

Nova High School



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 27, 2025

Minutes

- I. Welcome: Ms. Ramsay - **5:35 p.m.**
- II. Adopt September Meeting Minutes: Ms. Ramsay
 - i. Ms. Mainer moved to accept the September meeting minutes. Mr. Thompson seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- III. Establish A+ Funds Committee: Ms. Ramsay
 - i. The rationale for the establishment of the A+ committee was presented by Ms. Ramsay and the following members volunteered to be committee members: Ms. Calloo, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Relyea, Ms. Mainer, Ms. Sexton, Mrs. Devlin-Burgess, Mrs. McBean-McDonald, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Judd, Mr. Laverde, Dr. Gutzmore, and Dr. Lockhart.
- IV. Principal's Report: Ms. Sexton
 - i. Facilities: Concerns in building 13 Rooms 283 and 284 still have not been addressed and rooms are not in use. The fire alarm is still having concerns with various faults and no sound in areas such as the portables and Building 14.
 - ii. School/District News: We welcome our new CTACE Advisor, Ms. Angela McIntyre, who will work with our CTACE students. We owe \$57,000 for lunches districtwide. Nova High School owes \$4,900 as of October 24th. Math tutoring started on October 14th and continues every week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
 - iii. Testing: Seniors who have not met their reading or math test graduation requirement will be taking the ACT on October 29th and 30th.
 - iv. Awards/Recognition: We will be recognizing our outstanding students for 1st Quarter Honor roll. There are 152 students who have straight As, 532 students who have As & Bs and 118 students who have perfect attendance. The Nova High School Titan Battalion NJROTC Academic Team proved their intellectual dominance by securing the first-place trophy at the challenging Cooper City NJROTC Cowboy Brain Brawl competition. Lead by Senior Cadet Jadon Fonarov, they outsmarted a highly competitive field, emerging victorious against 15 other skilled academic teams from various Navy JROTC programs across Florida. This past Saturday, October 25th, in downtown Ft. Lauderdale, the Nova High School Culinary class took 1st place at the 2025 5th Annual Pumpkins and Palm Trees Pie Baking Competition. Congratulations to Ms. Henderson and the Culinary students.
 - v. Activities: It's red ribbon week this week. We have several activities planned for the students geared towards drug and violence prevention. National Honor Society's annual Harvest Drive is collecting food donations from October 27th through November 4th.

- vi. Athletics:
- a) Your Lady Titans Girls Volleyball finished the season at (10-9) reaching the District Semi Finals. Outstanding job by First Year Coach, Gabriella Sciulli - Nova High School Class of 2015.
 - b) Your Titans Swim Team will compete on Tuesday, October 28th, 2025, at The District Championships in Coral Springs hosted by Taravella.
 - c) Your Titans Football Team had a Big Win on the road this past Friday vs Coral Glades 19-10. This Friday will be Senior Night as they take on rival Hollywood Hills. Support The Green & Gold as we recognize our Varsity Football, Cheer, Band, Golden Emeralds, NJROTC Seniors and families. Walk-outs begin at 6:15 p.m.
 - d) Your Titans JV Football season is completed, and we were able to play 4 games, which is the most in the last 3 years.
 - e) Your Titans Golf Team is competing today in The District Championships hosted by Western.
 - f) Your Titans Cross Country Team will run again on Wednesday November 5th, 2025, at South Regional Park in Boca Raton for the District Championships.
 - g) September Student-Athlete of The Month:
 - Daniel Diamante - Cross Country
 - Humberto Valverde - Swimming
 - Chloe Clemons - Cross Country
 - h) Winter Sports have started their practices - Competitions will begin in November.

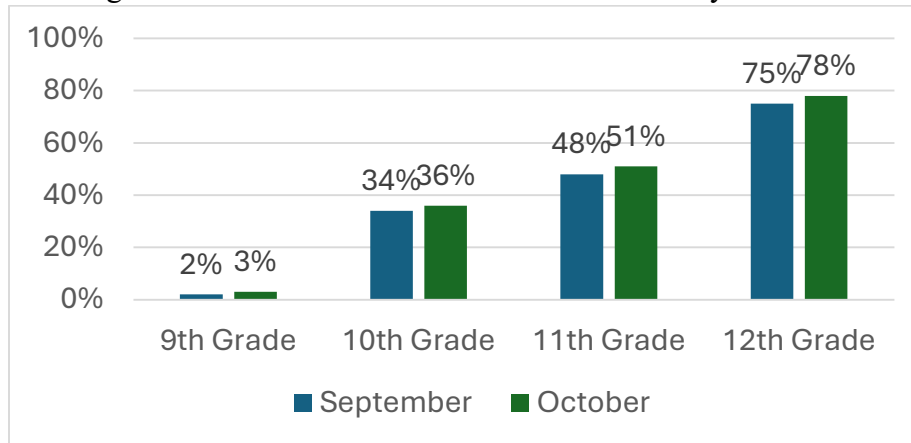
V. School Improvement Plan: Dr. Gutzmore

