

Nova High School



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, November 18, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

**Minutes**

- I. Ms. Ramsay: Welcome - **5:30 PM**
- II. Ms. Ramsay: Adoption of the October meeting minutes - **5:32PM**
  - a. Motion to adopt the October meeting minutes with correction of the spelling of Ms. Ramsay's name throughout the document made by Mrs. Relyea and seconded by Mr. Laverde. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- III. Ms. Jackson: New Waiver Intent Professional Study Days (PSD) - **5:34 PM**
  - a. PSD Community Meeting: Ms. Jackson reviewed the following agenda topics at the community meeting:
    - What are Professional Study Days?
    - Why do we need Professional Study Days?
    - Professional Learning Communities
    - School Grade Impact
    - Professional Study Day Waiver
  - b. Community Meeting Feedback: Parents expressed that PSDs are great and gives teachers more time to plan and analyze data. Teachers expressed that PSDs are very helpful for them to meet their professional development goals and improve student performance. Both parents and teachers wished that the district provided more than four days of PSD.
  - c. PSD Waiver Ballot: Dr. Gutzmore reviewed the waiver process and shared ballot format options.
  - d. Motion to adopt the 2025-2026 PSD Waiver Ballot using the same format as last year's ballot was made by Ms. Mainer and seconded by Mr. Laverde. **Motion passed unanimously by roll call as follows:**
    - Ms. Awafodeju- Yes
    - Ms. Burwell- Yes
    - Ms. Carpenter-Yes
    - Ms. Calloo- Yes
    - Ms. Coddington-Yes
    - Ms. Davis Greenfield-Yes
    - Ms. Delvin-Yes
    - Ms. Doctuer-Yes
    - Ms. Fleming-Yes
    - Ms. Fraser-Yes

- Ms. Hicks- Yes
- Ms. Jackson-Yes
- Mr. Judd- Yes
- Mr. Laverde-Yes
- Ms. Lockhart-Yes
- Ms. Mainer-Yes
- Ms. Moore-Yes
- Ms. Porter-Yes
- Ms. Ramsay-Yes
- Ms. Relyea-Yes
- Mr. Thompson-Yes

IV. Ms. Ramsay: Florida School Recognition Funds (A+ Funds) - **5:45 PM**

- There was a sub-committee formed during the October meeting from volunteers from SAC and administration to work on options for further discussion for the distribution of the A+ funds. This committee consisted of: Dr. Gutzmore, Ms. Ramsay, Ms. Mainer, Mr. Judd, Mr. Laverde, Ms. Lockhart, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Sexton, Mrs. Devlin and Mrs. Relyea.
- The sub-committee presented the options to the SAC members for feedback and a final decision on creating a ballot for fund distribution. Dr. Gutzmore presented the options to the SAC members on behalf of the sub-committee:

**Option 1:**

- \$13,871.60 of the funds will go to the school to be used for nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment and materials and hiring temporary personnel to assist in maintaining and improving student performance.
- \$221,945.60 of the funds will be used for a one-time bonus of \$1,946.89 to instructional staff, school administrators, school counselors, social worker, family therapist, and instructional ESE personnel who worked at least 50% of the 2023-2024 school year.
- \$37,214.80 of the funds will be used for a one-time bonus of \$907.68 to clerical staff, facilities personnel, security staff, BRACE advisor, school psychologist, technical support staff, classroom monitors, and educational support professionals who worked at least 50% of the 2023-2024 school year.
- \$4,400.00 of the funds will be used for a one-time bonus of \$400.00 to full-time cafeteria staff who worked at least 50% of the 2023-2024 school year.
- Any leftover A+ Funds will be used for nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment and materials.

**Option 2:**

- None of the above

- Motion to adopt the School Recognition Funds (A+ Funds) Ballot as presented by the committee was made by Mr. Laverde and seconded by Ms. Coddington. **Motion passed unanimously by roll call as follows:**

- Ms. Awafodeju- Yes
- Ms. Burwell- Yes
- Ms. Carpenter-Yes

- Ms. Calloo- Yes
- Ms. Coddington-Yes
- Ms. Davis Greenfield-Yes
- Ms. Delvin-Yes
- Ms. Doctuer-Yes
- Ms. Fleming-Yes
- Ms. Fraser-Yes
- Ms. Hicks- Yes
- Ms. Jackson-Yes
- Mr. Judd- Yes
- Mr. Laverde-Yes
- Ms. Lockhart-Yes
- Ms. Mainer-Yes
- Ms. Moore-Yes
- Ms. Porter-Yes
- Ms. Ramsay-Yes
- Ms. Relyea-Yes
- Mr. Thompson-Yes

V. Ms. Awafodeju: Principal's Report- **6:13 PM**

a. Facilities:

- i. Building 5 roof work has started. Unfortunately, the roofers did not seal the roof during demolition and during the last rainstorm water protruded into the classrooms and weight room damaging some tables, light fixtures, and ceilings. The contractors have reviewed the concerns and will be making the needed repairs.
- ii. The Fire Alarm system is still having concerns with system faults. The project Manager and team are looking into the concerns to determine the corrections needed.
- iii. Building 13 and FISH 283 and 284 still have not been returned to Nova for use. The Project Manager and contractor are still seeking a solution to the noise level concern coming from the AC ducts.
- iv. Nova has added some new and colorful picnic tables and umbrellas in our Culinary outdoor area and the Crossroads for students to relax and eat under the shade.
- v. The Culinary program has a new restaurant seating type of room for students to learn how to serve and for hosting various events.

b. School/District News: 2nd Quarter Interims posted today on the FOCUS Parent Portal under Reports.

c. Testing:

- i. Students currently enrolled in government classes will take the FCLE tomorrow November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- ii. FAST Reading Retakes and Winter EOCs will take place on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.
- iii. The ASVAB will take place on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for students who register.

