

City of Coral Gables

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Agenda

Friday, December 16, 2022

8:30 AM

427 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor

Development Services Center, Matheson Conference Room

School Community Relations Committee

Chairperson Dr. Winnie Chang
Vice Chairperson Sandy Dimitris
Board Member Erin Anding
Board Member Sam Joseph
Board Member Carmen Manrara Cartaya
Board Member Andrew Nadal
Board Member Cecilia D. Slesnick
Board Member Jennifer Ward Sando
Board Member Sharon Watson

The School Community Relations Committee will be holding its Regular Meeting on Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, commencing at 8:30 a.m. While the Committee is back to live in-person meetings, members of the public may participate in person but are also able to participate via the Zoom platform. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83893614478>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: 305-461-6769 Meeting ID: 838 9361 4478.

To speak on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone, you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing *9.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL/QUORUM CALL

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The School Community Relations Committee Minutes of Nov. 18, 2022.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)
[Draft Nov. 18 SCRC Minutes](#)

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The School Community Relations Committee provides an opportunity for dialogue and collaboration between schools and their neighbors, including the City of Coral Gables. The committee looks for opportunities to improve schools in terms of physical appearance, community involvement, and quality of education. The Committee will also provide oversight of the City's educational landscape; making sure the City is fulfilling its recent education commitments and assuring that the needs of students and families are being adequately served by the public-school system. Finally, the Committee is intended to serve as a review committee for the Education Compact between the City and Miami Dade Public Schools.

Public Comments shall be limited to two minutes per speaker. A ten second reminder will be provided to the speaker prior to the closing of their time.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C-1 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Update (Facilitated by Mari Tere Rojas, School Board Member)

C-2 Coral Gables Senior High Magnet Open-House Event Review (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Board Member)

C-3 Coral Gables Literacy Festival - Literacy Ambassador Honorees List Review (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Board Member)

Attachments: [Literacy Laureates Nominees List](#)

C-4 Jr. Orange Bowl Parade Review (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Board Member)

D. OLD BUSINESS

D-1 Coral Gables Preparatory World History Assignment Update

E. ONGOING BUSINESS

- E-1 General Updates (Facilitated by Naomi Levi-Garcia, Staff Liaison & Solanch Lopez, Secretary)**

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- F-1 Next SCRC Meeting - Friday, January 20, 2023
Questions/Comments: scrc@coralgables.com**

- F-2 Join a local PTA or subscribe to their newsletters using the following links:**

Sunset Elementary
<https://www.sunsetpta.org/membership>

Coral Gables Preparatory Academy
<https://coralgablespreppta.membershiptoolkit.com/whyjoin>

GW Carver Elementary
<https://gwcarverelem.memberhub.com/store?category=PTA%20Memberships-%20JOIN%20TODAY>

GW Carver Middle School
<https://carvermiddle.memberhub.com/store>

Ponce de Leon Middle School
<https://ponceptsamemberhub.memberhub.com/store>

Coral Gables High School
<http://gablespta.org/join/>

International Studies Preparatory Academy High School
<https://ispa-pta.com/join-pta/>

West Lab -
<https://www.westlabpto.org/pen>

- F-3 Hot Chocolate with Santa - Dec. 17, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Come warm up for the holidays and sip hot chocolate with Santa. Event includes a photo opportunity with Santa, a hot beverage, children's activities and exclusive access to the Holiday Park playground. Cost is \$20 for a group of four. Exclusive to Coral Gables residents. Advanced ticket registration is required to participate.

For more information, email specialevents@coralgables.com.

- F-4 Miami Children's Chorus "Voice of Angels" - Dec. 18, 2022 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Join the Miami Children's Chorus for a magical holiday tradition the entire family can enjoy. Presented in the City of Coral Gables for over 30 years, "Voices of Angels" MCC's annual holiday concert, features over 100 youth voices in a varied and joyful holiday

program of traditional and contemporary choral/vocal repertoire with a cappella singing and instrumental accompaniment. Concert selections range in style and genre and include classical works, multicultural works, gospel pieces, jazz, and pop vocal works.

Contact Analy Mendez at amendez@miamichildrenschorus.org for more information.

General admission is \$20, and free for middle school-aged children and younger.

F-5 Grand Chanukah Celebration at Ponce Circle Park - Dec. 18, 2022 | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Join us at the annual City of Coral Gables Festival of Lights Chanukah Celebration with the participation of the mayor and commissioners. Admission is free.

There will be a firetruck parade and gelt drop, live music, and hot potato latkes and traditional Chanukah doughnuts will be served. There will also be a free raffle for all participants.

As part of our holiday toy drive, participants are asked to please bring an unwrapped gift to the event, to be distributed to children who are ill, to give them the joy of Chanukah.

The event is sponsored by Dr. Barry Burak of Affiliated Healthcare Centers, and will be emceed by Spencer Aronfeld, Esq.

Parachute Gelt Drop

The Chanukah celebration will feature a firetruck parade and – for the first time in Coral Gables – a Menorah and Dreidel Parachute Drop from on top of Coral Gables' Ladder Firetruck, 75 feet high. Our local Coral Gables firefighters will affix a large Menorah to their truck, and will shower down the menorah and dreidel parachutes along with chocolate gelt (coins) to the delight of all participants.

More Information

If you need a menorah for Chanukah, you can reserve your complimentary kit at ChabadGables.com/MenorahKit.

For more information, call 305-490-7572. email info@ChabadGables.com or visit ChabadGables.com.

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE

Any person who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2006-11, must register with the City Clerk, prior to engaging in lobbying activities before city staff, boards, committees and/or the City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.

Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.

Any person with a disability requiring communication assistance (such as a sign language interpreter or other auxiliary aide or service) in order to attend or participate in the meeting should contact the City's ADA Coordinator Raquel Elejabarrieta, Esq., Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management (E-mail : relejabarrieta@coralgables.com, Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.