

Subject: Resolution No.31-14A6

Strengthen Student Voice in Board of Education Decision-Making

- Commissioners Mark Sanchez, Sarah Lipson, Eric Mar, Eddie Y. Chin, Emilio B. Cruz, Dan Kelly, Jill Wynns and Student Delegates Najwa Ahmed and Karissa Yee

WHEREAS: Student delegates are an essential advisory component of the San Francisco Board of Education, broadly representing the voice of SFUSD students; and

WHEREAS: Collaboration between student delegates and Board of Education commissioners is crucial for better informed Board decision-making; and

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Board of Education has taken deliberate steps to institutionalize the Board's student delegate voice, which has resulted in a growing participatory delegate role; and

WHEREAS: The Joint Committee of the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Education provides a meaningful, cooperative means for information sharing and discussion; similarly, student collaboration across city agencies can also lead to decisions made through recognizing and building upon common interests, as well as strengthen opportunities for San Francisco youth to suggest policy recommendations to the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS: The Board recognizes that the Student Advisory Council and the Youth Commission have recently formed a joint committee; and

WHEREAS: The Board is increasingly committed to affording student delegates the appropriate accommodations necessary to perform their duties.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the San Francisco Board of Education more fully involve its student delegates in decision-making by providing, as soon as possible, but no later than the beginning of the 2003/2004 school year, the following support: adequate Board Office space, full access to non-privileged Board information, and more access to commissioners for policy collaboration (~~which may include, for example, Board commissioner "office hours"~~); and to encourage Board Members to interact on a regular basis with students delegates; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That to facilitate a more authentic and participatory student delegate role, that beginning February 2003, and as new delegates begin their respective terms in office, the President of the San Francisco Board of Education will collaborate with student delegates to select a Board Committee on which the delegates ~~will~~ **may** serve, ~~in a rotating capacity, and~~ **notwithstanding the continuing right of student delegates to serve as ex-officio members of any Board committee and fully participate in any Board meeting.**

~~**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:** That the San Francisco Board of Education will collaborate with the City of San Francisco's Youth Commission and the SFUSD Student Advisory Council to develop a joint committee comprised of members of the Youth Commission and SAC members, with the aim of convening its first meeting as soon as possible, but no later than the beginning of the 2003/2004 school year.~~

New language in bold and underscored. Old language ~~stricken out.~~

1/14/03

3/11/03

Please Note:

- Referred to the Rules, Policy & Legislation Committee by order of the Chair on 1/14/03.
- Taken up by the Rules Committee on 3/10/03. Forwarded to the Board of Education, as amended, with positive recommendation.
- Adopted, as amended, on 3/11/03.