San Francisco Youth Commission
Civic Engagement and Education Committee
Minutes – Draft
Tuesday, March 21, 2023
5:30 PM

IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS

Members: Steven Hum (Co-Chair), Maureen Loftus (Co-Chair), Vanessa Pimentel, Ewan Barker Plummer, Astrid Utting, Yena Im

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Tardy:

Absent: Yena Im, Ewan Barker Plummer

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person in regular session and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, with Chair Maureen Loftus presiding.

Chair Loftus calls the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance**

On the call of the roll:

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Quorum is met.

Commissioner Utting motions to excuse Commissioner Barker Plummer from the meeting, Commissioner Pimentel seconds the motion.

Chair Loftus inquires about the 72-hour courtesy notice, Joy responds. Commissioner Utting notes the contributions that Commissioner Barker Plummer has provided the Committee and urges the Committee to support the motion.

No public comment.

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The motion passes.

2. Communications

Joy Zhan, staff, provides communications.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Moved by Commissioner UTTING, seconded by Commissioner PIMENTEL to approve today’s agenda.

No discussion

No public comment.

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The motion passes.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)  
a. March 7, 2023 (Packet Materials)

Moved by Commissioner PIMENTEL, seconded by Commissioner UTTING to approve the March 7, 2023 Committee meeting minutes.

No discussion.

No public comment.

On the motion to approve the minutes for the March 7, 2023 Committee meeting minutes:

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The motion passes.
5. Public Comment on matters not on Today's Agenda (2 minutes per comment)

No public comment.

6. Committee Business (Discussion)

A) Updates on Upcoming Resolutions

Chair Loftus and Commissioner Pimentel intend to work on a resolution on life skills in SFUSD schools. Commissioner Pimentel and Chair Hum are continuing to work on the mental health resolution. Commissioner Utting is still working on a vote preregistration resolution but still has some questions for the Department of Elections, so she will work with Joy to get them to come to a future CEEC meeting to continue the discussion. She is also going to connect with Commissioner Im on a resolution calling on streamlining the CCSF courses process. Additionally, Commissioner Utting is looking into a resolution calling for getting the Youth Commission paid.

B) Prop G Community Input Survey (Presenter: Commissioner Vanessa Pimentel)

The survey has passed at the Full Commission. Commissioner Pimentel is working with Commissioner Colin to outreach to community organizations. They will also reconnect with Leslie from UESF to get a list of educators to send the survey to their students. Listening sessions will begin in May.

C) Vote16 Charter Amendment Review

Question from Chair Hum: If the state law says that there's a certain age that states who is a vote, can that affect SF passing this? Since the City has to follow state laws.

D) CEEC-related news.

CASC (Esther Kim and Aarnav Verma) gives a brief introduction. Chair Loftus asks how big is CASC. Esther answers that it's a statewide organization throughout California. Aarnav says that there are 20 cabinet members. Chair Loftus asks about the found values that have been around for 75 years. Esther responds. Commissioner Pimentel asks if they're SF students and if there are any SF students involved. Aarnav responds that they're not SF students, but there are a few SF students involved.

No public comment.
7. **Staff Report** (Discussion Item)

    Joy says that she’s connecting with the former coordinator for the Youth Vote program and will invite him to a CEEC meeting. Joy is also working on bringing the Department of Elections to present to CEEC.

8. **Adjournment**

    There is no further business. The meeting is adjourned at 6:46 PM.
[Resolution in support of increasing existing funding for wellness centers in San Francisco Public High Schools]

Resolution in support of increasing existing funding for wellness programs, resources, outreach, and education in San Francisco public schools including more professional development for school staff on wellness practices and frameworks such as healing-centered care, and youth-anchored peer-to-peer counseling.

