

Nova High School



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, September 30, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

Minutes

- I. **Welcome: Ms. Jackson - 5:32 PM**
- II. **Announce SAC Membership and Voting Rights: Ms. Jackson -5:33 PM**
 - a. Ms. Jackson announced the current SAC committee members.
 - b. SAC Committee member voting rights were reviewed by Ms. Jackson as written in the Bylaws.
- III. **Vote in additional SAC Committee Members: Ms. Jackson - 5:34 PM**
 - a. Ms. Lockhart agreed to serve as SAC secretary but must be voted in as a member first.
 - b. **Ms. Coddington motioned to add Ms. Lockhart as a SAC member. Ms. Mainer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- IV. **Nomination & Election of SAC Leaders: Ms. Jackson - 5:35 PM**
 - a. **Co-Chairs:** Mr. Thompson motioned to nominate Ms. Jackson and Ms. Ramsay for SAC Co-Chairs. Ms. Greenfield seconded. **Ms. Moore motioned to elect Ms. Jackson and Ms. Ramsay as SAC Co-Chairs. Ms. Mainer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - b. **Secretary:** Ms. Calloo motioned to nominate Ms. Lockhart for SAC secretary. Ms. Mainer seconded. **Ms. Coddington motioned to elect Ms. Lockhart as SAC secretary. Ms. Mainer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- V. **Meeting Minutes: Ms. Jackson - 5:38 PM**
 - a. Ms. Jackson invited everyone to review the May 2024 minutes. **Ja'Kayla Alfred motioned to adopt the May 2024 meeting minutes. Mr. Thompson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - b. Ms. Jackson invited everyone to review the August 2024 meeting minutes and advise of any corrections. No corrections were noted.
- VI. **Adopt SAC Bylaws - Ms. Jackson - 5:40 PM**
 - a. Ms. Jackson invited everyone to review the SAC Bylaws. **Ms. Moore motioned to adopt the SAC Bylaws for the new school year. Ms. Mainer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

VII. Principal's Report: Ms. Awofadeju - 5:42 PM

- a. **Facilities:** Building 5 is currently getting a new roof. Building 13 fish 283 and 284 have not been turned over to Nova. Still addressing HVAC noise levels. Fire alarm panel system has trouble with constant alarm acknowledgements and beeping sounds going off. New PA system still not installed, and there is no date set for installation as of this time.
- b. **School/District News**
 - i. 1st Quarter Interims were posted on the FOCUS Parent and Student portals on Friday. You can view your student's interims by selecting "more info" and then "Reports" on the parent portal.
 - ii. Attendance counts! FTE attendance counts from September 26 through October 11. Please ensure that your student is present during this window.
- c. **Testing Updates**
 - i. The FAST PM1, FAST Reading Retakes, and Fall EOC exams have concluded. You can view your child's score on the FOCUS parent portal by selecting "more info" and then "Reports" to access the TIDE Family Portal.
 - ii. AICE Retakes started today and run through the end of October. All 9th and 10th graders and select 11th and 12th graders will be taking the PSAT NMSQT on Wednesday October 9th.
- d. **Awards & Recognitions**
 - i. Congratulations to Drididi Preston who was voted our Teacher of the Year and Miriam Figueroa who was voted our School Related Employee of the Year.
 - ii. The TOP ten students with the most community service hours in their grade level will be recognized on Tuesday, October 8.
 - iii. 503 students who have met their 40+ community service hours graduation requirement will receive a sweet treat during lunch on Friday, October 11th, 2024.
- e. **School Activities & Highlights**
 - i. We had a successful Homecoming week. Your Titan Football Team had a thrilling win over Hallandale 41-36 at this past Friday's 2024 Homecoming Game. It was a great night as we had our Neon Nights Theme, welcomed back our Alumni, approximately 1800 fans attended, along with great halftime show and game environment. We also had a great homecoming dance on Saturday with 370 students in attendance.
 - ii. Congratulations go out to our Titan Speech and Debate team who this past weekend competed at their very first travel tournament of the year, The Yale Invitational hosted by the prestigious Yale University in New Haven, CT. This year's event hosted over 1000 students from 157 schools from around the country competing in various Speech and Debate Events.
Special Mentions for Debate:
 1. Original Oratory, Senior Carlos Casado advanced to the Quarterfinal Round
 2. In Congressional Debate, Junior Adam Alcin advanced to the Semifinal Round
 3. In Informative Speaking, Junior Ariana Karapetyan placed 3rd overall!

