

Nova High School



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, March 30, 2026

Minutes

- I. Welcome: Ms. Ramsay - **5:36 p.m.**
- II. Attendance: Ms. Ramsay
 - i. 20 out of 33 voting members were present – Quorum Established.
- III. Adopt SAC February Meeting Minutes
 - i. Mr. J. Turner moved to accept the SAC February Meeting Minutes. Ms. J. Fleming seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- IV. Principal's Report: Ms. Awofadeju
 - i. Facilities:
 - a. Building 17 FISH 381 passed inspection for the Fire Sprinklers. However, there is a roof leak that needs to be repaired before final inspections take place.
 - b. Building 32 - Auditorium: wheelchair lift/elevator installation has been COMPLETED.
 - c. The irrigation pumps for sprinkler systems in Buildings 15, 16, 17, and 37 have not yet been repaired.
 - d. Still waiting on the new gates for the pool entrances.
 - e. The campus is being surveyed for possible drainage upgrades.
 - f. District staff visited on 3/11/26 to examine roofing and potential solutions for buildings 24, 25, 31 and 38.
 - ii. School/District News: As of February 27, the district had a total of \$509,609.05 in outstanding student meal debt. District Parent Link Messages were sent on February 10, 2026, referencing the transition from Student Meal Charges to Meal Obligations retroactive as of September 24, 2025. These messages will continue monthly. Daily ParentLink Messages and emails are sent to families of students with outstanding Meal Obligations. MySchoolBucks integration to reflect accurate Meal Obligation and Meal Obligations integration with E-Store has been implemented. MySchoolBucks payment process time is 24 – 48 hours. The Strategic Partnerships Department created a donation letter encouraging community contributions toward Student Meal Debt. The Family and Community Engagement Department also developed a separate donation letter for broader outreach to community partners. Donations to Schools between August 11, 2025, through October 15, 2025, totals \$5,762.54. Donations to Schools between October 16, 2025, through February 26, 2026, total \$9,026.89. Per Board

direction, no student trays are being removed at the point of sale, regardless of Meal Obligation status. Age-appropriate student level messages are being created and will be shared discreetly for students with Meal Obligations and Student FOCUS access updated to display both Meal Obligations and School Obligations.

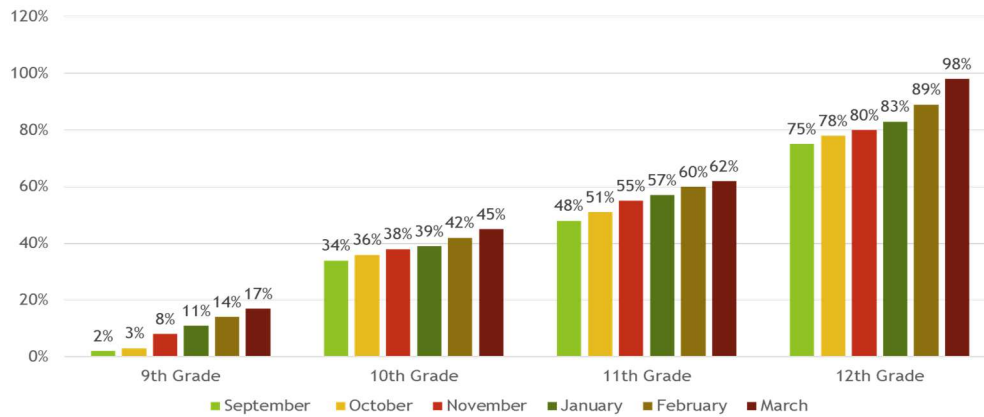
- iii. Testing:
 - a. This Wednesday, April 1st, we will be administering the BEST Writing test for all 9th and 10th grade students and the ACT for seniors who have not met their math or reading test graduation requirement.
 - b. On April 15th the seniors who have not met their math or reading test graduation requirement will be taking the SAT.
 - c. On April 16th we will be administering the ASVAB for students interested in military service or pairing their skills with possible career choices.
 - d. AICE testing starts on April 23rd with AICE General Paper.
 - e. The testing calendar is posted on our website
- iv. Awards/Recognition:
 - a. Becca's Closet partnered with Macy's to surprise our seniors with a free prom last Thursday. All seniors will be able to attend prom for free. The prom is on Saturday, May 16th.
 - b. We are thrilled to announce that our Nova High School CyberPatriot team placed 6th overall out of more than 4,700 teams nationwide earning a spot amongst just 11 teams at the National Finals in Washington, D.C., March 20–24. This was our team's very first full year of competition. Our students achieved this short-handed, with only four members instead of the typical six.
 - c. Florida Forensic League named our very own Naja Martial-Nagessar state champion 2026 in Original Oratory. We are so proud of her.
- v. Activities:
 - a. Wish our Skills USA team good luck as they head to Jacksonville today for the Skills USA leadership and skills conference.
 - b. New to Nova Parent Showcase new date pending.
 - c. ROTC awards ceremony April 15 at 6:30 p.m.
 - d. Band Spring Concert April 22 at 6:00 p.m.
 - e. Academic Awards Night May 1 at 6:00 p.m.
 - f. Drama End of Year Showcase May 6 at 6:00 p.m.
 - g. Senior Awards Night May 8 at 6:00 p.m.
 - h. If parents are interested in chaperoning field trips to assist with our teams, it would be appreciated. You would need to be level 1 and 2 cleared to attend.
- vi. Athletics:
 - a. Baseball - (4-10) on the regular season. Your Nova Titans Baseball have games this week at McArthur on Monday, Tuesday vs Jupiter and Senior Night coming up on 4/9 vs Piper. Thanks Head Coach Brian Luebker
 - b. Boys Volleyball - (10-4) on the regular season and play on Tuesday at Piper High School. Head Coach Kasandra Kopek

