

KHSD Student Board Member

What is a Student Board Member?

-As defined by AB 261 a student board member is a student elected to represent all students within a district. This law guarantees them the right to prefrontal voting.

-Many districts have already adopted a Student board member some include;

Los Angeles Unified

San Diego Unified

Sacramento Unified

The California Department of Education

And many more...

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Problem

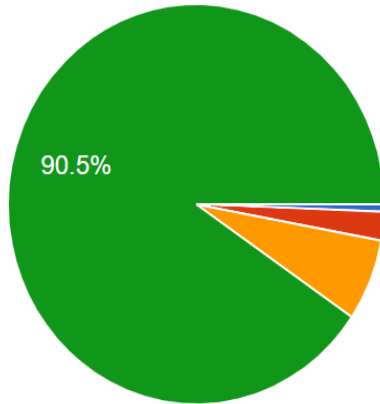
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Statistics on Lack of Representation

Survey taken by 1,356 students
from 10 of the Kern High schools

How familiar are you with the current KHSD school board members?

1,342 responses



- I can name all 5 members of the board.
- I can name at least 3 of the school board members
- I can only name the board member that represents my area.
- I have no idea who serves on the school board.

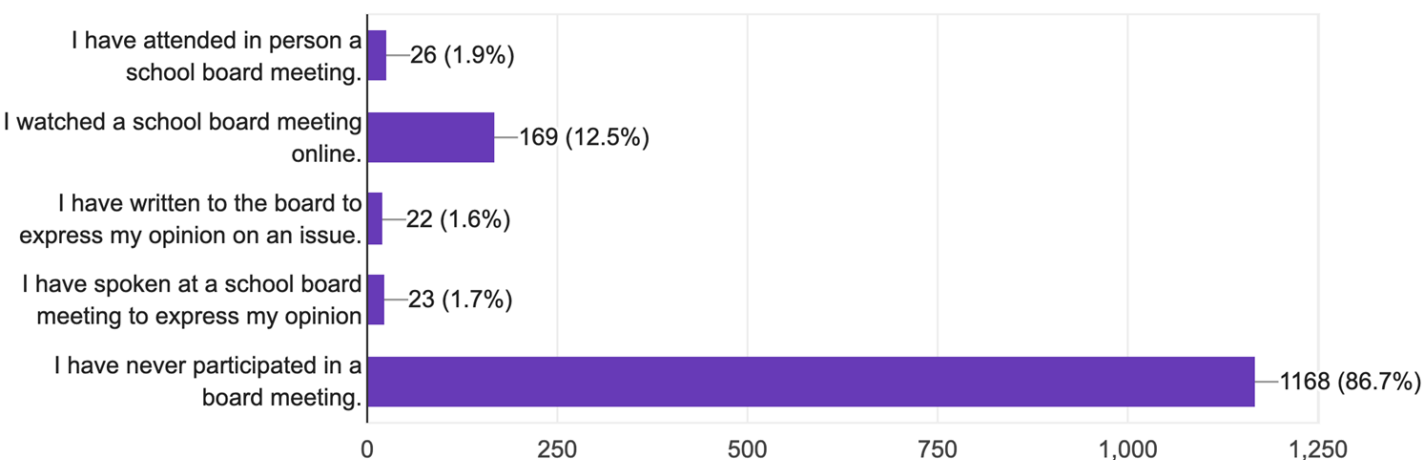
**90.5% students
have no familiarity
with those who
currently
represent them**

Lack of Student Participation

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How you ever participated in a school board meeting? (Check all that you have done at least once)

1,347 responses



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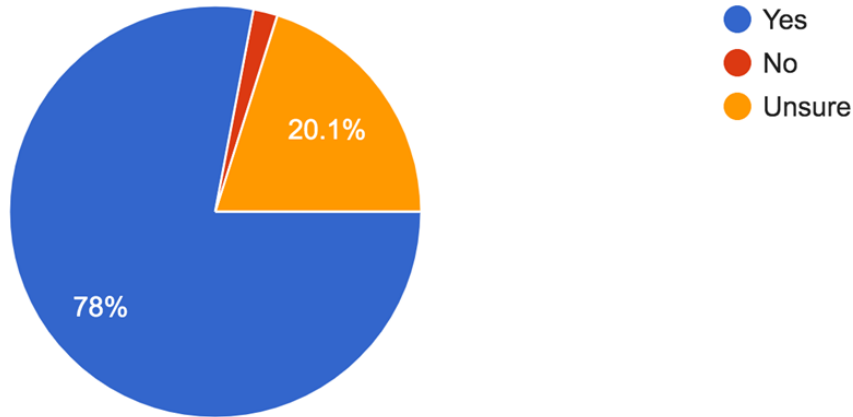
86% Have never
participated

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Do you support putting a student representative on the KHSD School board?