Congrats again to all who competed!

- iii. Titan Speech and Debate are hosting 412 students from 45 different schools, from 5 different states at their annual Titan Invitational on Saturday October 5th and Sunday October 6th.
- iv. Grad Bash tickets will be going on sale on October 15th through 25th, and Grad Bash will be held on April 4th.

f. Athletics

- i. Girls Volleyball: Your Lady Titans are (7-6) on the season and will host their Annual Cancer Awareness Game tonight @ Home vs South Plantation. Wear Gold and Pink!!! Head Coach Bri Skinner
- ii. Swimming & Diving: Your Titans Swim Team competed in the BCAA Championships this past Saturday and earned a Top 20 finish. Standout swimmers were Elizabeth Volivich, Adriana Lozano, Humberto Diaz, and Ian McKenzie. The Boys are (4-1) on the season as well. Head Coach Jesse White
- iii. Varsity Football: Your Titans Football Team is (4-1) on the season. Your Titans Football Team is on the road this Friday @ Pines Charter. A few standout players are Brandon Natson, Kenneth Pierre, Jason Dunkley, Jamari Jenkins, Ricardo Alexandre, Michael Smarts, and Tyler Smith. Head Coach Tyrus McCloud - Nova HS Class of '93
- iv. JV Football - Your Titans JV Football had their first game this past Tuesday as they defeated McArthur 24-22. Head Coach Renel Augustin
- v. Golf: Your Titans Golf Team has competed in (4) matches and are in action this week at the Davie Country Club on Tuesday and Wednesday. Head Coach Kyle Tabora - Nova HS Class of 2002
- vi. Cross Country: Your Titans Cross Country Team has participated in (4) meets on the season and are running today @ Tradewinds Park. Top performers are Daniel Diamante and Chloe Clemons. Head Coach Joseph Kelly
- vii. Sideline Cheer: Your Titans Cheer Team continues to cheer on the Green and Gold at Varsity and JV Football games. A Fantastic Job on Friday Night.
- viii. Bowling: Your Titans Bowling Team will Bowl this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Bowling Team has competed in 12 matches already and are led by David Gallindo, Zacharie Feron, and Marquis Francois. Head Coach Vincent Sica
- ix. *Senior Nights: Girls VB - 10/9, Bowling - 10/10, Swim & Dive -10/16, Football, Cheer, Band, Dance - 10/25

VIII: School Improvement Plan Presentation - 5:54 PM

a. Overview of 2024 Professional Learning Communities- Ms. Jackson

- i. Nova's Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) provide a process through which adult learners establish a framework for professional growth and development.
- ii. Teachers engage in PLCs to improve student outcomes.
- iii. PLCs use data to:

1. determine student and educator learning needs
 2. develop common team goals
 3. engage in learning to implement research-based strategies and use formative and summative data to evaluate the impact of what was learned and implemented
- iv. CARE (Curriculum, Assessment, Remediation and Enrichment) Cycles provide further structure of the work of PLCs by guiding team conversations and plans for learning in Curriculum, Assessment, Remediation and Enrichment.
- v. 2024-2025 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES
- Project Based Learning
 - Positive Classroom Environment
 - 9-10 ELA B.E.S.T. Standards
 - Reading 9-12
 - Artificial Intelligence Group 1
 - Artificial Intelligence Group 2
 - Biology EOC
 - Science Vertical Teaming
 - B.E.S.T. Standards for Geometry and Algebra
 - B.E.S.T. Standards for Math
 - C.T.E.
 - School Counselling 9-12

