

Stratford Road Elementary School Site Based- March 1, 2017

Attendance:

Andrew Paskal
Debbie Laykind
Michele LaLima
Priscilla Seidenberg
Lisa Razon
Alison Clark
Brianna Sublihivi
Julie Shishko

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am

Wellness Policy:

1. Results of a Site Based created survey on birthday celebrations were shared and discussed.

We had **26** respondents (classroom teachers). Highlights are below. Entire survey is available for review.

96.2 percent currently celebrate birthdays with food
96.2 percent currently inform parents about the District Wellness Policy
57.7 percent preferred to celebrate birthday parties with food

2. It was discussed what the other three elementary schools currently do.

Judy Jacobs Parkway- PTA sells birthday box or parents can send in a snack.

Pasadena- PTA sells birthday box or parents can send in a snack.

Old Bethpage- No food based birthday celebrations. Alternatives such as signed t-shirts are currently done.

3. There was a discussion amongst the committee regarding the current level of enforcement of the wellness policy as well as whether to make changes to the way we currently celebrate birthday parties.
4. At the conclusion of the meeting it was the consensus of the Site Based Team that
 - a. We will continue the current practice of allowing individual classroom teachers to decide whether to celebrate birthday parties with or without food.
 - b. A letter from the Site Based Team will be generated sharing this decision, as well as reminding about the importance of adhering to the wellness policy. Next year we will continue this discussion and if the policy is not being adhered to we will revisit about whether to have food at birthday celebrations.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.

**Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Paskal**