

Resolution to be Reaffirmed: School Based Decision Making

SCHOOL BASED DECISION MAKING

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- Whereas,** School based decision making is a practice that is increasingly being considered throughout the country and is thought to be an important ingredient in reforming and restructuring our public schools; and
- Whereas,** The number of working parents and non-traditional family structures continues to rise; and
- Whereas,** The National PTA has adopted a resolution calling for its constituent organizations to advocate for legislation, policies and bargaining agreements that protect the right of parent involvement in school based decision making; and
- Whereas,** The National PTA bylaws state, in part, that "the organization shall work with the schools to provide quality education for all children and youth and shall seek to participate in the decision making process establishing school policy," therefore be it
- Resolved,** That the development of school policies, curriculum decisions and all programs related to the public schools shall be made with the input of parents; and be it further
- Resolved,** That the Arizona PTA will support the development of guidelines for school based decision making teams to insure meaningful parental participation, including but not limited to representation from the entire school community, a significant representation of parents, school personnel, election of at least one member from a PTA or recognized parent group, and a lottery selection of remaining parent representatives from the pool of interested parties to insure an equitable selection; and be it further
- Resolved,** That schools and businesses will be encouraged to support parental participation on school based decision making teams by considering meeting times that are conducive to a working parents schedule, making adequate arrangements for child care, if needed, allowing work schedule adjustments, if needed, and other flexible options as needed to insure full parental participation on teams; and be it further
- Resolved,** That the Arizona PTA will advocate for legislation and models of school based decision making that promote an environment in which all parents are valued as essential partners in their children's education and development.