

PASSED RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions Meeting Saturday, February 19, 2011

Celiac Disease, Gluten-Free Foods and School Lunches

1. Whereas, Celiac Disease affects 1 in every 133 people; and
2. Whereas, People affected with this disease cannot digest gluten; and
3. Whereas, Excluding gluten from school lunches and adding the option of gluten free
4. foods can help everybody as more of a lifestyle than a diet; and
5. Whereas, Gluten free foods are beneficial to many other illness, diabetes, and obesity
6. Whereas, Gluten is found in common foods such as wheat, flour, barley, malt; and
7. Whereas, A large portion on school lunches contain Items with these ingredients, and
8. Whereas, Ingesting these foods would be harmful to a person who is intolerant to
9. gluten; and
10. Whereas, Gluten free foods like grilled chicken salads are not always on the menu for
11. school lunches; therefore, be it
12. *Resolved*, That gluten free menu items such as grilled chicken salads, rice
13. pastas be included as a separate option for all lunch menus in the state of Florida; and
14. *Resolved*, that these gluten free menu items also be on menus for free
15. and reduced lunch programs.

Author West Florida Adopts

Jupiter Seconds

West Florida gives speech

13 against

49 for

7 abstain

Motion passed

65 Years of Age and Older Retake Driving Exam

1. Whereas, in 2008, elderly people accounted for 15 percent of all traffic fatalities
2. And 18 percent of all pedestrian fatalities, and
3. Whereas, accidents where the offender is over the age of 65 accounts for 8
4. Percent of all
5. Individuals killed in automobile accidents, and
6. Whereas, at around the age of 65 drivers face an increased risk of being involved
7. In a vehicle crash, and,
8. Whereas, older people are less likely to survive a crash due to
9. Injuries, and
10. Whereas, an older person takes longer to process incoming stimuli than a younger
11. Person does in a vehicle crash, and
12. Whereas, at age fifty-five eyes become more susceptible to glare, and
13. Whereas, the lenses of the eyes thicken and the pupils shrink as we get older
14. Causing less light to enter the eye and making surrounding objects darker to
15. Almost black, and
16. Whereas, the older drivers made up 15 percent of all licensed drivers in 2007, compared
17. With 14 percent in 1997, and
18. Whereas, in 2008, 183,000 older individuals were injured in traffic crashes,
19. And
20. Whereas, some states put restrictions on license renewals for elderly drivers, and,
21. Whereas mandatory re-examinations help prevent some avoidable accidents and
22. Injuries for everyone on the road, and
23. Therefore, be it resolved, that those over the age of 65 should be required to
24. Retake the driving exam to renew their license.

Author Booker T. Washington accepts

Jay High Seconds

Booker T. Washington gives speech

Con from Charlotte High

Pro from Washington

Amendment from Coconut line 20& 21 to be read as: be it resolved, that those over the age of 65 should be required to retake the driving exam in order to renew license every five years.

Motion to accept by McFatter Tech

Seconded by Coconut Creek High

Vote on amendment: 59 for

6 against

5 abtsain

Con from McFatter Tech

Pro from Colonial

Vote on resolution: 50 for

11 against

10 abstain

Resolution Passed

In Favor of the Prohibition of Sending Text Messages Using a Cellular Device While Operating a Motor Vehicle

1. WHEREAS, sending text messages using a cellular device while operating a motor vehicle

2. kills 6,000 people annually and severely injures 500,000 people annually, and

3. WHEREAS, sending text messages using a cellular device while operating a motor vehicle

4. is already illegal in 30 states, not including Florida, and

5. WHEREAS, prohibiting sending text messages using a cellular device while operating a

6. motor vehicle could possibly lower automobile insurance costs for all drivers by reducing

7. automobile accidents, and

8. WHEREAS, sending text messages using a cellular device while operating a motor vehicle

9. reduces a given driver's awareness by 35%, according to a study conducted by Carnegie

10. Mellon University, and

11. WHEREAS, sending text messages using a cellular device while operating a motor vehicle

12. impairs you more than driving while intoxicated with a 0.08 Blood Alcohol Concentration

13. level, and

14. WHEREAS, 26% of drivers admitted to sending text messages using a cellular device

15. while operating a motor vehicle as of 2009, according to an article by c-net news, and

16. WHEREAS, 50% of teens send text messages using a cellular device while operating a

17. motor vehicle, according to a study conducted by AAA, and

18. WHEREAS, 1.6 million accidents occur annually as a result of individuals sending text

19. messages using a cellular device while operating motor vehicles, according to the National