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Wellness Initiative was launched to improve the health and well-being of all SFUSD students¹; and,

WHEREAS, wellness centers were implemented in SFUSD schools to provide mental and physical health care services available to all SFUSD students, therefore enhancing students' feelings of safety and belonging²; and,

WHEREAS, in the 2006-2007 Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priority Proposals, the Youth Commission consistently advocated for the expansion and funding of SFUSD wellness centers to the city’s Middle and High Schools, as well as the preservation of mental health programs and the use of add-backs to hire more wellness center staff in the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priority Proposals³; and,

WHEREAS, a KidsData survey⁴ found that 30.2% of Black SFUSD students in grades 7, 9, and 11 experienced depression-related feelings, along with 29.7% of Hispanic/Latino students, and 22.4% of Asian students; and,

WHEREAS, these issues increased and disparities, only increased with the
COVID-19 pandemic in 2020\(^5\); and,

WHEREAS, the pandemic school closures deprived students from seeing
classmates, and being a part of organizations, teams, and programs which offered them
joy and purpose\(^6\); and,

WHEREAS, following the pandemic, SFUSD committed to supporting students' mental health and wellness, as well as increasing access to health and wellness services for middle school students\(^7\); and,

WHEREAS, the Youth Commission recognizes the need for a larger investment in mental health services coming out of the pandemic\(^8\); and,

WHEREAS, many SFUSD students presently do not have access to wellness centers for a variety of reasons, including a lack of diverse representation\(^9\) and a disconnect between services and students, as students do not feel comfortable accessing the wellness centers\(^10\); and

WHEREAS, a survey published by K12 Dive reports that Black students are the least likely to report having a trusted adult at school and the most likely to claim that their school mental health professional cannot understand their situation due to racial or ethnic differences\(^11\); and,

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\(^8\) Youth Commission. Hearing on the City’s reimbursement practices and maximizing funding for mental health services from State and Federal programs, including, but not limited to, Mental Health Medi-Cal administrative activities; and requesting the Department of Public Health, Human Services Agency, Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families, Juvenile Probation Department, San Francisco Unified School District, and community-based mental health providers to report. (2021, February 26). Retrieved February 19, 2023, from https://sfgov.org/youthcommission/sites/default/files/210042%20Youth%20Commission%202021-RBM-09.pdf


Commissioner(s): Hum, Pimentel

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WHEREAS, the Chinese Progressive Association’s 2017 survey (of nearly 1000 SFUSD students) found that the SFUSD wellness centers currently do not meet the cultural and linguistic needs of its students and families; and,

WHEREAS, students do not want their parents to know they are meeting with a school counselor, and are concerned that school staff will treat them differently or provide them with fewer opportunities at school; and,

WHEREAS, the Chinese Progressive Association’s 2017 survey showed that 36% of lesbian and gay students reported that concerns about family and friends finding out about their mental health issues barred them from accessing the wellness centers.

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor of San Francisco and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the Board of Education to increase funding to hire staff, therapists, and social workers from different backgrounds to serve the needs of students of color and immigrant students; and,

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor of San Francisco and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the Board of Education to invest in preventative resources to strengthen preventative resources, including mindfulness, community schools, restorative practices, and peer resource programs; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor of San Francisco and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the Board of Education to increase the voice and decision-making power of students and local school staff by forming a mental health committee comprising students and local staff to include them in district and school decisions on wellness infrastructure, assessments, staff hiring, curriculum development, and financing.

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Resolution supporting financial literacy and life skills education in public high schools to help all San Francisco students achieve their future goals.

WHEREAS, financial literacy and life skills are essential skills for success in adulthood and throughout life; and,

WHEREAS, there are no current educational requirements or standards regarding financial literacy in California even though it has been shown to create economic consequences for students later down the line; and,

WHEREAS, PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) reports that "22% of students, or more than 1.2 million 15-year-olds, score below the baseline level of proficiency in financial literacy," which highlights the need for school districts to properly integrate financial education into a K–12 curriculum because failure to do so could result in students making poor financial decisions later in life and endanger their financial future; and

WHEREAS, such education can reduce the financial anxiety among students and their families; and,

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