1,372 responses



Lack of Representation of KHSD Board

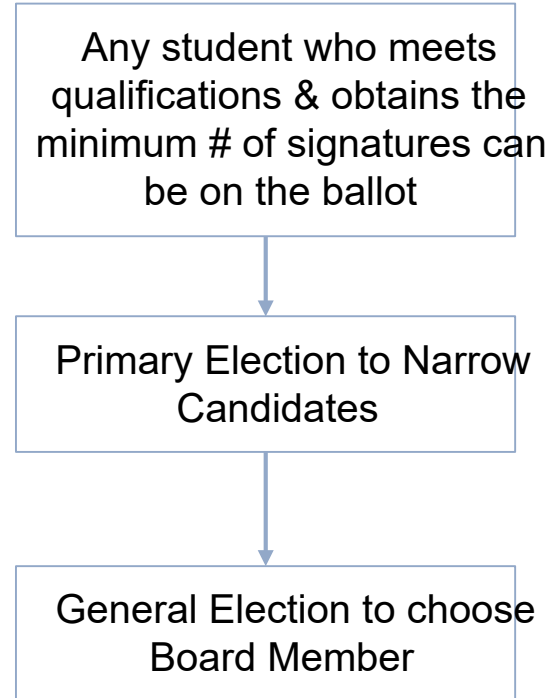
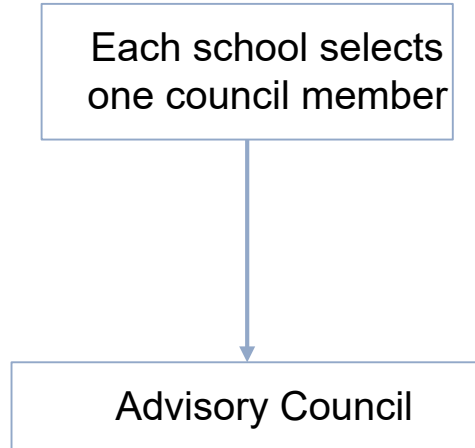
- Currently there are two advisory councils to give students some representation however, most students do not know about them and there is little information available to students about how to join these councils
- California Bill AB 261 requires the governing board of a school district to allow for preferential voting of a student pupil member or members of the governing board upon receipt of a petition for that purpose
- We gathered the required 500 signatures to petition, and we submitted such the 6th of May 2021. The district now has 60 days from May 6th to produce a response fulfilling AB 261 with this bill in action and our attempt to proceed, the issue of lack of representation can soon be minimized

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Possible Plans

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Plan A



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Election Process Candidates are voted on through a general election consisting of the entire district student population.

*Advisory Council is elected separately from the student board member

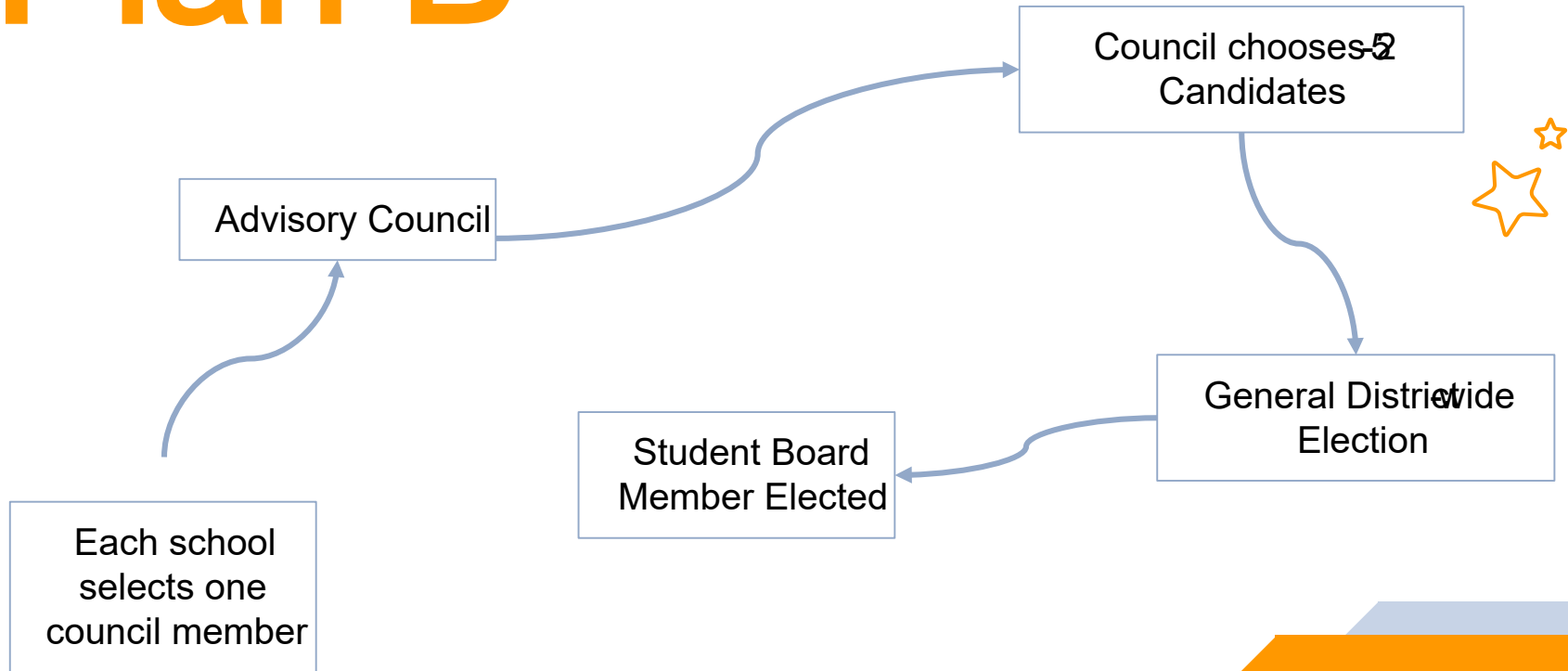
Pros:

