

**CORAL GABLES SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

Coral Gables Police Department

Coral Gables, Florida

<b>MEMBERS:</b>	<b><u>O</u></b>	<b><u>N</u></b>	<b><u>J</u></b>	<b><u>F</u></b>	<b><u>M</u></b>	<b><u>A</u></b>	<b><u>M</u></b>	<b><u>S</u></b>	<b><u>N</u></b>	<b><u>APPOINTED BY:</u></b>
Marlin Ebbert	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	E	Mayor James Cason
Joan Reitsma	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	E	A	Commissioner Maria Anderson
Devang Desai	P	P	P	P	X	P	E	P	P	City Manager Patrick Salerno
Pat Kiel	E	P	P	P	X	E	A	P	P	Crime Watch
Barbra Harley	E	P	P	P	X	E	P	E	P	Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera
Doug Austin	E	P	P	P	X	E	P	P	E	Vice Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr.
Janette Sierra	P	P	E	E	X	A	P	P	P	Ponce Middle School
Dr. Nestor Diaz	P	E	P	P	X	P	P	E	P	Coral Gables High School
Andria Hanley	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	E	Commissioner Frank C. Quesada

A = Absent    E = Excused    P = Present    \* = Resigned    X = no meeting    N = Prior Member

**STAFF:** Sgt. Melissa DeJong, Coral Gables Police Department

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Jodi Segovia

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*There being a quorum present the meeting was called to order at 6:10PM.*

**Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson:** A nomination was made by Pat Kiel to select Devang Desai as chairperson. The selection was second by Dr. Diaz and carried. A nomination was made by Pat Kiel to select Marlin Ebbert as vice chairperson. The selection was second by Dr. Diaz and carried.

**Commission Update:** The committee's membership moved that the Commission consider dissolving the Committee, until such time the Committee's scope could be reevaluated. After consideration, the Commission decided that the Committee should not be dissolved. The committee should meet at least twice per year, and the committee's scope is to be reviewed. The Commission did note however, that the Committee is being used solely for reporting.

**Scope of the Committee:** The Committee has decided to revisit the scope of the committee to include more schools. Also to reevaluate the number of meetings needed per year. Pat Kiel made a motion to have Sgt. DeJong invite all schools within city limits from elementary thru high school to include night school to the SCRC meetings to judge their interest in the committee for their schools. The invitation would be sent thirty days prior to the scheduled meeting via email as directed by Chairperson Desai. The motion was second by Dr. Diaz and carried. Sgt. DeJong made a friendly amendment to request that the reporting portion of the meeting be communicated through email prior to the meeting to be printed out and for possible discussion during the meeting. The amended motion was second by Dr. Diaz and carried. Chairperson Desai recommended keeping the membership as is until a meeting can be held with the added invitees.

**Excused Absence:** A motion was made by Pat Kiel to excuse members Andrea Hanley, Marlin Ebbert, and Doug Austin and carried.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Pat Kiel to approve the September minutes and was carried.

**Ponce Middle:** Ponce has current enrollment at 1195 students. Class size requirements are 18 sections over. Ponce has 23-24 students at most currently in classrooms. The Magnet Fair was held November 1<sup>st</sup> for those students leaving to high school for the next school year. Open house will take place on November 9<sup>th</sup> for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Ponce has begun planning for the 2013 school year. Ponce won the Five Star award for community service in the district. Turkey Bowl is scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Coral Gables Senior High:** Enrollment for the school has increased since by 100 students since last year. It currently stands at 3,285 students. Class size compliance finished in October along with base line assessments. FCAT retakes took place October 13<sup>th</sup> thru the 21<sup>st</sup>. October 12<sup>th</sup> was the PSAT. Mayor Cason attended the College Fair that took place on October 14<sup>th</sup> with 70 different colleges present. The Vocational Fair is being planned for the Spring. The interim assessments for Fall began on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The assessment testing will be complete on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The planning for the curriculum for the 2013 school year has begun. December 1<sup>st</sup> is the articulation meeting for the preparation for the upcoming changes to the course numbers. December 7<sup>th</sup> is the planned Open House for the incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders to highlight the programs and academies. Coral Gables won their first football game against Miami High in overtime on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Adult Education:** Current enrollment is at 824 students. The rules have changed to only allow those who are co-enrolled to take only 2 courses throughout the year and can only be for credit recovery. It is no longer available for advancement. The classes being offered are those required for graduation; core classes only. Beginning in January, Earth Space Science, Physical Science nor integrated Math will be provided. There is now a charge for Adult Basic Education and ESOL. The in-state resident pays \$30.00 per semester and the out-of-state student would be \$90.00 registration fee plus \$30.00 per semester.

**City Projects Update:** No projects to report at the time of the meeting.

**Coral Gables Police Department:** Sgt. DeJong had nothing to report.

*There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jodi Segovia