b. FACE Plan: Ms. Jackson

- i. FACE plan overview: The Division of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) goal is for families to partner with school staff and community members to continue a tradition of excellence in Broward County Public Schools. The environment or culture in which engaging programs take place must consider and plan for: families to feel welcomed, valued, and respected by school staff.
- ii. 2024-2025 FACE Resource Team
 - Administration – Dr. Lara Gutzmore
 - Instructional – Leah Jackson
 - Paraprofessional - Helena Chan
 - Cafeteria - Magna Borja
 - Custodial - Elier Saunders
 - After School Programs – Dr. Lara Gutzmore
 - Social Worker – Kimberly Perry
 - School Counseling – Yahshae Mainer
- iii. **FOCUS AREAS OF FACE**
 1. **Cultural Awareness:** National Hispanic Heritage Month.
 - a) Hispanic Heritage Month provide students with the opportunity to learn about the many Hispanic Floridians who contributed to our state’s success. The influence of Hispanic culture is evident, and we look forward to seeing the inspiration students gain from the many excellent examples of Hispanic achievement in our state. Our

teachers will be working with the students to teach them different aspects of Hispanic Culture and have them create posters pictures and stories that showcase the Hispanic experience in Florida.

2. Customer Service Initiatives

- a) **Open House:** Nova High School's Open House provides a firsthand look at the school's physical environment, including classrooms, facilities, and the overall campus atmosphere. Walking through the halls and seeing the classrooms allows students and parents to gauge whether the school's environment aligns with their expectations and preferences. It's a chance to visualize where students will spend a significant portion of their day for the next four years.
- b) **New To Nova Orientation:** New to Nova Orientation features current students who share their experiences, perspectives, and insights about the school with new students. Hearing from students who are already attending provide a unique and honest perspective on the school's strengths and challenges. It is invaluable in determining if the school is the right fit for your child. New to Nova allows students and parents to meet future classmates and their families. Building these early connections help students feel more comfortable when they begin high school and can foster a sense of community and support from day one.
- c) **Catch Them Being Great: Teacher Recognition-** We recognize the faculty with some of the following awards: 6th Man Award, Perfect Attendance, Student proficiency in FAST, EOC, AP, and AICE courses, highest learning gains, industry certification pass rate, national and international pass rates for AICE and AP courses. We recognize them because these teachers have high student performance and go above and beyond in and out of the classroom. It also motivates the entire faculty to continue teaching at a high level.
- d) **Student Recognition-** We recognize the students with some of the following awards: Community Service Awards, Tip top Titan (students who have positive behavior), Athlete of the month (excel in athletic and academic performance). These recognitions promote positive behavior, completion their service hour requirements, and motivates them to work harder and improve their academic performance.

c. Early Warning Indicators Intervention Strategies: Academic - Dr. Gutzmore Academic Intervention Strategies

1. **Intensive Reading:** Students are placed in Intensive Reading based on the following criteria: Students who score below satisfactory on the previous

year's reading test and Below or Below Basic on the MAP Assessment are placed in a Read180 reading class. Students who score below satisfactory on the previous year's reading test and indicate that they need decoding instruction on the Phonics Inventory are placed in a Read180 Reading class.

2. **Alberto:** Alberto is a standard aligned student practice that scaffolds by conceptual complexity and supports integrated progression. It is used to remediate students who have not shown proficiency on the reading or math test graduation requirement.
3. **Titan Care:** Additional instruction for students needing support via a pullout program during study hall. Digital resources and direct teacher instruction will be used to remediate, maintain, and/or enrich students on ELA, Algebra 1, Biology, and/or U.S History standards.
4. **Titan Think Tank:** Schoolwide initiative to promote vocabulary enhancement and mathematics skills via in-class assignments and quizzes. The program consists of the Word of the Day activities during the first three periods of the day and the Critical Thinking Problem during the last period of the day.
5. **Extended Learning Day Opportunities:** Optional program designed to provide test preparation for F.A.S.T, EOCs, SAT, and ACT exams and after school tutoring in reading, mathematics, and science.
6. **Newsela:** This district-sponsored reading program provides literacy practices that use high-interest articles that are available at different grade and Lexile levels. This program is utilized across content areas.

d. Early Warning Indicators Intervention Strategies: School Counseling – Ms. Mainer