20. Safety Council, and

21. WHEREAS, accidents that are results of sending text messages using a cellular device

22. while operating a motor vehicle make up 28% of accidents each year, according to the National Safety Council, and

23. WHEREAS, prohibiting sending text messages using a cellular device while operating a

24. motor vehicle by law would potentially save many lives, prevent severe injuries, and make

25. roads safer, and

26. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that sending text messages using a cellular device

27. while operating a motor vehicle be prohibited by law in Florida as a primary offense, and

28.inducing of a fine for the perpetrator

Author Pace High accepts
Jay High seconds
Speech by Pace High

Con: Columbia
Pro: Washington

Vote: 47 for
9 against
15 abstained
Resolution Passed

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS FOR GRADES 6TH – 8TH

1. WHEREAS, many other counties in the state of Florida implement middle school sports, some counties do not
2. WHEREAS, this deprives many middle school students the chance to excel and learn correct techniques
3. taught by professional coaches
4. WHEREAS, the benefits toward healthy exercise is being denied to many students throughout the state
5. WHEREAS, each student in the state of Florida should be offered the same curriculum and extracurricular
6. activities state wide
7. WHEREAS, the dropout rate is increasing from middle school to high school, this could be a major incentive
8. for staying in school and continuing their high school education
9. WHEREAS, this will be a great incentive for students to maintain a 2.0 grade point average to participate
10. WHEREAS, many middle school students cannot afford to pay \$150.00 to join optimist football, this will
11. provide them a chance to excel on their own abilities and eliminate many “daddy ball” experiences
12. WHEREAS, many little league coaches are not trained professionally, this will help prevent “preventative”
13. injuries
14. LET IT BE RESOLVED, that all middle school students in the state of Florida be offered the opportunity to
15. participate in organized sports at the middle school level and be able to learn professional sportsmanship
16. at an early age.
17. LET IT BE RESOLVED, that counties in the state of Florida that do not offer middle school sports adopt
18. programs that will allow the schools in their county to open this up to a citizen vote

19. LET IT BE RESOLVED, that all students in the state of Florida be given an equal opportunity to participate in
20. extracurricular activities regardless of the demographics of the county
21. AND LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the money will be raised from ticket sales, concession sales
22. and fundraisers to support these programs.

Author King Middle accepts
Jupiter seconds
King Middle gives speech

Con: Belleview
Pro: Washington
Con: Estero
Pro: Flannigan

Vote: 36 for
 22 against
 14 abstain
Resolution passed

Mandatory Drug Testing for Athletes

1. Whereas, The use of marijuana for high school students is at an all time high; and
2. Whereas, One out of every five students uses marijuana 20 or more days out of a month;
3. and
4. Whereas, Thirty-seven percent of all athletes use marijuana opposed to the sixty-three
5. percent of athletes that do not use marijuana; and
6. Whereas, One million teen athletes between the age of 12-17 admitted to using
7. performance enhancing drugs or supplements; and
8. Whereas, 700 kids also admitted to using marijuana every day; and
9. Whereas, Sports players are usually the leaders of the school and followed by others; and
10. Whereas, Sports players tend to have an influence on those surrounded by them; and
11. Whereas, The use of drugs by these school role models have an effect on others use of
12. drugs; and
13. Whereas, Mandatory drug testing is not a requirement to be a part of any athletic team; therefore, be it
14. *Resolved* that all high school athletes in the state of Florida be drug tested
15. randomly at least once during their season.

Submitted by West Florida High School

Accepted by West Florida High School

Seconded by Coconut High

Speech by West Florida

Con: Stoneman Douglas

Pro: South Plantation

Jensen Beach moves to amend line 16-randomly at least once during their season, with failure resulting in suspension of the program and enrollment into a rehab and counseling program.

