

Parents Outraged at School Board Over Graphic Images in Kid's Book

Parents in Penfield, NY are outraged over a controversial book accessible to children as young as the age of five. It's about a little girl who attends an LGBTQ pride parade and it reportedly includes pictures of naked people and men in bondage fetish gear.

"The Rainbow Parade" currently sits in the library of Cobbles Elementary School in Penfield.

Post about the book alleged the material was brought home from school by a kindergartner, but Jennifer Selever says her fifth-grade daughter actually brought the book home in December.

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"This is soft pornography. It's inexcusable why it's in the system for elementary school kids and I want it gone," Selever told Spectrum News 1.

The mom said she doesn't take issue with the story – which is about a young girl who is apprehensive about joining an LGBTQ parade with her two moms – but rather the images illustrated in the book.

"My problem is with the photos," she said. "I don't care if it's a heterosexual book. If you have explicit photos in a book for an elementary school kid, it's not excusable. It shouldn't happen. They shouldn't be in there."

Selever points out the most troubling parts, "You could see here this is the BDSM attire with a chain and leather straps.

And this is the naked image. This one, the man is naked. He has balloons in front of his private parts. This one here, I don't know if it's a woman or a drag queen, but breasts are hanging out."

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Selever was joined by a host of parents last week who called on the Penfield Central School District to remove the book from the school's library shelves.

"Your main topic is to talk about gender fluidity with these kids and ideology when they are underperforming and their academic achievements are down. It's time to get back to education, not indoctrination," she told the board at the start of the meeting.

But instead of school board members being open to hearing from Selever and other concerned parents, they shut them down.

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