

CORAL GABLES SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Meeting Agenda
Friday, August 18, 2017

Coral Gables City Hall
1st Floor Conference Room
Coral Gables, Florida

MEMBERS	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	APPOINTED BY
		-											Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Mary Snow	P	-	P										Commissioner Quesada
Aileen Ortega	A	-	A										Vice Mayor Keon
Samuel Joseph	P	-	P										Commissioner Lago
Carmen Cartaya	P	-	P										Commissioner Mena
Sandy Dimitris	P	-	P										City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Theresa Rice	P	-	P										Commission-as-a-whole

A = Absent
E = Excused Absence
P = Present
- = No meeting

STAFF:

Naomi Levi Garcia, Government Affairs Manager

GUESTS: Amelia Leth, Central Region Administrative Director; Cecilia Slesnick, Coral Gables Museum; Iraida Mendez Cartaya

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Naomi Levi Garcia, Government Affairs Manager

The following represents a summary of the items discussed during the Committee meeting.

- **MEETING AGENDA** -

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am.

II. ROLL CALL/ APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A quorum was present. Sandy moved the minutes / Seconded by Carmen with no changes.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. West Lab Expansion Issue Update & Review
 - Brief discussion of Herald article, subsequent discussions at Board meeting, “access and equity” issues.
 - Superintendent was asked to provide a report of all similar “deals” in the district.
 - Mayor Valdés- Fauli is meeting with the superintendent, negotiations are “not dead”
 - Mention of August 29th Commission Meeting, general discussion of Town Hall meeting.
 - Theresa says West Lab parents need a voice.
 - Carmen says need to be laser focused on resident needs and City needs.
 - 2nd Town Hall Meeting Scheduling
 - Vote on whether to have 2nd Town Hall meeting on West Lab after discussion between the Mayor and Superintendent.
- b. West Lab is officially K-8th (2017-2018 school year houses 7th graders)

IV. ONGING BUSINESS

- a. City of Miami Beach Education Committee Case Study Review
 - Tabled
- b. School Improvement Project (SIP)
 - Updates
 - Sam gives updates to committee on all projects – Where they are so far and who is responsible for each project.
- c. MDCPS Issues
 - Postponed until next meeting.
 - Iraida says GOB for Coral Gables Senior high is 11.2 million (not 10.4 million).

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Announcements, News, and /or Reminders
 - Goal today – Choose one SIP Project to “own”
 - Pick one school to act as liaison to.
 - Giving “Right of First Refusal” to senior committee members.
 - One-on-One will be scheduled with remaining board members: Carmen, Aileen, Sandy.
 - Sam reminds board members to fill out financial statement.
 - Sam, Theresa, and Sandy mention changes in school principals at Carver, Ponce, and Coral Gables Prep.

- Not enough communication to families/communities from MDCPS about leadership changes.
- Cecilia seconds the experience – comments shared with Ms. Leth.
- Naomi offers City resources in helping with communications assisting in getting the word out about changes in Principals/Vice Principals.
 - Would like to make this an annual discussion: What's going on with drops, retirements, transitions, any big changes happening at schools.
- Basic information has not been updated on School websites.
 - New Principals at: International Studies Prep. Academy, Ponce, Tucker, and Carver.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:45am