Seconded by Estero

Vote on amendment 25 for
38 against
7 abstain

Amendment fails

Vote on resolution 41 for
26 against
3 abstain

Resolution passes

Increase Punishment for Animal Cruelty

1. Whereas, the current punishment of the abuse of animals in Florida is a fine of \$2,500
with
2. Psychological counseling or completion of an anger management program, and
3. Whereas, the current law of Florida will not allow animal abuse punishment to exceed
five
4. Years of a fine of \$10,000, and
5. Whereas, in the state of Alabama, imprisonment for animal abuse can last up to ten
years,
6. And
7. Whereas, Colorado's minimum fine for aggravating cruelty can reach up to \$100,000
and in
8. This state there has only been four recorded cases in 2010, and
9. Whereas, around d 1,880 animal abuse cases were reported in the year 2007 and,
10. Whereas, in Florida there has been 46 recorded cases, accounting for 8.5% of the total
11. Recorded cases so far in 2010, and
12. Whereas, passive cruelty cases are defined by negligence, such as starvation and
13. Dehydration, in which the crime lacks physical action, but can cause severe pain and
14. Suffering, and
15. Whereas, 20 neglect/abandonment cases have been recorded in the state of Florida,
16. Compared to only three in the state of Alabama, and
17. Whereas, in Florida neglect/abandonment abusers receive up to only one years in
prison
18. (and/or a fine that does not exceed \$5,000),

19. Whereas, in Alabama imprisonment can reach 10 years for torture of the same type
and,
20. Whereas active cruelty implies malevolent intent in which an abuser has intentionally
21. Caused harm to an animal, and
22. Whereas psychological problems are signs of this behavior, and
23. Whereas active animal abusers are five times more likely to commit violent crimes
against
24. People and four times more likely to commit property crimes than individuals without
a
25. History of animal abuse, according to a study done by the Massachusetts society for
26. Prevention of cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and Northeastern University, and
27. Whereas the active abusers imprisonment does not exceed five years and their fines
do not
28. Exceed \$10,000, and
29. Whereas, 25 cases of active abuse were reported in Florida so far in 2010, and
30. Whereas, in Colorado there has only been four reported active cases in 2010, with the
fine
31. Being up to \$100,000, and
32. Whereas, 70% of the people who have committed violent crimes against animals also
have
33. Records for other crimes, according to a study by MSPCA, because most of those
who have a
34. History of abusing animals also show domestic violence against humans, and
35. Whereas, if the active abusers' punishment in Florida increased, less cases would
occur,
36. Leaving to less crimes occurring altogether, and

37. Whereas, states that have harsher punishment for possible jail time and fines, such as
38. Colorado and Louisiana, have less subsequent violations than do states with less
strict
39. Punishments, such as Florida and Arkansas, and
40. Whereas if minimum jail time and fines were increased for animal abusers in Florida,
the
41. Number of animal abuse cases would dramatically decrease, and
42. So therefore be it resolved that Florida should maintain their policy of requiring
43. Psychological counseling or completion of an anger management program, but
increase
44. Their punishment of imprisonment for a minimum of ten years and a fine of at least
\$10,000
45. Or to be increased upon subsequent charges, whether it be only their first violation of
active
46. Or passive abuse.

Submitted By:

Booker T. Washington High School

Accepted by author Booker T. Washington
Port St. Joe High seconds
Speech Book T. Washington

Pro: Pensacola
Con: Charlotte
Pro: Columbia

Vote: 28 for
20 opposed
21 abstain

Resolution Passes

RECYCLING BINS IN FLORIDA STATE PARKS

1. Whereas, there are 160 state parks in the state of Florida, and
2. Whereas, recycling produces clear economic benefits by directing recyclable
3. Materials away from landfills and providing job opportunities, and
4. Whereas, the recycling of one ton of paper saves 17 trees and 7000 gallons of
5. Water, and
6. Whereas, providing recycling bins in Florida State Parks would bring in revenue
7. For the parks, and
8. Whereas, it is proven that a well run recycling program can cost less than trash
9. Collection and disposal programs, and
10. Whereas, there is a problem of illegal dumping of pounds of waste in Florida
11. State Parks which can cost thousands of dollars for the state government, and
12. Whereas, recycling helps reduce the amount of trash dumped in Florida's 44
13. Landfills, and
14. Whereas, solid waste disposal is the third largest municipal government expense
15. Whereas, in addition to saving landfill space, recycling can save trees, oil, water,
16. Energy, and money, and
17. Therefore, be it resolved that, recycling bins should be required in all Florida
18. State Parks.

