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REVISED DRAFT - May 25, 2016 Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes Monday May 23, 2016, 9 AM

Attendees:

Superintendent Ilene Altschul
Director of Manhattan Planning, DOE Sarah Turchin
PS87 Principal Monica Berry
PS191 Principal Lauren Keville
PS199 Principal Louise Xerri
PS334 Principal Jodi Hyde
PS452 Principal Scott Parker
MS245 Principal Henry Zyneck

Parent leaders from PS87, 75, 145, 191, 199, and 334 also attended the meeting along with other members of the community. Four CEC members were in attendance.

Quick review of 2016 zoning committee activities:

- Discussion of district wide assignment options, including controlled choice at two March informational sessions. Details including handout with Glossary of Terms and Map at CEC3 zoning page (cec3.org).
- Review by data subcommittee on the capacity changes reported in the Blue Book.

DOE Presentation of Process

- With significant changes, including re-siting of a school and/or changing the grades of a school, a proposal must be submitted to the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP – citywide panel appointed by mayor and borough presidents), per Chancellor's Regulation A190.
- Riverside Center is scheduled to open 2018, and latest report is that the construction is on time. Zoning exercise for 2017/2018 depends on this timeline.
- Zoning changes that potentially will take place in 2017 will work with longer term changes that will take place in 2018 when the new building opens.

DOE Presentation of District Needs & Goals

- Kindergarten sections among the schools included in last year's zoning exercise: 191, 199, and 452 need to increase to 14. Currently, we have 11 sections or 12 based on 3 collapsing to 2 at PS452.
- Decrease Kindergarten sections at PS199 to 5, but this may be temporary.

- Allow 452 to grow to at least 3 sections per grade.

DOE Presentation of Major 2018 Changes

1. Re-siting of PS191: already voted on by the CEC, moving PS191 to the new building is supported by the DOE but will still need PEP approval, which will be submitted in the fall.
 - Open question about whether 191 would move as a K-8 or K-5 school. If 191 moves to new building as a K-8, school will project 3 sections across grades. If it transitions to a K-5 school, it could serve 4 sections across grades.*

**This component of the DOE plan is not supported by Principal Keville, though she also mentioned that she understands that the school must address the needs of the community. Parent leaders and SLT have not discussed the topic in their meetings.*

- PreK section number could change at Riverside Center depending on the above and other elements of the plan.
2. Re-siting of PS42 to the old PS191 building*
 - Would allow PS452 to grow to 4 sections across grades.
 - Vacating O'Shea building offers several options.

**Principal Parker stated that he and his staff support this move. He further indicated that the change was brought to SLT and was discussed. No parents were in attendance at meeting.*

3. O'Shea building M044 – possible solutions
 - PreK Center for all of District 3
 - Re-site 191 middle school grades
 - Increase the size of Computer School
 - Create PS87 Annex for PreK and K grades*

**Principal Berry and parent leaders do not believe that housing one grade in a different building is a feasible solution for their school community.*

DOE Initial Comments on Zone Line Changes

- They see decisions on the 2018 major changes as our community's first step in this two phase exercise.
- Zoning changes for 2017 will prepare affected schools for the major changes that will take place in 2018.
 - The current PS452 zone will fold back into the district
 - This will cause additional changes to the north, potentially affecting all D3 schools
 - PS191 and PS452 zones, or shared zone, will be implemented in 2017 ahead of 2018 re-sitings
- All options will need to adhere to November CEC Vote timeline if any 2017 zoning changes are to be implemented
- PS342 the school would not open. SI Altschul reiterated that she does not believe that we need the additional school if we can achieve the increased number of Kindergarten sections needed and maintain the number of middle school seats that we have.

Zoning Discussion and Public Comment on Zoning at CEC Calendar Meeting

Wednesday, May 25

6:30-8:30 pm at PS84

Next Meeting of Zoning Committee

Monday, June 20

6:30-8:30 pm at PS191