High student involvement,
allows for students to
participate in democracy

Cons:

Low voter turnout, student
board member is less of a part
of the advisory council,
schools with larger populations
or higher voter turnout will
have greater influence

Plan B



Plan B: Hybrid Model

Election Process: Each school holds their own election for their advisory council member, then the advisory council chooses candidates to be voted on by the general district population

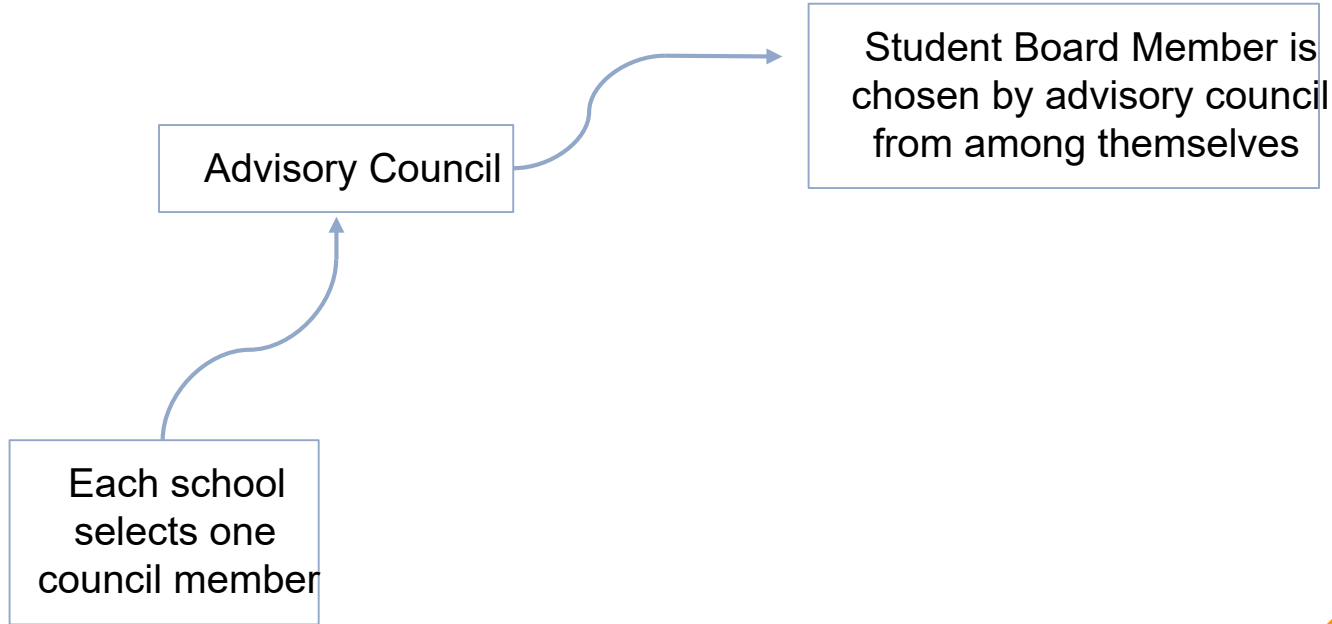
Pros:

High student involvement, allows for students to participate in democracy, includes the advisory board being more important.