Submitted by:

Booker T. Washington High School

Accepted by author Booker T. Washington High School

Seconded by Freeport High

Speech by Booker T. Washington

Vote: 58 for

3 against

Resolution passed

Mandatory Wearing of Helmets for Riders of Motorcycles

1. Whereas, motorcycle deaths have increased by 67 percent since the repeal of the
2. motorcycle helmet law in 2000, and
3. Whereas, the number of people who wear helmets has decreased by 12 percent since
4. the repeal of the motorcycle helmet law, and
5. Whereas, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that the
6. wearing of a helmet reduces the risk of death in a crash by 37 percent, and
7. Whereas, 97 percent of motorcyclists wear helmets when universal helmet laws are in 8.
- effect, therefore be it
9. Resolved that, all Florida motorcyclists be required to wear helmets while on the road.

Submitted By: Tori Bradley

Leon High School

Accepted by author Leon High School

Pines Charter seconds

Speech by Leon High School

Con: Coconut Creek

Pro: Coconut Creek

Con: Colonial

Pro: Washington

Con: Gainesville

Pro: Jefferson

Vote: 49 for

9 against

Resolution Passes

Uniform Exam Exemption Policy in Florida High Schools

1. Whereas, many counties in Florida, including Broward, Santa Rosa, and Pinellas county have
2. Adopted the exam exemption policy under which students are exempted for final exams having
3. Made at least an “A” or a “B”, and,
4. Whereas, schools in Georgia, Mississippi, Delaware, North Carolina, and several other states
5. Have implemented an exam exemption policy, and,
6. Whereas, the majority of these schools have limited the amount of permissible absences to five
7. Or less in order to qualify for an exam exemption, and,
8. Whereas, initiating an exam exemption policy for all schools in Florida would potentially raise
9. Daily attendance and prevent students from routinely missing school, and,
10. Whereas, an exam exemption policy would provide a greater impetus for students to excel in
11. Academic achievement, and,
12. Therefore, be it resolved that a uniform state-wide exam exemption standard is set in Florida so
13. That students who receive a 90% A or better shall be exempt and automatically receive their
14. Average as their exam grade.

Accepted by author Booker T. Washington High School

Jupiter High School seconds

Speech by Booker T. Washington

Con: Stoneman Douglas

Pro: Freeport

Con: Pensacola

Pro: Flanagan

Con: Coral Glades

Pro: Booker T. Washington

Vote: 21 for

35 against

Resolution passes

Resolutions to Restore AP, IB, and AICE Funds to 2007 Levels

1. Whereas, schools are rewarded additional funds for the number of students achieving passing scores in accelerated programs, and
2. Whereas, these funds are necessary to implement, maintain, coordinate, and promote these accelerated programs, and
3. Whereas, schools receive an additional 0.16 funding per student who earns a passing score in accelerated as of 2010, and
4. Whereas, AP, IB, and AICE scores are calculated and used to determine school grades as of 2009-2010 school year, and
5. Whereas, the level of funding per student was set at an additional 0.24 in the 2007 state budget, and
6. Whereas, districts, schools, and teachers are being asked to perform at higher standards with less funding, and
7. Whereas, students in college preparatory courses require more innovative means of instruction in order to stimulate and best prepare accelerated students for college (i.e. smart boards, laptops and other interactive interfaces), and
8. Whereas, technology is becoming more and more advanced in today's society, therefore the education system must embrace this change in accelerated programs and are in need of additional funds to prepare students to earn passing test scores on college level examinations.
9. Therefore, be it resolved that the State of Florida return the additional funding to the 0.24 per student level of 2007 thereby ensuring higher standards not only in accelerated courses but overall school grades and scores.

Coral Glades seconds

Belleview gives speech

Con: Boca

Pro: Belleview

Con: West Broward

Pro: Gainesville

Vote: 40 for

12 against

Resolution passes

Motion for recess by Pace

Jefferson Seconds

Recess begins 4:44 p.m.

Corporal Punishment

1 Whereas, corporal punishment should be banned from all schools in the state of Florida,

2 and

3 Whereas, forty-three of Florida's sixty-seven counties still allow corporal

4 punishment in their schools, and

5 Whereas, school should be a place where students feel safe and protected, and

6 Whereas, the use of corporal punishment infringes on this idea of protection, and

7 Whereas, non-violence is taught in schools, and

8 Whereas, the use of corporal punishment would be promoting the use of violence to solve

9 problems and in turn contradicting the non-violence taught in schools, and

10 Whereas, detention, suspension, and expulsion are effective means of discipline, and

11 Whereas, the use of corporal punishment can cause retaliation from students, and

12 Whereas, corporal punishment can leave negative emotional and physical impacts on a

13 student, and

14 Whereas, thirty out of the fifty states do not allow corporal punishment in their schools,

15 and

16 Therefore be it resolved, that corporal punishment be banned in all schools and counties

17 in the state of Florida.

