

**Stratford Road Elementary**  
 Site-Based/Shared Decision Making Committee Minutes  
 February 6, 2023

Facilitator: Christina Psihogios, Principal  
 Recorder: Caleigh O'Dwyer, Assistant Principal

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| <p>I. Call to Order</p>  | <p>8:20 a.m.</p> <p>Attendance: Christina Psihogios (Principal), Caleigh O'Dwyer (Assistant Principal), Michelle Lalima (Teacher), Andrew Paskal (Teacher), Jessica Wyttenbach (Teacher), Charlene Osborne (clerical), Nick D'Avanzo (custodian)<br/>         Absent: Lisa Razon (aide), Marisa Pammer (parent)</p>   |
| <p>II. Old Business</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tiles in area outside of gym are being repaired. If any other needs arise, please inform Dino Giammalva right away.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>III. New Business</p> | <p><b>Erin's Law</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mrs. Psihogios reviewed Erin's law and the mandate. She shared the lesson focus on age appropriate techniques and language to discuss sexual abuse, and that the lessons were created by BOCES. Erin's law was discussed at the PTA meeting with our parents. The lessons took place the last week of January.</li> </ul> <p><b>Day in Clay</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Our fourth grade students were able to make pottery Friday (2/3) and Monday (2/6) and Mrs. Psihogios shared how engaged the students were in this experience.</li> </ul> |

### **Beautification**

- Mrs. Psihogios discussed the different ways we are making the building more welcoming and beautiful. In April/May, our third graders will be making an art installment for the lobby using our kiln. During PARP week, our visiting author is going to create a drawing that will be hung up in the hallway leading to the library. In the future, we will have all authors who visit create drawings for that hallway and this hallway will become our *Gallery of Authors*. In addition, the windows in the main office will be getting hand painted for Spring. The cafeteria will be getting painted and updated.
- The staff shared that an aide had painted the mural in the K Center and thought she may be someone we could ask to create the mural.
- Mrs. Psihogios asked the Committee if they had any ideas on what they would like to see painted in the cafeteria. They shared about staying away from anything that could become quickly dated. They also shared that we could ask our high school art students for their help.
- Members of the Committee discussed the outside of the building and possibly changing the signs and adding different features to spruce it up. Changing the ceilings and skylights was discussed, which has been a request of the staff. Mrs. Psihogios responded to the staff's concerns about the carpet in some of the rooms and shared that there have been discussions about replacing them.

### **New Alarm System**

- Members of the Committee asked for an update about the status of the new alarm system. Mrs. Psihogios and Mr. D'Avanzo shared that they are continuing to work on them nightly and doing many tests.

### **Welcoming Committee**

- Mrs. Psihogios shared an update on the welcoming committee. The goal of the welcoming committee is to welcome new students and families to the district, providing them with all

of the information and resources that they need. She shared that the district is trying to streamline information and determine the most important things that parents need to know.

**New Questions/Concerns**

- Mr. Paskal asked about the mats that are outside for students and if there is a permanent plan to pave that area. Mrs. Psihogios shared that they will not be paving that area but the custodians frequently check the mats and make sure they are cleared.
- Mr. Paskal asked about numbering the parking spots. Mrs. Psihogios shared that we don't have enough spots for the staff to number them due to many part time/traveling staff members.
- Mrs. LaLima brought up concerns about having to walk in the playground entrance when parking in the back lot, and its safety. Mrs. Psihogios shared that our security guards are patrolling, and we are constantly monitoring all the cameras.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 a.m.  
Future meetings are on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>.