Cons:

Low voter turnout, little incentive for the school population to vote if their candidate is not in the running

Plan C



Plan C: Parliamentary Model

Election Process: Each school holds their own election to appoint members to the advisory council; this council will vote on who becomes the student board member.

Pros:

Each school has an equal voice in choosing the board member, students will know the candidates, the advisory council then is more likely to choose a qualified candidate as opposed to the most popular.

Cons:

Student board member is not chosen by students in the district, student board member is not the most representative.

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Suggested Policy

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Plan A

Advisory Council Qualifications

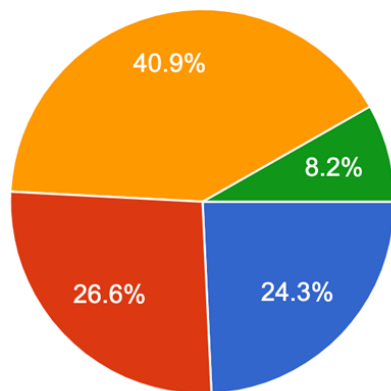
Each school district will elect one advisory council member that meets the following criteria:

- Have at least a 2.5 GPA
- Be an incoming junior or senior
- Have garnered 100 (or 5% of the school population) petition signatures from their school site supporting their candidacy
- Qualified students must submit an Intent to Run in order to be placed on the advisory board ballot

Candidate Grade

Should there be a requirement that the student board member be in a certain grade?

1,385 responses

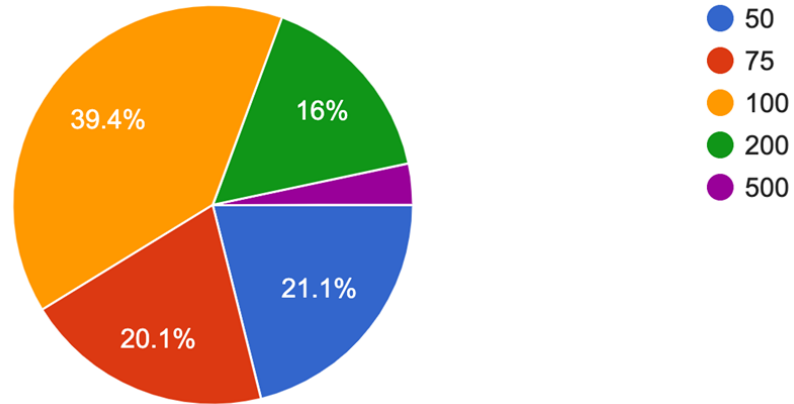


- Any student in KHSD should be able to run
- Student must be at least an incoming sophomore
- Student must be at least an incoming junior
- Only incoming seniors should be able to run

Petition Signatures

If student signatures are required, what should the minimum # be to qualify to run for a student board member?

1,378 responses



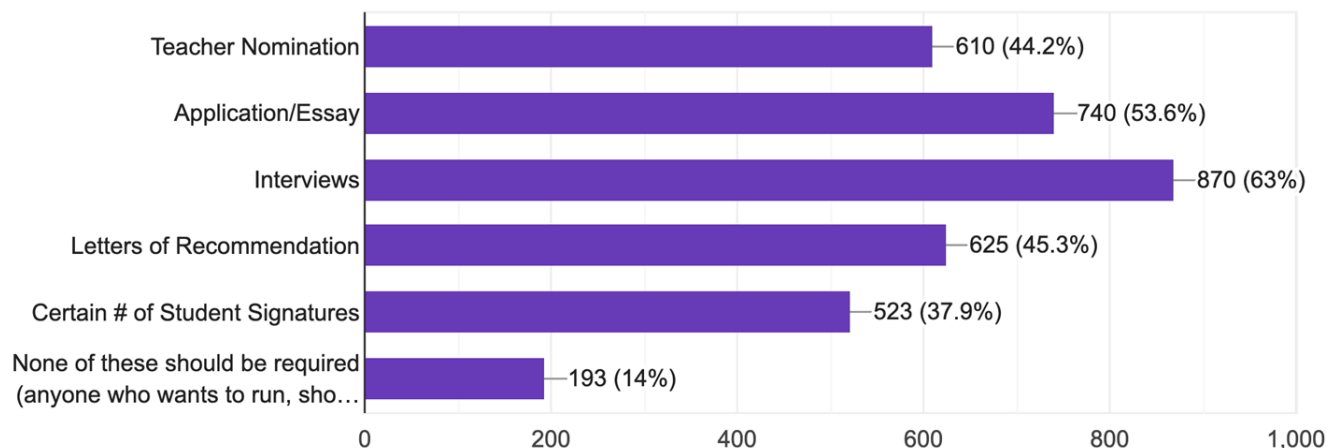
Advisory Council Election Process

- The Advisory Council will be made up of one student from each school side (including non-traditional sites)
- Each school site will create a committee to interview candidates
 - The committee will consist of one member of administration, one parent, a teacher, and a student
- Three students will be chosen and placed on the ballot to be elected via schoolwide election using ranked choice voting