Accepted by author University High School

Stoneman Douglas Seconds

University gives speech

Vote: 54 for

8 against

Resolution passes

FCAT Graduation Requirements For Special Needs Students

1. Whereas, passing the FCAT is a graduation requirement in the state of Florida and
2. Whereas, all students including special needs students must take this exam
3. Whereas, special needs individuals are given unlimited time on the test but their test scores don't necessarily improve
4. Whereas, special needs students often don't have the capability to do well on these grade level exams regardless of time benefits
5. Whereas, these students have not mastered the skills and knowledge necessary to pass the exams
6. Whereas, a poll taken by the National Center of Fair and Open Testing showed 62% of respondents think that scores of special education students should not be included in measuring schools under No Child Left Behind
7. Whereas, these students don't always improve their skills at the same rate as other students do
8. Whereas, last year, even with accommodation, 67 percent of third-graders with disabilities failed the reading FCAT and 62 percent failed math
9. Whereas, any student who does not pass the FCAT is not allowed to graduate
10. Whereas, any student who is not allowed to graduate counts as a drop out student for the school and does not receive a diploma
11. Whereas, it is not fair for the school to have students who are not physically or mentally capable to count as drop outs
12. Be it further resolved, that special needs students are not required to take the FCAT and/or do not count as a drop out student.

Accepted by author Timber Creek

Seconded by Coconut Creek

Speech by Timber Creek

Con: Freeport

Pro: Timber Creek

Con: Coconut Creek and motion to amend line 21 to read and/or end of term exam

Seconded by Jefferson

Vote on Amendment: 44 for

10 against

Vote on amended resolution: 45 for

13 against

Resolution passes

Proposed Resolution on the Florida Commissioner of Education's Race to the

Top Implementation Committees

Whereas, “the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida;” and

Whereas, the state of Florida has been awarded grant funding from the federal government through Race to the Top; and

Whereas, half the funds will be divided between participating school districts and half the funds will be utilized by the Florida Department of Education; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Education has established eight Race to the Top Implementation Committees; and

Whereas, the call for applications for these committees included positions for teachers, administrators, district staff, union representatives, parents, and postsecondary faculty, with the capability of including others with an interest in education; and

Whereas, the descriptions of each committee did not provide for and the committees do not include student representation; and

Whereas, the technical aspects of the committees do not lend themselves to student input; and

Whereas, students are the key stakeholder in the public education system; and

Whereas, students can provide perspective not offered by other stakeholders; and

Whereas, the state's Race to the Top plan includes programs and potential reforms

greatly impacting the lives of students; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Florida Association of Student Councils urges the Commissioner of

Education to establish a student advisory board for the implementation of Race to the

Top

Accepted by author McFatter High School

Seconded by Spanish River

McFatter gives speech

Vote: 53 for

4 against

Resolution passes

Proposed Resolution on Student Involvement

1 Whereas, “the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of the State of
2 Florida;” and

3 Whereas, freedom of speech is a value enshrined in the United States Constitution; and

4 Whereas, students are the key stakeholder in the public education system; and

5 Whereas, students can provide perspective not offered by other stakeholders; and

6 Whereas, students participate in a form of governance through Student Councils and

7 Student Government Associations; and

8 Whereas, student representatives are optional on the middle school and required on the

9 high school level School Advisory Council (SAC); and

10 Whereas, district advisory committees include non-employee stakeholders; and

11 Whereas, student representatives serve on or student advisors advise school boards

12 across the nation; and

13 Whereas, the School Board of Broward County is a model of an effective system of

14 student advisory; and

15 Whereas, twenty-two states and territories, and the District of Columbia have student

16 representation or advisory to the State Board of Education or the equivalent agency;

17 now therefore be it

18 Resolved, that the Florida Association of Student Councils urges all school district

19 superintendents and school boards to include student representation on district

20 advisory committees; and be it further

21 Resolved, that the Florida Association of Student Councils urges all school boards to

22 establish and maintain a program consisting of Student Advisors to the School Board

23 to be elected by their peers; and be it further

25 Resolved, that the Florida Association of Student Councils urges the Legislature and

26 the State Board of Education to establish a program of student advisory to the State

Accepted by author McFatter High School

Seconded by Dwyer

Vote: 56 for

1 against

Resolution passes

Meeting adjourned 10:38 p.m.