- i. The School Counseling Team consists of:
 - Director,
 - Grade-level School Counselors,
 - BRACE Advisor
 - School Social Worker
 - Family Mental Health Therapist,
 - Testing Coordinator
 - Student Support Intervention Specialist.
- ii. The Team is available during study hall periods, electives (with a pass), and during lunches for “Mobile Guidance”.
- iii. **Academic & Counseling:** The following services are provided by the counseling department:
 - **Classroom Visits:** Quarterly visits through study halls to cover grad requirements, success skills, post-secondary-planning
 - **Graduation Tracking:** Individualized action plans for academic goals and progress towards graduation
 - **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Interventions and pathways to success
 - **Parent Universities:** Inform parent/guardian on how to become partners in their child's education

- Edmentum: Credit recovery lab during 8th period
 - Small Groups: Based on student needs and parent/guardian recommendation
 - Response to Interventions: Collaborative problem-solving and student support team
- iv. Brace & Career Planning:
- College Visits: University and Career Tech Colleges; sign-up required
 - Scholarship Assistance: Nova BRACE website and frequent canvas message updates
 - Classroom Visits: Supporting all grade levels
 - Senior Parent Nights: College Application Night (October 8, 2024, 4:45p-7:30p) and Financial Aid Support Night
 - Career Guidance: ASVAB testing and Xello personality surveys
 - College Week: Activities TBA
 - BRACE Cadets & Titan Prep Club: Peer-to-Peer collaboration and guidance
- v. Mental Wellness Initiatives & Services:
- On-Site Resources: School Social Worker & Family Mental Health Therapist; School Psychologist (on Tuesdays)
 - Chrysalis Health & Memorial Health: Available weekly for student referrals
 - Rethink Ed/Classroom Visits: Resiliency Education and Mental Wellness activities monthly
 - Serenity Room: Available to students throughout the school day
 - Life Skills & Wellness Activities: Monthly schoolwide activities during lunch; “Tree of Life” for Suicide Prevention Month (Rescheduled for 10/1/2024)
 - Small Groups: Based on student needs and parent/guardian recommendation
 - Response to Interventions: Collaborative problem-solving and student support team
- vi. Current Counseling Student Success Initiatives:
- Honor Roll Certificates & Treats
 - Academic Awards
 - Senior Awards
 - Service Hour Awards
- vii. Upcoming Student Success Initiatives:
- Titan Ambassadors
 - Caught Being Kind

VIII. Community Service Report & Incentives: Dr. Gutzmore - 6:18 PM

- a. The number of students who have met their service hour requirement for the month of May.
- 9th – 1%
 - 30th - 13%
 - 11th - 28%
 - 12th - 72%

- b. Students were urged to submit outstanding community service hours to the relevant personnel. Parents were also reminded about the importance of students submitting their community service hours.

IX. Accountability Funds Presentation: Dr. Gutzmore - 6.21 PM

- a. Funds Amount: \$14,781.55
- b. \$2750.00 was spent from the previous balance of \$17,531.55 to pay PLC Leaders \$250 each for 11 PLCs.

X. Funds Request: Dr. Gutzmore- 6:23PM

- a. **PLC Leader Supplement:** PLC Leader Supplement in the amount of \$250.00 per person. The total amount requested was \$3,00.00 for 12 PLCs. **Mrs. Relyea motioned to approve the funds request for the PLC leader supplement of \$3,000. Ms. Coddington seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- b. **Math Tutoring:** Certified educator to conduct math tutoring after school. The program would run 3 times per week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:30 – 5:30 PM. The proposed start date is October 15, 2024, and the program would run until May 28, 2025. This is a total of 79 days of tutoring being provided in Math. The requested amount was: \$5000 which includes \$4500 for teacher salaries and \$500 for incentives for students who attend the tutoring program. **Mrs. Relyea motioned to approve funding for math tutoring not to exceed \$4,500.00 for teacher salaries and \$500.00 for student incentives. Ms. Coddington seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

XI. Student Improvement Safety Incident Report (SESIR): Ms. Jackson - 6:29PM

- a. The student safety improvement incident report was reviewed by Ms. Jackson and the link was shared with present members for their perusal.
 - i. The SESIR report has not been updated for this school year.

XII. Old Business / New Business - 6:30 PM

- a. There was no old business brought forward and no questions or concerns regarding new items.
- b. **Motion to adjourn at 6:02PM made by Ms. Coddington and seconded by Ms. Mainer. Motion passed unanimously.**