



Candidate Questionnaire November 7, 2006 General Election

Deadline for Submission of Questionnaire: Thursday, August 31, 2006

Submit electronically, with resume and photo, to sfyd.issues.action@gmail.com

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot:

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Dan		Kelly

2. Office sought (include office, jurisdiction, position/district number):

Board of Education

3. Are you the incumbent? **Yes**

CAMPAIGN CONTACT INFORMATION

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POLITICAL BACKGROUND

1. Beginning with the most recent position, please list public offices which you have held. Include positions on appointive Boards or Commissions.

Public Office	Elective or Appointive?	Dates Held	Leadership Role (if any)
SF Bd of ED	elected	1991-present	President 1995, 2004

2. If you ran for public office but were not elected, please list those races below:

Office Title	Year of Run
Democratic primary 12 th AD	2002

QUESTIONS

1) Are you currently a member of the San Francisco Young Democrats in good standing?
No

2) Why are you running, and what makes you qualified for this position?

I am running to improve the educational opportunities for children and to improve the quality of life in the City by improving the schools in every neighborhood.

I am a member of the Board of Education and have been a leader in the small class size initiative, Arts

Education, Pre-school programs, Multi-lingual Education, Equity for children of color, Environmental awareness, and the removal of junk foods from our schools. I was a leader in the resistance to privatized schools, and was one of only two Board members who demanded accountability when the District' business and administration were inept and corrupted in the Rojas years.

- 3) Identify two challenges to San Francisco's young people in the context of the position you seek. What specific commitment will you make to address these issues if elected? If you are the incumbent, how have you addressed these challenges while in office?**

California has failed its young people, particularly its urban young people in myriad ways. One of the most egregious is the low standard the State accepts for HS curriculum, leaving many students unprepared for college or the job market upon graduation. I am not talking about the "exit exam", but about academic standards that don't provide real world knowledge and skills.

I led the HS standards review that led SFUSD to adopt graduation requirements that included Arts (including Industrial Arts), Music, second language, and college prep Math and Science as our standard. I have sponsored partnerships with groups such as the Engineers Alliance for the Arts to give students real-world experience working with professionals.

In this era of an "all-volunteer army" active and aggressive military recruitment is a fact of life. Recruiters expect, and many school districts grant, free access to students' identifying and contact information. Recruiters then target students vulnerable students, largely poor and minority students, for outreach and enlistment.

In 1991 I sponsored a Board Policy barring the release of students' private information to recruiters without express consent. After NCLB made that policy illegal, I crafted the current policy, which requires homeroom teachers to obtain each student's signature on a card granting or denying release of their personal information.

Last year we achieved over 98% return of those forms, with only 95% asking us to keep their contact information confidential. Given the extreme disillusionment many soldiers are expressing about the current war in Iraq, the debilitating physical and psychological effects of military service in an immoral war, and the poor career opportunities experienced by veterans in general, I feel this series of actions has benefited our students very well.

- 4) If (re-)elected, how, specifically, would you work with SFYD to engage more of San Francisco's young people in the political process?**

I welcome SFYD and all other youth oriented advocates bringing ideas and concerns to the Board of Education, and I will be glad to come to you periodically to discuss what we are doing and what the needs are.

- 5) Have you collaborated with young people in your work in the past (list specific examples)? What value did you experience in working with young people? How are young people involved in your campaign?**

I have sponsored a number of resolutions brought to my attention by either Student Delegates to the Board of Education, or by students from the community.

For example, a group known as S.L.A.S.H., affiliated with Y-MAC, came to me with a concern about inadequate monitoring of sexual harassment between students. Working with them and with district staff we wrote a policy spelling out in greater detail how the District should monitor and respond to incidents

and how it should craft educational programs to prevent harassment beginning as early as pre-school.

EXPERIENCE

Please list or describe your current and past activities in the community in which you have acquired skills that relate to the office you seek. Include your role in the activity and the year(s) in which you were involved. Involvement consists of many areas such as family, neighborhood, community, employment, or public life. Please explain how your experience would make you an effective advocate for young people as an office holder.

Besides being a member of the Board of Education, I am a pediatrician and have been an advocate for children for more than 30 years. I have served multiple terms on the following nonprofit Boards in San Francisco, all of which serve children:

West Portal CARE
UCSF Child/Care-Study Center
The San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center
The San Francisco Education Fund
San Francisco Arts Education Partnership
Ruth Asawa Fund

I am an adaptive sports instructor, and volunteer with Disabled Sports USA-FW to bring the empowerment of outdoor experiences and skills to children with physical &/or mental impairments.

I have been a Union organizer (Local 1199, Health and Hospital Workers)

I have been a public school parent for 21 years

Please include the following when you submit your candidate survey: a resume and a photo.

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