

**Stratford Road Elementary School Site-Based
Minutes of April 25, 2018**

Attendance: Andrew Paskal, Michele LaLima, Debbie Laykind, Sara Bodeker, Brian Horath, Alison Clark, Lisa Razon

The meeting was called to order at 8:25am.

Security Updates:

- There have been numerous presentations at Board of Education meetings regarding security plans. Included in this is the possible addition of vestibules to each school for enhanced security.
- There was a discussion of the “Panic Buttons” and them possibly being able to control the locking of classroom doors. At this time that is just a discussion. When our new door lock sets are installed they will still be key operated. However, they will now have the ability to be locked from the inside using any key.

Bond Updates:

- Air Conditioning has been installed in the gymnasium. It is not currently operational but should be shortly.
- The auditorium renovation project is still on schedule for an opening of school re-opening. We will be having concerts and moving up in the gymnasium while the auditorium is being renovated.
- We were assured that there are enough funds to complete all capital projects that were approved. There is currently no date set for window installation, upstairs adult bathroom, new classroom locks, new windows, or other bond projects.

Building Repair Updates:

- We are scheduled to have a new elevator installed this summer.
- The ‘bump’ in main hallway requires a piece to be constructed for repair. It currently remains covered by a rug to prevent tripping.
- The air conditioning in the computer lab and computer lab server closet both remain broken. Dr. Clark will follow up to see about solutions.

Community Service:

- We are proud to announce we were recently designated a No Place for Hate School by the Anti-Defamation League. We achieved this by working as a school to complete projects promoting acceptance and combating prejudice. Some included a school-wide video to bring attention to the topic, garden of kindness, unity day activities, and more. We achieved gold status because of the number of

activities we completed. We will officially be recognized at a ceremony on May 25th in New York City. Lynn Winters, Andrew Paskal, and a representative of each fourth grade class will be going. The student representatives are No Place for Hate Ambassadors and have been working all year on various project

- We recently had another successful Birthday Wishes event. The event collects items for birthday parties for children in homeless shelters. It's an example of a true collaboration between parents, students, and staff. There was a discussion about continuing this event or selecting another. The idea was brought up of a broader community service evening benefiting multiple charities. The topic will be discussed further.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am

Respectfully submitted- Andrew Paskal