

**LARAWAY C.C.S.D. 70-C
MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 20, 2017**

President Knight called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The Pledge was recited.

PRESENT: Brass, Hopkins, Knight and Matenaer

ABSENT: Fleet, Rausch and Washington

INFORMATION REPORT:

Parent (Erica): She suggested the district implement “Girls of the Run” and stated that the school did a nice job getting it up and running. Parent suggested that there are a number of 501c3’s available for mentorship programs for helping students who need more.

District Employee (Barbra)- Suggested an assembly with all students before school starts about teaching bus expectations to start the school year off safely.

Community Member (Jennifer G)- Question: What is happening during the lunch line? What are they being served for breakfast?

Parent (Dave)- Suggested a mentoring program separated by gender. “Boys to Men” and “Divas” for girls. The use of mentoring programs like these help promote leadership skills for students.

District Employee (Reyna)- Really enjoys CHAMPS and thinks that it is working well at Oak Valley. She wants to know how to incorporate it on the buses. May a suggestion about uniforms and staff dressing professionally.

Parent (Angel M)- Middle school is a transition for parents and students. The suggestion is for consistency from teachers and parents to the students. She suggested that teachers, parents, and students should all say and do consistent things. Encourage students instead of always pointing out the negative. Parent also provided suggestions on CHAMPing our expectations on the bus.

Parent (Erica)- Suggested that the school have an assembly at the start of the school year for parents as well so that parents knew the expectations as well.

Community Member (Jennifer G)- Question When do students disengage in sports? Suggests that Joliet Township ambassadors come to the school to talk to students who are disengaged.

Teacher (Cherrelle N)- Expressed about losing students in co-curriculars due to grades. But expressed concern about students who have other obligations outside of school and how these expectation put a strain on students. She would like to see the use of positive

recognition for students. There is a need to expand the recognition for all students more frequently.

Parent (Erica)- Question Are students bored? Do we have a technology plan to keep students engaged and to take them to the next level?

District Employee (Kristen R)- Mr. Ventsias and Mr. Pope are doing a good job with safe and civil schools. We are moving in the right direction. We are moving towards structure and consistency. Kids are struggling and we need to find the why behind the behavior. The focus is to teach self-regulation had how to deal with trauma and stress. Suggested a Rainbow group.

District Employee (John W)- Agrees with Kristen R and feels like Mr. Ventsias and Mr. Pope meet and talk with kids. They care about students. What do we do when we have 28 students and 3 of those student are being disruptive? The 25 student in the class suffer from the disruption. How do we handle these students? What do we do with these students when they get removed from class?

Community Member (Jennifer G)- Question Is the district open to working with outside agencies?

District Employee (Terry M)- Character education classes would be beneficial like they have in District 86. Could incorporate it into RtI once a week.

District Employee (Beatriz M)- Parental involvement is important and it is an important part of helping students deal with trauma.

District Employee (Kristen R)- Agrees with character education and self-regulation teaching. Currently teaching second step in all of the classrooms. Suggest the use of partner classrooms to allow students a safe place to self-regulate and focus on strategies to prepare them to go back into the classroom.

District Employee (Joanna J)- Suggest that she likes the afterschool mentoring but is afraid students who need it will not take advantage of the services. Suggest that students need to be taught how to communicate with each other and teachers. Concerned about cyberbullying outside of school and how they bring that into the school.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hopkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Matenaer, “to adjourn the Board Meeting.” On a roll call vote, Brass, Hopkins, Knight and Matenaer voted aye. There were no nays. Motion passed 4-0.

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President, Mr. Knight

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Secretary, Mrs. Matenaer