- c. Flag Football - (6-6) on the regular season. Your Lady Titans Flag FB have Senior Night at Home on 4/9 vs Pines Charter. Head Coaches Renel Augustin and Yashae Mainer
 - d. Softball- (2-4-1) on the regular season. Your Lady Titans Softball play tonight at Home vs South Plantation (Weather Permitting) - Had an outstanding Senior Night last Wednesday vs Ely. Head Coach Jojo Urso
 - e. Tennis - Compete today at South Broward. Head Coach John Bua
 - f. Track & Field - Your Titans Track & Field Team competed last Friday in The BCAA Championships. SENIOR NIGHT on Tuesday March 31, 2026, at Home Meet. Head Coach: Danielle Henderson
 - Sr Jayden Carrol - 1st Place 400 M Hurdles
 - Sr Makayla Harris - 5th Place 400 M Hurdles
 - Jr. Kimora Exum - 4th Place Long Jump
 - Girls 4x 100 M Relay (5th Place)
 - Boys 4x100 M Relay (4th Place)
 - g. Water Polo - Girls will compete on Tuesday at Home in their last Home Meet of the season. Head Coach Tzean Keung "Coach Sam"
 - h. Wrestler Xander Ortiz placed 8th Placed in the FHSAA State Wrestling Championships for his respective weight class.
 - i. Girls Basketball Players Sophomore Ke'mora Evans Sun Sentenil 1st Team All County and senior Jaelynn Housey Broward County Player of the Year
 - j. BCAA Scholar Athletes - Ceremony on April 13, 206 at Dillard High School:
 - Makayla Harris
 - Jaelynn Housey
 - Nathaniel Hunninghan Jr
 - Sara Mirza
 - Kevin Morancy
 - Alex Olshansky
 - Richard Relyea
- vii. Innovative Program Applications:
- a. Mr. Abrantes presented an overview of the proposed Artificial Intelligence Certification program. The information presented included the following:
 - Program is one of the only ones being looked at in the district for adoption for the 26-27 school year.
 - First AI Academy in Broward County Public Schools
 - Aligned to FLDOE AI Foundations Pathway
 - Utilizes AI Curriculum and Materials Developed by UF
 - Only school offering full AI pathway next year
 - b. Mr. Laverde presented an overview of the proposed Psychology, Behavior & Social Sciences academy program including the following:
 - Entry point: AICE Psychology or Psychology and Advanced Science and Social Science
 - Research Academic Track: AP Seminar and AP Statistics or AP Research and AICE Psychology A level Applied Behavioral
 - Leadership Track: Peer Counseling, Peer Counseling and ACIE Psychology A level