- d. Awards/Recognition
  - i. After the Speech and Debate Tournament hosted by the University of Central Florida, the Titan Speech & Debate team is now officially ranked #5 in the state of Florida, #1 public school in Broward County, and more importantly, the #1 public school in the entire state of Florida according to the School Strength Rankings on the official National Speech & Debate Association website! The team is incredibly proud of this accomplishment as it highlights our continued commitment towards excellence within Speech and Debate, and we hope to maintain our momentum going into the rest of this school year.
  - ii. When we return from the thanksgiving break, we will be recognizing 473 A/B Honor Roll students, 172 Straight A Honor Roll students, and 75 students who have perfect attendance for the 1st Quarter.
- e. Activities: The Positive Behavior Field Day for students with no referrals and good attendance will be on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, during period 4.
- f. Athletics
  - i. Competition Cheer: Your Titans Cheer Squad will have their first competition tonight @ Dillard High School at 6:00 PM. Head Coach: Briana Hall /Asst Coach: Natasha Ramsay
  - ii. Boys Soccer: Boys Soccer is currently (2-2) on the season and have matches this week vs Pines Charter (H) on Monday, Chaminade (H) on Tuesday, South Broward (H) on Thursday. Head Coach: Ronald Woodstock
  - iii. Girls Soccer: Girls Soccer has started their season and have matches this week vs Pines Charter (H) on Monday, Chaminade (H) on Tuesday, and South Broward (H) on Thursday.
  - iv. Head Coach: Jamoi Wesley
  - v. Boys Basketball: Boys Basketball officially opens the regular season @ Deerfield Beach on Tuesday, Monarch on Thursday for their Home Opener, and Friday away at Hollywood Hills. Head Coach: Dequan Sierra - 1st year Head Coach
  - vi. Girls Basketball: Girls Basketball officially opens the regular season @ Deerfield Beach on Tuesday and Monarch on Thursday for their Home Opener - Jr. Standout Guard Jaelynn Housey has been named a Sun Sentinel Feb 5 All-County Selection. Head Coach: Jason Hively
  - vii. Wrestling: Wrestling will have its first competition of the season on Tuesday 12/3/23 @ Everglades. Head Coach Fritzler Dorisca
  - viii. We will be hosting the BCAA ALL Star Football Classic @ Nova HS on Thursday 12/12/24 - 7:00 PM

VI. Ms. Ramsay: School Improvement Plan - **6:19PM**

- a. Attendance Goals for the 2024-2025 school year: Nova High continues to outperform other high schools in the district.
  - i. Excused Absence Rate: The District's goal is to meet or exceed an overall 50% excused absence rate. During the 23-24 school year, 54.92% of

absences were excused. The high school average was 37.79%. Our goal is to improve our excused absence rate by the end of the 24-25 school year.

- ii. Students with Attendance Above 90%: During the 23-24 school year 47.55% of our students attended more than 90% of school days. The average for high schools was 35.45%. Our goal by the end of the 24-25 school year is to maintain or exceed the high average.
- iii. Total Chronic Absenteeism: Chronic Absenteeism is when a student is absent 10% or more full days in a school year. Through the end of the 23-24 school year, 28.4% of our students were in the chronic absent category, the high school average was 41.84%. Our goal is to decrease overall chronic absenteeism at our school by at least 1% by June 2025.
- iv. Severe Chronic Absenteeism: Severe Chronic Absenteeism identifies students who were absent 20% or more full school days. Our school had 6.23% of students in this category by June 2024. The average for high schools was 12.83%. Our goal is to decrease severe chronic absenteeism with our school community by June 2025.

VII. Dr. Gutzmore: Community Service Report - **6:22 PM**

- a. Technical Issue prevented the preparation of a detailed report. A full report will be available for presentation at the next SAC meeting.

VIII. Dr. Gutzmore: Accountability Funds- \$18,492-**6:23PM**

- a. Funds have been paid for Math Tutoring. Tutoring is three times per week with one expert teacher providing instruction alongside our Mu Alpha Theta student volunteers.

IX. Ms. Jackson: School Environmental Safety Incident Report (SESIR) - **6:24 PM**

- a. Report has not been updated. It will be ready for the next SAC meeting.
- b. For additional information please see: [Parents / School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting \(SESIR\)](#)

X. Ms. Ramsay: Old business/New Business - **6:29 PM**

- a. Theater department will be presenting their winter play on the 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> of November. All are welcome to attend. Tickets are available for purchase on the school e-store. The English Department is offering extra credit to students who attend and complete a follow-up assignment.
- b. Motion to adjourn at **6:26 PM** made by Ms. Relyea and seconded by Mr. Laverde  
**Motion passed unanimously.**