

**Nova High School**



**SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM**

**Monday, September 30, 2024 @ 6:15 PM**

**Minutes**

- I. Mrs. Relyea: Welcome - 6:32 PM**
- II. Vote in SAF leaders - 6:34 PM**
  - a. Ms. Greenfield motioned to elect Mrs. Relyea as Chair. Ms. Coddington seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
  - b. Ms. Greenfield motioned to elect Mrs. McCord as Vice Chair. Ms. Coddington seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- III. Mrs. Relyea: Adopt the May meeting minutes. - 6:35 PM**
  - a. Mrs. McCord motioned to adopt the May meeting minutes. Ms. Greenfield seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- IV. Mrs. Relyea: Adopt SAF Bylaws - 6:37 PM**
  - a. Mrs. McCord motioned to adopt the SAF Bylaws. Mr. Thompson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- V. Ms. Relyea: District and Central Regional Updates - 6:38 PM**
  - a. Dr. Ted Toomer has been appointed as the new Superintendent for the Central Region.
  - b. The 3 focus goals for the Central Region are: Believe, Empower and Achieve. These goals encourage all stakeholders to keep an eye on the great things that are happening in the region, by following @BCPSCentral on Instagram.
  - c. School Calendar options have been presented to the advisories and there are currently 2 options available:
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Option:**
      - August 4, 2025- Teachers return and August 11, 2025 students begin classes for the new school year.
      - Early release days are back unless BTU/Teachers come to an agreement that removes them from the calendar. Election day will also be a school day.
      - The proposed holidays are: Labor Day, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Veteran's Day, a full week off for Thanksgiving.

- An early release day on December 19 with 2 weeks off for Winter break directly following. Semester examinations will take place before Winter Break.
- Students will return from Winter Break on January 6<sup>th</sup>. January 19<sup>th</sup> is Martin Luther King Day.
- February 13<sup>th</sup> is an early release day for the “Day of Service and Love”.
- Students will have President’s Day off and Spring Break will be from Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Good Friday and the last day of the school year will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ii. **2<sup>nd</sup> Option:** Similar to the 1<sup>st</sup> option except for the following:
  - October 20<sup>th</sup> off (to round out the days in each semester).
  - January 5<sup>th</sup>, an early release day
  - January 6<sup>th</sup>, a teacher planning day
  - Students return from Winter Break on January 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the last day for students.
- d. Diwali is being considered as a day off for the 2026-2027 school year.
- e. Juneteenth is also being considered as a paid holiday.
- f. Feedback from the Reproductive Health and Disease Prevention Curriculum:
  - The curriculum must be approved every year. Feedback included that portions of the curriculum are not age appropriate in accordance with state standards.
  - Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade included instruction on identifying parts of the anatomy that were not in accordance with the standards. This must be removed.
  - Pictures of specific external anatomy should not be included in any grade level.
  - Reference to fetal development should not be included until 9-12 grades.
  - Talk of contraceptives should not be included unless referred to as “Health Resources” and instruction should not occur on this on any grade level.
  - The curriculum goes back to FLDOE for review on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- g. Superintendent’s Review Committee: The committee is up and running. Meetings are also open to the public.
- h. Changes for school of choice and policies will be forthcoming.

**VI. Mrs. Relyea: Old Business/New Business - 6:55 PM**

- Diversity Meeting Representative Request
- NOVA Zone Representative Request

**VII. Mrs. Releyea: Meeting Adjourned - 7:05 PM**

- a. Ms. Hicks motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Ms. Greenfield seconded. Motion passed unanimously.