Interview

Which of the following should be required to run for the student board member? (You can choose as many as you like)

1,381 responses



Most students believed that prospective candidates should be interviewed.

Advisory Council Responsibilities

All Advisory Council members will be expected to:

- Guide the SBM in board policy.
- Represent the ideals of their elected school site.
- Help elect SBM.
- Provide educated opinions on board policy.
- Maintain good standing with their school site.
- Engage in civil discourse during all advisory board meetings.

Campaign Rules for Advisory Board

Each candidate is allowed:

- One flagged post on social media
- One flyer design posted on school grounds
- One video of no more than three minutes

Student Board Member Selection

- The Advisory Council will meet once and present their ideas and viewpoints
- During the second meeting the Advisory Council will select the Student Board Member
 - Each candidate must be nominated by two other Council members
 - These candidates will be placed on the ballot, and the Council will hold a election to select the Student Board Member

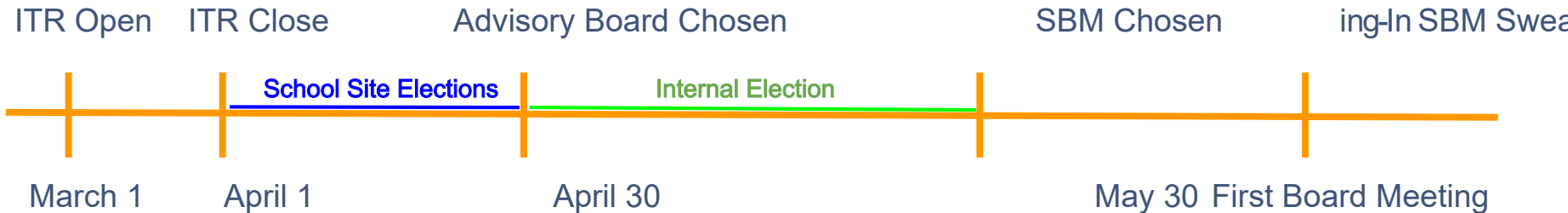
Student Board Member Responsibilities

The Student Board member will be expected to:

- Represent all students and facilitate the discussion of all sides of issues. This duty does not preclude the Student Board Member from stating his/her/their individual opinion.
- Strengthen communications between the Board and district students.
- Attend monthly Advisory Council meetings & serve as president of said council.
- Attend All board meetings and host office hours at least once per month

Time Frame

- The Intent to Run (ITR) form (for the Advisory Council) will be released at the beginning of March and must be turned in by the beginning of April
- The Advisory Council members must be elected at each school site by the end of April
- The Student Board Member must be appointed by the Advisory Council by the end of May
- The Student Board Member's term will start after the end of the school year, and a swearing-in ceremony will take place on the first KHSD Board meeting in the new term



Term Length and Limit

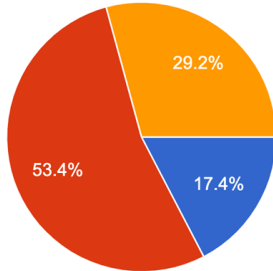
All members of the advisory board, along with the Student Board Member, will have a

- Term length of one year
- Term limit of two terms

Terms

If underclassmen are allowed to run, should there be a limit to the number of terms a student board can serve?

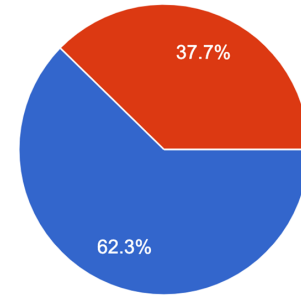
1,382 responses



- limited to just 1 term (no chance to be re-elected)
- can only serve 2 terms (can be re-elected once)
- no term limit (should be able to get re-elected as long as they are still a student)

How long should the student board member's term be?

1,382 responses



- 1 year
- 2 years

Next Steps

-The 60 petition Deadline ends July 5,2021

- We ask that the board do the following;
 - A) Review the following plans and and state law
 - B) Work with our group to create a committee to oversee policy and the process

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Questions?