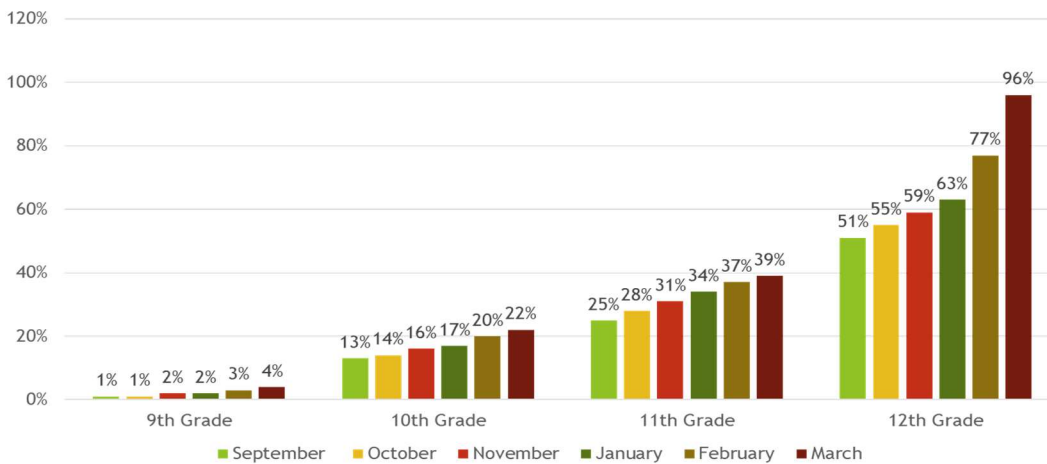
- V. Florida School Recognition (A+ Funds) Missing Payments: Dr. Gutzmore
- i. Two employees, Ms. German (campus monitor) and Ms. Benitez (teacher), were eligible to but did not receive A+ funds due to an error in calculating their days worked to meet the 50% threshold as stated on the ballot. The two individuals would have to be paid from the funds allocated to the school.
 - ii. Mr. Laverde moved to approve the payment for Ms. German and Ms. Benitez from the initial A+ funds allocated to the school. Mr. Thompson seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Professional Study Day Continuation Waiver Voting Results: Dr. Gutzmore
- i. 90% (95/1015) of eligible voters casted a ballot. 84% (88/105) of eligible voters voted in favor of the Professional Study Day Continuation Waiver for the 2026-2027 school year. 97% (85/88) of eligible voters who voted in favor of the Professional Study Day Continuation Waiver for the 2026-2027 school year selected four (4) days. Based on the voting results, Nova High School will implement four (4) Professional Study Days for the 2026-2027 school year.
- VII. School Improvement Funds Request: Dr. Gutzmore
- i. Discussion was had on making purchases for classroom supplies to enhance teaching and learning. The proposed items are:
 - a. Whiteboards for students to use (15 complete sets including markers and erasers) for \$1413.75.
 - b. Scientific and graphing calculators for students to use in the classroom for all math classes. Scientific calculators are approximately \$11.00 each and graphing calculators are approximately \$98.00 each.
 - ii. Ms. Coddington moved to approve the \$1413.75 purchase of the whiteboards for student use in the classroom. Mr. Laverde seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 - iii. Mr. Laverde moved to approve the purchase of scientific and graphing calculators for students to use in the classroom for an amount not to exceed \$8000.00. Mr. J. Turner seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- VIII. School Improvement Plan: Dr. Gutzmore
- i. School-Wide PBIS Data
 - a. 95% of students have 0-1 referrals
 - b. 5% (122) of students have 2-5 referrals
 - c. 1 student has more than 5 referrals
 - d. Disobedience/Insubordination remains our number one behavior incident with 72 referrals.
 - e. Our top 3 event locations are Bus, School Grounds, and Hallway.
 - f. All grade levels have similar risks of getting a referral from 0.91 in the 12th grade to 1.06 in the 9th grade.

IX. Community Service Report: Dr. Gutzmore

Percentage of Students with at least 1 Community Service Hour



Percentage of students who have met their 40+ Community Service Hour Graduation Requirement



X. Accountability Funds \$14,380.80: Dr. Gutzmore

- i. The balance is current and will be used for upcoming payments.

XI. School Improvement Safety Incident Report (SESIR): Ms. Ramsay

- i. The SESIR data has not been updated and should be available for the next meeting.

XII. Old Business/New Business: None

XIII. Adjournment: Mr. J. Turner moved to adjourn the meeting at **6:58 p.m.** Ms. Cienna Ortiz seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**