

Nova High School



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM

August 31, 2026

Joint Meeting Minutes

- I. Ms. Ramsay: Welcome & Overview - **5:30 PM**
- a) **Meeting Dates:** The SAC & SAF Meeting will be held on the 4th Monday of every month with the exceptions of December (Holiday Break) & Monday 24th, 2027, the last day of school.
 - b) **Location:** The meeting will be held in the school's media center.
 - c) **Time:** The meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Ms. Awofadeju: Introductions
- a. Administration: Names of Administrators
 - Ms. Awofadeju: Principal
 - Ms. Sexton: 10th Grade Admin. & Second in Command
 - Mrs. Jones: 11th Grade Admin
 - Ms. Gentile: 12th Grade Admin
 - Mr. Chartrand: 9th Grade Admin
 - b. Ms. Awofadeju also introduced the school counselors, curriculum leaders, and department leaders for the 26-27 school year.
 - Counselors**
 - Ms. Mainer: Guidance Director & 12th Grade Counselor
 - Mr. Knight: 10th Grade
 - Ms. Ramos: 11th Grade
 - Ms. Prospere: 9th Grade
 - ESE Specialist: Ms. Calloo
 - Curriculum & Department Leaders**
 - CTE: Kristina Patino
 - English: Leah Jackson & Amy Paulison
 - ESE: Alicia Callo
 - Math: Jannel Amaya & Kerry - Ann Simpson
 - P.E: Brian Luebker
 - Reading: Stephanie McBean McDonald
 - Social Studies: Gonzalo Laverde

- Science: Michael Roy
- Unified Arts: Drididi Preston
- World Languages: Maria Alain

- III. Ms. Ramsay: What is School Advisory Council & Responsibilities of a SAC member
- Ms. Ramsay presented an overview of the School Advisory Council (SAC), a collaborative decision-making body composed of school staff, parents, and community stakeholders. She outlined the council's role in supporting school improvement initiatives, reviewing budget allocations, and advising on policies that impact student achievement and school climate. Ms. Ramsay also clarified the responsibilities of SAC members, which include consistent attendance at scheduled meetings, adherence to procedural guidelines, active engagement in discussions, and contributing to the development and evaluation of school goals and strategies.

- IV. Mr. Thompson: What is the School Advisory Forum
- Mr. Thompson reviewed the foundational principles of the SAF, referring to district policy that mandates each school to establish a forum representative of its diverse community. Membership includes:
 - Parents or guardians of enrolled students
 - Students
 - Business partners
 - Community members from various ethnic, religious, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds

He reiterated that Broward County School Board employees may not serve as chairpersons at their place of employment. Officers must be elected according to school bylaws.

- V. Ms. Ramsay – Nomination for School Advisory Council.
- Nominations were opened for the school advisory council for the 26-27 school year. The results of the nomination are as follows:
- Mrs. D. Preston was nominated for Co-Chairperson by Ms. Ramsay and seconded by Ms. Mainer.
 - Dr. Lockhart was nominated for Co-Chairperson by Ms. Jackson and seconded by Ms. Ramsay.
 - Ms. Mainer was nominated for SAC secretary by Dr. Lockhart and seconded by Ms. Jackson.

- VI. Mr. Thompson – Nominations for School Advisory Forum
- Mr. Thompson was nominated for Chairperson by Ms. Ramsay and seconded by Dr. Lockhart.
 - Mrs. Thompson was nominated for Co-Chair by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Mainer
 - Mrs. M. Hartmann was nominated for Co-Chair by Ms. Jackson and seconded by Dr. Lockhart

- VII. Ms. Awofadeju- School Grade Presentation

- Nova High School has maintained its A rating for the 25-26 school year.
- Please see the chart below for breakdown of school grade:

English Language Arts (FAST Reading)	Mathematics (Alg I & Geom EOC)	Science (Biology I EOC)	Social Studies (US History EOC)	Graduation Rate	Acceleration Success
Achievement 100% 70% 2026 67% 2025 62% 2024 58% 2023	Achievement 100% 52% 2026 52% 2025 49% 2024 41% 2023	Achievement 100% 73% 2026 70% 2025 65% 2024 62% 2023	Achievement 100% 88% 2026 75% 2025 72% 2024 74% 2023	4-Year Graduation Rate 100% 98% 2025 97% 2024 97% 2023 97% 2022	AP, IB, AICE, Dual Enrollment or Industry Certification 100% 76% 2025 71% 2024 60% 2023 60% 2022
Learning Gains 100% 62% 2026 61% 2025 61% 2024 NA 2023	Learning Gains 100% 43% 2026 50% 2025 53% 2024 NA 2023			School Grading Scale: A = 65% or greater B = 60% to 64% C = 45% to 59% D = 35% to 44% F = 34% of points or lower TOTAL POINTS 1,000 Possible points	
Learning Gains of the Lowest 25% 100% 57% 2026 62% 2025 65% 2024 NA 2023	Learning Gains of the Lowest 25% 100% 53% 2026 59% 2025 55% 2024 NA 2023				
		67% (672) 2026 66% (664) 2025 64% (639) 2024 65% (392) 2023 64% (638) 2022			

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VIII. Ms. Awofadeju: Principal's Report

Facilities

- Building 13: FISH 283 and 284 have been turned over to Nova High for use.
- FISH 284 has become the new Internal Suspension Room.
- The new public address and bell system is not fully operational at this time.

