

Subject: Resolution No. 69-26A1

Implementation of the Family Diversity Curriculum

- Commissioners Dan Kelly, Mark Sanchez, and Sarah Lipson

Whereas: The SFUSD is committed to welcoming and respecting the families of all children; and

Whereas: The SFUSD has developed and adopted in ~~1992~~ 1994, a K-8 Family Diversity curriculum that recognizes and supports LGBT families; and

Whereas: The SFUSD has adopted State and Federally required curricula on HIV/AIDS, Violence Prevention, and Drug Abuse Prevention; and

Whereas: The SFUSD has in the past incorporated its Family Diversity, HIV/AIDS, Violence Prevention and Drug Abuse Prevention curricula into its overall K-8 Health ~~and family Life~~ Education Curriculum; and

Whereas: The SFUSD has not previously required that schools monitor the implementation of the Family Diversity component but has complied with regulations requiring that teachers document the delivery of the other three cited elements; and

~~**Whereas:** The SFUSD has not systematically ensured that the adopted Family Diversity curriculum materials are available to every K-8 teacher; and~~

Whereas: Curriculum/resources have been made available systematically through on-going professional development and HA/HST/HPC Programs; and

Whereas: Diversity education is not effective when taught as a separate, isolated subject, but must be integrated throughout the overall educational plan and environment to succeed; and

Whereas: Parents and teachers have reported, and inquiry has confirmed that the Family Diversity curriculum lessons are not regularly and reliably consistently taught as envisioned; and

~~**Whereas:** Parents and teachers have reported and inquiry has confirmed that the curriculum materials for these lessons are either unavailable or unknown to many teachers and principals; and~~

Whereas: Parents, teachers and administrators at Claire Lilienthal School have recognized this deficit and taken actions at their school to assure that the Family Diversity curriculum materials and lessons are being delivered as originally intended.

Whereas: The District has not reviewed or refreshed its family diversity curriculum and materials in the fourteen (14) years since the initial adoption; and

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Board of Education re-affirms its support of the Family Diversity Curriculum as a key part of our Health and Family Life curriculum; and

Be It Further Resolved: That the Board of Education requests the Superintendent to assure that the approved materials for this curriculum be made available at every school in sufficient amounts to ensure that every teacher has them available when needed; and

Be It Further Resolved: That the Board of Education requests the Superintendent to assure that ~~five~~ ***a specified number of*** approved Family Diversity lessons are taught by every K-8 teacher each year; and

Be It Further Resolved: That the Board of Education requests the Superintendent to assure that documentation of delivery of Family Diversity lessons be maintained as it currently is for HIV/AIDS, Violence Prevention, and Drug Abuse Prevention; and

Be It Further Resolved: That the Board of Education requests the Superintendent to assure that site administrators verify, at least once each semester, that these four ***content areas, using research validated/approved*** curricula are being utilized by teachers; and

Be It Further Resolved: That the Board of Education requests that the site plans of all elementary and middle schools reflect their implementation plan for teaching the Family Diversity Curriculum; and

~~**Be It Further Resolved:** That in order to facilitate the integration of Family Diversity teaching, the month of November rather than April shall be designated Gay Pride month in the SFUSD beginning in the 2007-2008 school year.~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the district establish a district-community task force to review and recommend lessons, materials, and procedures and resources to be utilized in the implementation support of the family diversity curriculum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this task force make its report to the Board of Education in May of 2007 for approval to insure that these lessons plans, materials, and teacher training are in place by the 2007-2008 school year.

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Please Note:

- Referred on 9/26/06 by order of the Chair to the Curriculum and Program Committee.
- Taken up by the Curriculum and Program Committee on 10/12/06. Forwarded to the Board, as amended, with a positive recommendation from Committee.
- Adopted, as amended, on 10/24/06.

