

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM
Joint Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 29, 2022 @ 5:30PM

5:32PM – Ms. Aldin: Welcome: Review meeting dates, times and new location

- Opens joint School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum
- Monthly meeting dates, times, and location were posted and reviewed
- Introduces Ms. Awofadeju

5:34PM – Ms. Awofadeju: SAC/SAF Welcome and Principal Introductions

- Congratulates Mr. Andre and Ms. Gentile for becoming Assistant Principals at their respective schools
- Welcomes and introduces all Assistant Principals, Curriculum Leaders, Behavioral Support Specialists, Testing and Cambridge Coordinators, Reading Chair, and ESE and ESOL Coordinators
- Nova High School is almost fully staffed with Ms. Knowles (Director of School Counseling) and SRGT. Ellis (NJROTC Instructor) starting in September
- Thanks leadership team for commitment to mission and students, Ms. Awodafeju thanks audience for attending
- Welcomes back Ms. Aldin to the lectern

5:42PM – Ms. Aldin and Ms. Kwak: What is School Advisory Council? Responsibilities as a SAC member

- Discusses roles and responsibilities of being a SAC member, some include
 - o Discuss and develop the School Improvement Plan
 - o Assists the school principal with budget and recommendations on how the school monies are spent
- Discusses the roles of being a SAF member, some include
 - o Open to all members of the community
 - o There are no membership dues
 - o Assist in developing and implementing parent/community

5:47PM – Ms. Aldin asks for nomination for SAC Chairs, SAC Secretary, and SAF Chairs

- Ms. Goedschalk nominates herself for SAC Co-chair
- Ms. Aldin nominates herself for SAC Co-chair
- Mr. Forbes nominates himself for SAC secretary
- Ms. Kwak nominates herself for SAF Chair and nominates Rose Relyea for SAF Vice-Chair
- Votes will take place at the September meeting
- Welcome back to the lectern Ms. Awofadeju

5:50PM – Ms. Awofadeju: School Grade

- We received a grade of an “A” for the 2021-2022 school year
- A presentation was shared highlighting the school breakdown by subgroup performance, how Nova High compared to other schools in the Innovation Zone, Traditional High Schools, Traditional High Schools within the Central Region, how Nova High ranked regarding proficiency levels across Broward County, Advanced Placement Exams results, Cambridge Exams (AICE) results
- Ms. Awofadeju thanks committee for support of teachers and students last school year, various initiatives
- Introduced the new theme for the year, “Keep Rising Together”
- Ms. Kwak says thank you and gives kudos to all teachers and the leadership team for their hard work during a difficult year

6:02PM – Ms. Awofadeju: Principals Report

- Gave a report on how the Media Center was moving along
 - o Expected to be completed either September or October
- Bldg 13 and building 14, AC and fire safety is still being worked on
- Bldg 15 more work still needs to be done
- The work in culinary has not begun and we are waiting on a start date
 - o Monies have come back to the school to assist the renovating of the room
- We are happy to report that teachers and students are rocking and rolling in their classes, where all students are engaged, and teachers are teaching. Focus on TEACHING AND LEARNING (Keep Rising Together)
- There has been a decrease in anticipated enrollments, of which, has been seen across the district
 - o The school counseling department have been doing a great job balancing classrooms
 - o Ms. Awofadeju introduces the school counselors
- Thank you to Mr. Hively for his work with athletics and activities
- Rock the Block was introduced, club introduction and sign-ups, of which will take place this week
- Homecoming will take place Oct 29th in the gym
- Ms. Awofadeju asks for parental support for our athletes and coaches

6:10PM – Ms. Awofadeju: Naming of Football Stadium

- Ms. Awofadeju introduces Ms. Andre and Coach Pat McQuaid to discuss the memorial for Dr. John LaCasse
- Coach McQuaid States that a committee was formed to discuss naming Football Field after Dr. LaCasse prior to his passing
- Coach McQuaid discusses Dr. LaCasse’s legacy project