School/District News

- Classes are still being balanced based on numbers. Final schedules should be completed prior soon. A huge thank you is extended to the counselors and administration team, specifically Ms. Gentile, for working arduously to finalize schedules and make the necessary adjustments to the Master Schedule as needed.
- School lunches will no longer be provided free of cost for the upcoming school year. Parents & Guardians are encouraged to apply through the portal for meal benefits if qualified. Breakfast & Supper remain free for students.
 - Open House will be on September 3, 2026
 - School Picture Makeup Date is 9/23/26
 - ID Badges and Agendas were distributed through English Classes and currently being enforced school wide.
 - FASSA NIGHT held by the CTE/BRACE advisors will be held on 9/28/26 at 6:00 pm.

Testing

- EOC & FAST testing begins in September. Parents will receive updates & reminders for testing via the Nova High website, Parent Link, and other communication methods.
 - i. 9/10/26: FAST PM1 (9th & 10th graders), FAST Reading Retakes and EOCs.
 - ii. 9/17/26: Algebra EOC Retakes

Activities

- Homecoming game will be held September 25th, 2026
- Homecoming Dance is September 26th, 2026

Athletics

- Some fall sports have already begun, including Football & Volleyball. We are looking forward to a great year in sports.
- Please contact the respective head coach for each sport for days and times of athletic training and or schedules as well as our athletic director Coach Hively for more information.

IX. Ms. Gentile: Testing Calendar 25-26 School Year

- Testing will begin in September, starting with PM 1 Reading assessment
- FAST PM1 & Retake: 9/10
- Geometry/Bio/U.S: 9/10
- Algebra 1 EOC Make-Up: 9/17
- Makeup will continue as needed throughout the month of September for applicable subjects.

X. Student Compliance Schedule, Behavior Threat Management- Ms. Jones

- Ms. Jones provided an overview of the student compliance schedule for the 26-27 school year as well as went over the process currently in place for Behavior Threat management.

XI. Review of the Nova High School Website- Ms. Ramsay

- Ms. Ramsay provided an overview of the new Nova High website, highlighting the location of Policy 5900: Anti-Bullying Parent Training and Policy 5010: Dating Violence Prevention Parent Training. Parents were encouraged to participate and view the identified trainings as well as browse the new website at their leisure.

XII. Ms. Ramsay: Old business/New Business

- Mr. Thompson shared that Nova Logo shirts are available for purchase. Each grade level is available.

- SAF District meetings are held on Thursdays, and volunteers are needed to attend the district meeting.
- Mr. Thompson will remain as the Facilities Taskforce Member for the school for the upcoming school year.
- Parents are encouraged to see Mr. Chartrand if they would like to be considered as a voting member for SAC & SAF for the 26-27 school year.

XIII. Ms. Ramsay: Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn at **6:45 PM** made by Mr. Laverde and seconded by Mr. Judd.
Motion passed unanimously.

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Monday, May 19, 2025

Minutes

- I. Mrs. Relyea: Welcome - **6:27 PM**
- II. Mrs. Relyea: Adopt the January meeting minutes.
 - a. Motion to adopt the minutes made by Ms. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Cabrera.
Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Mrs. Relyea: District and Central Regional Updates
 - Please remember to Register to Ride before June 27, 2025, if your student requires a bus next year and would like to ride on the first day of school.
 - Note that Free School lunch will be no longer next year. Breakfast will still be free, and families can apply and qualify for free and/or reduced lunch through the “myschoolapps.com” website if they meet the income threshold for those services. Stay tuned for more information from BCPS on how to apply and how to put funds in your student’s account for purchasing lunch.
 - BCPS wants to make sure that your child—and every child in our district—has what they need to succeed, both in the classroom and at home. To help them better understand each family’s situation, they are asking for your input about internet access in your household.
 - Please take a few minutes to complete a brief survey by July 5, 2025. Your response is crucial in helping BCPS understand the needs of your children and provide the necessary support. The information provided will remain confidential and be used solely for this purpose. Please visit: browardschools.com/homeinternetaccess for more information.
- IV. Mrs. Relyea: Old Business/New Business
- V. Mr. Relyea: Adjournment
 - Motion to adjourn at **7:06 PM** made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Moore. **Motion passed unanimously.**