

Sheboygan Leadership Academy
Charter School
Governance Board Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2025
6:00pm – 7:00pm
Sheboygan Leadership Academy

The regular meeting of the Governance Board of Sheboygan Leadership Academy will meet at the school located at 1305 St. Clair Avenue on May 27th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Please note that some Board members may be participating in this Board meeting via teleconference or other remote access technology. Members of the public who attend the meeting will be able to hear any open session dialogue between such members and the Board members present. In addition, the school is offering audio and video access to the meeting via phone connection by calling with access code (US) +1 515-329-5373 PIN: 205 386 429# or video <https://meet.google.com/cof-gpmb-kzc> (Please be aware that a Google account is needed in order to access the meeting from this link.)

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chris Schnelle at 6:03pm
2. **Roll Call:** Chris Schnelle, Karen Grupe, Cris Formolo, Laura Studee, Andrew Morgan, Joe Sheehan, Michelle Miller, Sandra Bayona

Absent: Claudia Krepsky

3. **Approval of Agenda (action):** Motion to approve May's Agenda by Karen Grupe, seconded by Michelle Miller. All ayes.
4. **Open Session**
 - a. Public Comment - no members of the public
5. **Approval of Minutes (action):** Motion to approve April's Minutes made by Andrew Morgan, seconded by Karen. All ayes.
6. **Virtue Pick:** *Consideration* read by Chris Schnelle
7. **Principal's Report:** – Laura Studee (information/possible action)
 - a. **School Update**
 - i. 6 days left of school
 - ii. *Bash at the Brewery* fundraiser happened on 5/2 and went well! Good attendance. Raised over \$12K for flooring just outside the front entrance and within the building. Shout out to Ms. Puls and parent volunteers!
 - iii. Spring Concert happened on 5/7. It was Mrs. Hilbelink's last concert.
 - iv. 8th Grade Class Trip: all day spent in Chicago. Students volunteered at Feed My Starving Children. Great time for the students.
 - v. District + State update: Discussed Federal funding and Immigration. State biennial budget is scheduled to be done later this Summer. SASD is getting a new website next year; SLA will be included.
 - vi. Family Survey was sent out via email. Only received 17 responses but all very positive. Laura will share with staff

- vii. Announcement on Federal grants. Laura will look into qualifications
- viii. Transportation survey went out today
- ix. Laura reaching out to some parents for Parent/Past Parent board membership

b. Enrollment update

- i. The numbers are where we expected at 200 students. 4K + 4th Grade have room to grow. We expect this number to change in August.
- ii. Advertising will continue throughout the summer: ads on Facebook and billboards. Working on building relationships with preschools in the area. Ad in the Dollhouse Dance recital program.

c. Curriculum update

- i. New elementary social study curriculum (TCI)
- ii. Middle School math curriculum will update

8. General Report - Chris Schnelle

- a. Board Oversight & Charter Contract Compliance - Everything up to date

9. Committee Reports

- a. **Executive** – Christopher Schnelle (information / possible action) - nothing to report

- b. **Finance** – Sandra Bayona (information / possible action)

- i. Approval of April Financials (information / possible action): Motion made to approve April Financials by Sandra, seconded by Joe. All Ayes.
- ii. Facility Committee wanting to move forward with entire flooring updates with funds a bit short from asbestos abatement. Finance approved.

- c. **Facilities** – Chris Schnelle (information / possible action)

- i. Flooring
- ii. Asbestos abatement training will be done internally.
- iii. Summer projects have been prioritized. East ramp will be replaced with stairs as well as evening out concrete on the north side of building.
- iv. 5K Flooring will be updated.

- d. **Personnel & Recruitment** – Laura Studee (information / possible action)

- i. Teacher Engagement survey sent out. Summary will be shared in June
- ii. Individual teacher room surveys were sent out.
- iii. Staffing:
 - 1. summer maintenance position. Great number of responses via Indeed, many with past links to SLA. An offer was made.
 - 2. Gym/Dean of Student position. All interviews went well. Offer has been extended.
 - 3. Need to remain competitive with specific positions.

- e. **Parent Outreach** - Michelle Miller / Laura Studee (information)

- i. Teacher Appreciation Week was last week.
- ii. Play Dates at the park planned for every other Thursday
- iii. Last day of school dance workshops set up

10. Unfinished Business - none

11. New Business

- a. Strategic Planning (information): went over some thoughts regarding this topic. Will bring some more ideas to a separate strategic planning meeting to be decided.
12. **Adjourn** (Action): Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm by Michelle. Karen seconded. All ayes.

Next SLA Governance Board Meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2025 from 6 – 7 pm

The mission of the Sheboygan Leadership Academy is to inspire students to become leaders through their academic achievement, moral development, and service to others.