- Coach McQuaid explains that the committee for naming the football stadium wishes to have JRL signage at the football field over the press box, under the score board and a memorial plaque for the baseball field, obtained quotes for signage
 - o We will ask for School Board approval to approve the plans for naming the football field JRL Stadium
- Ms. Andre discusses her relationship with Dr. LaCasse and his role in her life, many alumni respected and honored him, he was “for kids” and so many people recognized his contributions to Nova High School
- Stakeholders acknowledged his legacy; many had shared tears and laughter while sharing of personal stories
- Discussed that there is a school committee discussing and working on a memorial tree, a plaque, and a ceremony
 - o Collecting donations to assist in the On-Campus Memorial for Dr. LaCasse of which can be found on the school site through the E-store. Shared a breakdown of the cost of items:
 - Naming of the football field - \$17,000
 - Memorial Tree - \$1600 - \$2600
 - Memorial Plaque - \$800
 - Ceremonial Refreshments - \$500
- On November 3rd there will be a memorial home football game to honor Dr. LaCasse
- Introduces Dr. Gutzmore

6:21PM – Dr. Gutzmore: Student Compliance Schedule 2022-2023 and Testing Calendar and Requirements

- Discusses school compliance mandates
 - o Grade level behavior assemblies were conducted last week
 - o Student COVID-19 Presentation was conducted last week
 - o Dating violence will be done this week
 - o Bullying will be done next week
 - o CPR 9th through 11th will take place December 9th – 16th
- Testing will begin with the new BEST - FAST exams
 - o Given three times a year
 - o PM 1 will be given on the September 7th and 8th during their English class
 - o PM 2 will be given in December and January
 - o PM 3 will be given in the Spring
 - They will need to pass this exam as a graduation requirement
- EOC and FSA Retakes will begin on Sept 14th
- Beginning in October, Cambridge retakes will be offered for those that failed their exam
- PSAT will be given on October 12th
- Non-college reportable exam on October 18th
- There will be no exams in November
- FCLE will be given in December for seniors that are currently enrolled in Gov, AP Gov
- There are no EOC and FSA Winter Retakes

- Semester exams are before winter break
- All exams can be found on the school website
- Dr. Gutzmore introduces Ms. Sexton

6:32PM – Ms. Sexton: Review of the school website

- Discusses the changes made on the front page
- Reviews the Dating Violence Parent Training and Anti-bullying trainings on the Students & Parents section
- SAT and ACT Testing dates
- Grade level Canvas Page links
- Athletics and club information
 - o Parents applauded/ how nicely the Newsletter was done

6:36PM – Old Business/New Business

- Ask for members that would like to be SAC members
 - o Explains that attendance is mandatory
- Ms. Kwak brings up the Facebook page Nova Titan Families
 - o Although this page has no affiliation to Nova High School and other schools in the zone, it gives great information on how to support all things Nova

6:38PM – Meeting ended

Attendees at School Advisory Council / School Advisory Forum Meeting on August 29, 2022

1. Sharon Darling
2. Richard Judd
3. Gonzalo Laverde
4. Rose Marie Relyea
5. Melissa Rajzynger
6. Cindy Mccord
7. Anthony Thompson
8. Maria Alain
9. Tommy Johnson
10. Amy Paulison
11. Joshua Bishop
12. Karen Hicks
13. Leah Jackson
14. Ailyn Cabrera
15. Jasmine Quander-Smith
16. Norah Mincher
17. Lana Butchner
18. Helena Chan
19. Ellen Davis Greenfield

20. Denise Aldin
21. Tamar Grant
22. Kristina patino
23. Susan Grimmett
24. Beverly Gordon
25. Errol Forbes
26. Megan Devlin
27. Olayemi Awofadeju
28. Deborah Moore
29. Jynae Valcimond
30. Nerline Saint-Velus
31. Natasha ramsay
32. Hollie Kwak
33. Lara Gutzmore
34. Alicia Calloo
35. Michael Roy
36. Patti Franco
37. Jennifer Coffy
38. Rina Baroz
39. Nadia Mclean
40. Nancy Carpenter
41. Latoya Richardson
42. Joane Cherisca
43. Herlande Prospere
44. Yahshae Mainer
45. Draguta Livia Mazumdar
46. Basma Andre
47. Christine Sexton
48. Percita Goedschalk
49. Duane Franklin
50. Pat Mcquaid
51. Jason Hively
52. Brian Luebker
53. Tanya Womack