- i. School-Wide Positive Behavior Plan (SPBP): The School Wide Positive Behavior Plan Big 5 Quarter 1 data shows that 99% of students have 0-1 referrals and only 1% of students have 2-5 referrals. There were no students with more than 5 referrals. The top 5 incidents were: Unruly/Disruptive behavior (21); Disobedience/Insubordination (14); Level 1 Bus Violation (14); Fighting Medium (13); and Cell Phone Violation (9). The top 3 locations where incidents occurred are: Bus (23), Hallway (12), and Restroom (12). The data shows that more than 40% of school-wide referrals come from the classroom (62%). Strategies are being implemented to target this behavior data point.
- ii. Attendance Plan: The following attendance goals will be targeted for the 25-26 school year:
 - a) Excused Absence Rate: All absences are unexcused until the school processes the reason for absence communicated from the parent. The district's goal is to meet or exceed an overall 50% excused absence rate. The high school average from 24-25 was 38.38%. Our school goal is to maintain or improve from our 24-25 rate of 54.10% through the end of the 25-26 school year.
 - b) Students with Attendance Above 90%: During the 24-25 school year 77.10% of our students attended more than 90% of school days. The average for high schools was 89.77%. Our goal by the end of the 25-26 school year is to maintain or exceed 77.10% (from 24-25).
 - c) 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 24-25 school year, 16.49% of our students were in the chronic absent category, the high school average 37.99%. Our goal is to decrease overall chronic absenteeism at our school by at least 1% by June 2026.

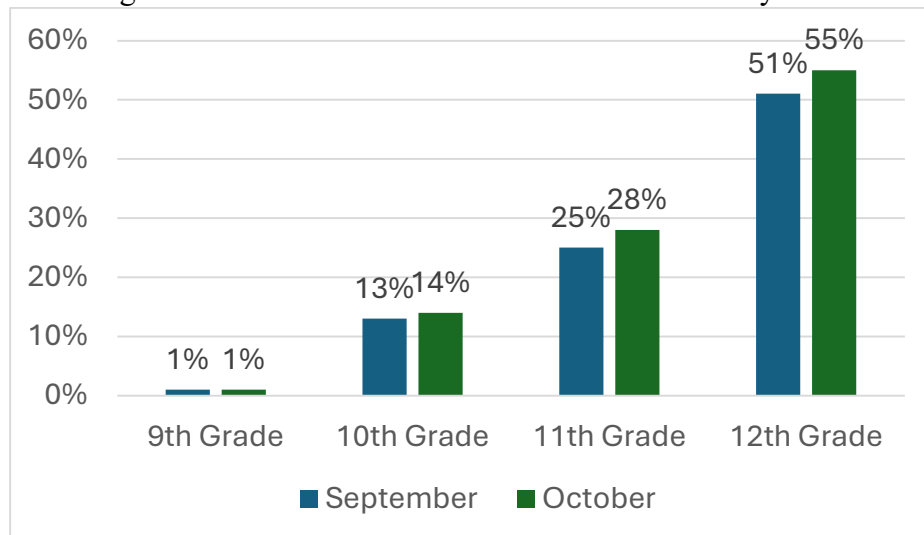
d) Severe Chronic Absenteeism: Severe Chronic Absenteeism identifies students who were absent 20% or more full school days. Our school had 6.34% of students in this category by June 2025. The average for high schools was 12.73%. Our goal is to maintain a low level of severe chronic absenteeism and continually identify students and families in need, providing support where appropriate.

VI. Community Service Hour Report: Dr. Gutzmore

Percentage of students with at least 1 hour of community service:



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



VII. Accountability Funds \$14,473.32: Dr. Gutzmore

- i. PLC leader payment was not put through last year. PLC leaders from last year still need to be paid. PLC leaders will be paid from October's balance. New CFO was also added to the district at the end of the school year which impacted on typical processes due to internal transitions. Therefore, the current balance of \$14,473 does not reflect the pending disbursements/payments for PLC leaders. PLC leaders have historically been paid at the end of the year, however this year PLC leaders will be paid in October when access is received to accountability funds. October should reflect roll over for PLC balance. The balance for

the Teacher Class Wallet from last year is also given to the school and will be applied to the balance when received in October.

- VIII. School Improvement Safety Incident Report (SESIR): Ms. Jackson
 - i. The SESIR report has been updated for August (1 incident) and September (14 incidents).
 - a) August: 2 Fighting
 - b) September: 1 Disruption on campus; 5 Drug Possession and/or Use; 5 Fighting; 1 Sexual Offenses; 2 Tobacco Possession and/or Use

- IX. Old Business/New Business: Ms. Ramsay
 - i. Our theater program will be putting on their first production of the year during the week of November 10th. All are invited to attend and show their support.

- X. Adjournment
 - a. Mr. Thompson moved to adjourn at **6:36 p.m.** Ms. Jackson seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**