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District of Columbia Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South
Washington, DC 20001

OFFICE OF ZONING

RE: Minutes of Community Relations Council (Z.C. Order No. 849-B, Case No. 97-16A)

Dear Sir/Madam:

As members of the Community Relations Council (“CRC”), which was created by Zoning Commission Order No. 849-B, we respectfully submit the attached minutes pursuant to an agreement with Lowell School to maintain and submit separate minutes. Specifically, because of past disputes, Lowell and the neighbors have agreed to maintain two sets of minutes for CRC meetings, one set prepared by Lowell and one set prepared by neighbors, and both of which would be filed with the Zoning Commission. Members of the CRC (and neighbors of Lowell) therefore submit the following minutes of CRC meetings held on the dates listed below:

- January 11, 2022
- April 12, 2022
- July 12, 2022
- October 11, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes of the Community Relations Council (“CRC”) Meeting

January 11, 2022, 6:30pm

Meeting via Zoom

Minutes Prepared by Neighbors (pursuant to agreement with Lowell)

Attendees:

- Cynthiana Lightfoot
- Sharon Giles
- Columbus Giles
- Chris Ginter
- Ed Atkins
- Oliver Sockwell
- Wendell Hughes
- Jessica Rosenbaum
- (XXX) XXX-5527

Lowell Status/Update

- All students and employees back on campus virtually every day.
- Students are broken into class groups that reflect the way Lowell broke up its class groups pre-COVID-19.
- Lowell continues to conduct COVID testing via a company that is conducting PCR tests on campus every week. Up until the winter break, Lowell tested only the unvaccinated per the recommendation of the CDC and DC Health. Since the winter break, Lowell is testing everyone on campus regardless of their vaccination status for two reasons: Omicron and the holidays. Lowell has not yet made a decision about how long the testing of everyone will occur.
- Everyone coming to campus is required to take a daily online health screening.
- Masks are being worn indoors and outdoors.
- Lowell continues to host as many outdoor classes and lunch periods as possible.
- The 45-minute drop-off and pick-up times have been divided into shorter time frames during which parents have been asked to drop-off or pick-up their child during a designated time.
- Aquatics and after-school athletics have resumed to a limited extent.
- The number of visitors on campus has been limited.
- Remote learning is being offered for students who require it, such as students who have a documented need or students who have come into contact with COVID.
- Lowell has provided seven on campus vaccination clinics, providing 400 COVID vaccinations. Lowell also has provided 200 flu vaccinations.
- OSSE and DC Health required that all schools submit a plan to them. Lowell submitted its plan in July and continues to operate under the guidance of that plan. That plan will remain in place until OSSE says it no longer is needed. This plan is in addition to the disaster preparedness plan.

- Lowell said that traffic at the entrance (on 17th St.) in the morning is working smoothly but the afternoon is more “hit or miss.” Lowell expects to see a deterioration in the afternoon carpool line because aftercare has been pared back, meaning more parents will need to pick up their children at the end of school rather than later. Lowell said that next week, aftercare offerings will increase which may relieve some of the pressure of the afternoon carpool.
- A neighbor commented that cars do not stop on 17th Street, but rather zoom around the corner and zoom down 17th St.

Front Playground

- Lowell said it has not yet found a solution to retrofitting the basketball rims or making them inoperable. A neighbor asked if Lowell had explored the cost of retractable rims. When Lowell explained why break-away rims were not a good solution, another neighbor pointed out that there is a difference between retractable rims and break-away rims. Lowell said the solutions it had come up with seemed like they could be easily foiled and that it will continue to work on it.

Miscellaneous

- Isabell Wilkerson, the author of the Warmth of Other Suns and Caste, will be joining Lowell via Zoom on Thursday as part of its social justice programming. She has limited the number of participants on Zoom, so the event is not open to the community.

Upcoming Dates

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| • March 4, 2022 | New Student Application Deadline |
| • March 5, 2022 | STEM Fest |
| • March 16, 2022 | Grand Guest Day (Primary School) |
| • March 18, 2022 | Grand Guest Day (Preprimary and Middle School) |
| • March 18, 2022 | Spring Break Begins |
| • March 27, 2022 | Return to Campus |
| • April 9, 2022 | Fundraising Fete |
| • April 30, 2022 | Bazaar |
| • June 9, 2022 | Last Day of Classes |
| • June 10, 2022 | Graduation Ceremony |
| • June 20, 2022 | Summer Camp Session I |

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