, and those are going well. We are still awaiting notification from COE regarding the reaffirmation. They are scheduled to meet in March, and we will proceed accordingly once we have their decision.

New Business: Form Nominating Committee: Jose Laverde

A form for nominating committee members will be available soon. If you are interested in becoming a member of the SAC committee, such as Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary, please let us know or send an email to Cristina de Cespedes.

Thank you for your interest and participation.

Assistant Director Reports:

Mary Barba reported that as of February 13th, we have 52 students in Culinary Arts, maxing out our seats. There are 222 students enrolled (35 high school and 187 post-secondary) in Cosmetology, Barbering, and Facials Specialty. There will be a Career Fair on April 16th (9-11 a.m.) with 52 companies coming out to recruit/hire our students as well as an Open House on April 24th (6-9 p.m.) for interested PS students.

Barrett Goldman reported that the Automotive Department is fully enrolled. The automotive department is currently in recruiting season. Commercial Vehicle Driving has a strong demand in the program. The last class started this week, and classes begin every 4 1/2 weeks.

Jose Laverde reported that Business & IT students are headed to Orlando to compete in state competitions for Business Professionals of America. Surgical Tech students have completed their lab evaluations and are at hospitals where they will need to complete 125 first and second scrub cases.

Marisa Dukes reported that the Practical Nursing: All Programs (HS & Adult PN) along with Adult PCT are doing well. There are currently have 163 students in our face-to-face program.

Security Report: Jose Laverde

There are no incidents to report at this time.

Student Reports:

SGA Sapna Mallysetty reported Spring Spirit Week is set for March 3rd – March 7th. SGA officers are currently writing up their project submissions for the Broward County Association of Student Council.

Class of 2025 - Trinity Noriega reported Homecoming just passed, and 170 out of 180 tickets were sold. The class of 2025 and the class of 2027 each made around \$2,000. The Class of 2025 has been selling Paw Pogs since October 28th. Our prom venue is officially the Bahia Mar. The date is May 16th. GradBash deposits are in, and we sold out in less than a day with all 100 spots full and some students on the waitlist. The date is April 26th.

Class of 2026 - Fadya Rauf and Aniyah Smith reported that there will be a car wash fundraiser scheduled for February 22nd. Additionally, there will be a popsicle fundraiser named "Beat the Heat," which will take place in May.

Class of 2027 - Noor Milaji reported that the "It Takes \$2 to Tango" fundraiser was a success. A St. Patrick's fundraiser will take place between March 10th-14th.

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.

Member Announcements:

Yvette Familia reported that Reviewed the Collection Development Plan was Signed by the school director Cara Daniel and submitted to the Innovative Learning Department, the plan will be available on our school's website once approved.

Glen Benjamin reported that he participated in the Claim Your Future Event where he spoke about Tech, Cybersecurity, and mostly AI.

Alfonso Arevalo reported that Margaritaville recently hired three Sheridan Technical College culinary students. He also announced his retirement from Margaritaville.

Kim Curry reported that the pass rate for the NCLEX examinations in Broward County is 93%. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and educators.

Darren Stokes reported that the Broward Heart Walk on March 9, 2025, and extended an invitation to committee to participate.

Dates of Importance

None

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Darren Stokes and seconded by Kim Curry, motion carries.

The next meeting will be held on March 20th, 2025