

## 11/7/16 PS 199 SLT Meeting Minutes

### Members in Attendance:

Andrea Steinkamp  
Anu Sehgal  
Danielle Cione  
Ellen Shultz  
Enrique Gonzalez  
JoEllen Schuleman  
Karen Kemp  
Liz Sutherland  
Louise Xerri  
Peter Rockwitz  
Rob Schlaff  
Scott Oscher  
Victoria Kopper  
Wendy Hutter

### Guest:

Richard Van Pelt

This special meeting was called to review and finalize the SLT's letter to Carmen Farina on behalf of PS199.

Liz reviewed and explained the recently proposed PS199 zone map as well as the more recent CEC3 letter to the DOE outlining their suggestions. There was a discussion about potential enrollment impacts across all grades. This map might change when the DOE makes their final proposal for the CEC3 to vote on later in November.

The SLT agreed that it supports a plan that will address overcrowding at our school and that aims to improve socio-economic diversity at our school. The SLT feels that it is important to stress to the DOE that we require a commitment to a Kindergarten enrollment of 5 classes per year in order to control overcrowding and gradually bring back student numbers to suitable levels.

Concern was expressed that given a wide range of community perspectives throughout the District that the DOE may not be able to reconcile these and make a final recommendation to the CEC3. The SLT agreed that the letter should emphasize that PS199 can not wait another year for a zoning decision to be made.

Liz clarified the SLT is not endorsing any of the specific zoning options. Our role as an SLT is to work on behalf of the whole school community.

Louise said our decisions should be based on what is best for the PS 199 community and we must take a neutral stance.

Andrea agreed to work on the draft language of the letter and recirculate by email for comment and endorsement during the day. When the wording of the letter is agreed by SLT members it will be sent to Chancellor Carmen Farina, the CEC3, and posted on our website. (Final letter attached separately)

Submitted by Ellen Shultz, SLT