**Background**

* On the morning of July 9th, Interim Superintendent Ficarra’s office asked the Committee to meet for a 5pm meeting
  + Eddy Bikales (Committee creator), Barbra Levy (attorney) and Eric Shorter (spokesperson)
  + Additionally, Kai DuBose and her daughter also attended. Ms. Dubose is a mother of four in the District with many dealings with District staff and Ms. Aaron while enrolling her four children mid-year last year, and her daughter who is a junior at CHS.
* The group expected the meeting would focus on information exchange, and had intended to leave the petition and its 1,600+ signatures and share our demand to have CHS Principal Aaron reinstated as CHS
* The meeting lasted over an hour and included Dr. Ficarra and Elizabeth Baker, BOE President (who was an unannounced and surprising addition)

**Details**

* Dr. Ficarra asked if the group had spoken with Ms. Aaron, and we explained we had not. He recommended she be contacted, sure in his belief that she didn’t want the rally and confirmed in advance that this would not be seen in a negative light or as any evidence of complicity.
* The Committee members in attendance shared several stories supporting Ms. Aaron remaining as CHS Principal, after which the Dubose family departed.
* Dr. Ficarra then informed the group e had the story wrong. He’d spoken with Ms. Aaron that morning and that she “doesn’t want any of this” as she enthusiastic about her new position and reiterated that she should be contacted before anything further is undertaken on her behalf.
* Dr. Ficarra explained that Ms. Aaron’s new role would involve the preparation of plans for the upcoming school redistricting and capital improvements.
* Regarding the timing of his Saturday night letter, it allowed the transition to begin as soon as
* possible and in fact maximized transparency, this last because he theoretically could have walked it in the night before the BOE meeting, or even at the BOE meeting, as allowable by existing bylaws. This couldn’t be confirmed on the spot.
* Regarding the growing population of interims in District, Dr. Ficarra said he is purposefully creating “interims” to provide the permanent Superintendent the flexibility to choose his or her own people.
* The Committee explained roughly 1,600 people agree with reversing the decision to reassign Ms. Aaron who are ready to rally to her defense and in opposition to the move but would first confirm this aligned with what Ms. Aaron wanted given the new revelation of the earlier meeting.
* The Committee made it quite clear how shocked, angered and furious we are at him and the BOE for this horrible decision, that we feel obligated to do all we can for the students and school we love, and that this rally is about Ms. Aaron’s talents and making sure they are back at CHS where they belong.
* The Committee restated our strong disagreement with the decision to reassign, our desire to see that decision reversed, and that we would speak with her first before any further steps were undertaken, and with that the meeting ended.

**Epilogue**

* Outside of District offices the Committee spoke directly with Ms. Aaron, and she indeed firmly confirmed her desire that the rally not be held on her behalf.
* The Committee Leadership Team debated through the evening what to do, both by text and in person, and were deeply divided over whether to cancel or hold the rally. Eventually it became clear that the majority favored cancellation in accordance with Ms. Aaron’s stated wishes, and the notice of cancellation was finally sent out at about 11pm.

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