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Health and Human Services and Education Committee Meeting Minutes

This meeting was teleconferenced using Zoom

Attendees:

Lauren Springer, Chair
Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos
Kelly Craig
Phuntsok Tashi
Danielle Brecker

Absentees:

Clara Oza, Co-Chair
Amparo Abel-Bey (*excused*)
John Bahia
Sandra Bigitschke (*excused*)
Jewel Chowdhury
Selena Romero
Mary Torres

Guest

Dr. Bill Fahey, Deputy Superintendent of District 30

Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager, Community Board 2

Lauren Springer, Chair Health & Human Services and Education Committee welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Lauren Springer introduced Dr. Bill Fahey, Deputy Superintendent of District 30.

- Dr. Bill Fahey stepped in for Dr. Philip Composto, Community Superintendent of District 30 as he could not make this meeting.
- The Deputy Superintendent and the Superintendent have the same functions, but ultimate decisions are made by the Superintendent. Dr. Composto is fully responsible for the district. The primary responsibility for both the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent is to visit schools and to check the quality of instruction by the teachers and to provide feedback to the principals.
- They also work with the family leadership coordinator regarding any complaints coming into the school and will work with the Principal on the issue.
- They have monthly meetings with the leadership team.
- Prior to being Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Fahey was Principal at Louis Armstrong middle school.

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- A question was asked about the needs of District 30.
- Dr. Fahey responded that space is of concern. The LIC community is continually growing.
- It takes several years for a school location to be considered and to have the building constructed.
- The challenge has been to keep up with the changing demographics and the increased capacity of the LIC Hunters Pt area in particular the Court Sq. location.
- A question was asked about the geographic limits of District 30
 - Dr. Fahey stated the boundaries are from LIC Hunters Pt East River to 100th Street @ Northern Blvd.
 - District 30 is comprised of 41 Schools in total (including pre-K centers), 28,000 students in the elementary schools and adding the high school students makes the total 34,000.
- The Community Board can help by expediting the process by which No Parking Signs are installed around the school when a new school has been opened to make arrivals and dismissals easier.
 - The Community Boards are helpful in getting trailers removed from schools and permanent structures are built.
 - 43rd Avenue and 23rd Street is the site currently being looked at for the Court Sq. families.
 - Funding for schools is also helpful.
- Information regarding construction work and Con Edison work is also helpful for the Community Board to share so that the schools know ahead of time.
- Closed streets are a challenge as the District office always wants to respect the residents of the community. The street might be closed to traffic but not to pedestrian traffic, some principals feel it is not a secured area. Also with E-Bikes and mopeds driving through, there is a safety concern.
- A committee member mentioned the shortage of crossing guards, especially on Center Blvd.
- A committee member mentioned how when funds are allocated by the Elected Officials, the Superintendent's office should be asked where these funds would be most useful.
- A question was asked, who makes the decisions of what programming a new school will have to offer? A school leader is selected who will work on a committee with the superintendent, the office of new schools from the central office and the deputy chancellors office of school leadership. This group then helps select a candidate from candidates that have applied with proposals for new schools. These candidates understand that their vision is flexible and should be based on the needs of the community.
- The school curriculum is selected as well.
- An interim acting principal is selected 7 to 8 months before a new school is opened.
- A principal gets selected after the C30 process. The school will be open for months before the C30 process can begin. A PTA has to be in place first.

- The C30 process consists of teachers, parents and students (for High School Principal only)

A motion was made to write a letter regarding the need for more crossing guards. Lauren Springer made the motion and Kelly Craig seconded it.

Lauren Springer thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Waber