

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 20, 2019

8:30 AM

War Memorial Youth Center, 405 University Drive, Classroom 222.

Meetings are held every third Friday of the month.

School Community Relations Committee

Chairperson Ariel Fernandez

Vice Chairperson Sam Joseph

Board Member Erin Anding

Board Member Sandy Dimitris

Board Member Carmen Manrara Cartaya

Board Member Mary Snow

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:39am

1. Attendance Sheet December 20, 2019

Attachments: [SCRC Attendance Sheet 12.20.19](#)

ROLL/QUORUM CALL

A motion was made by Vice Chair Joseph, seconded by Board Member Dimitris, to excuse Board Member Manrara Cartaya. The motion passed.

Present: 5 - Chairperson Fernandez, Vice Chairperson Joseph, Board Member Anding, Board Member Dimitris and Board Member Snow

Excused: 1 - Board Member Manrara Cartaya

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Joseph, seconded by Board Member Anding, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 5 - Vice Chairperson Joseph, Board Member Anding, Board Member Dimitris, Board Member Snow and Chairperson Fernandez

Excused: 1 - Board Member Manrara Cartaya

1. School Community Relations Committee Meeting of November 15, 2019.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)
[SCRC Meeting Minutes 11.15.19](#)

These Minutes were approved

PUBLIC HEARING

OLD BUSINESS

School Improvement Projects (SIP) & 2019-21 Priorities Updates

City Beautiful School Initiatives (Facilitated by Sam Joseph)

- Waiting on New Member assignment.
- Completed all of first school visits and half of second visits.
- Schools asked about fencing covering-Fencing solution found by Sam.
- Safety issues regarding to covering will be looked into.

Internship/Mentorship (Facilitated by Sam Joseph)

- Big Brother/Big Sister programs are expanding.
- Meeting with the City Clerk to discuss mentorship programs
- Listener Program.

Summer Family Literacy Festival (Facilitated by Sam Joseph)

- Possible book exchange/ book donation.
- Community Service aspect.
- Two initiatives- national initiative with Children's Trust and Community Libraries

Update by City staff regarding progress with MDCPS as it relates to transportation.

- Assistant Director of Public Works Jessica Keller provided an update.
- The City recently had a meeting with the District in November on transportation issues.
- Space Available program and hazardous walking conditions were discussed.
- Representatives of Districts agreed that Coral Gables help advertise the Space Available program. Pending approval of flyer from the District.
- Hazardous walking is only for elementary students.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee-As-A-Whole Member Nominations

Nomination of Cecilia Slesnick

A motion was made by Board Member Dimitris, seconded by Board Member Snow, that this matter be Approved. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 5 - Vice Chairperson Joseph, Board Member Anding, Board Member Dimitris, Board Member Snow and Chairperson Fernandez

Excused: 1 - Board Member Manrara Cartaya

Nomination of Sharon Watson

A motion was made by Chairperson Fernandez, seconded by Vice Chairperson Joseph, that this matter be Approved. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 5 - Vice Chairperson Joseph, Board Member Anding, Board Member Dimitris, Board Member Snow and Chairperson Fernandez

Excused: 1 - Board Member Manrara Cartaya

1. Discussion Item on remarks made during November 12th Commission Meeting on the role of the SCRC.

Attachments: [R-2005-124](#)
[R-2015-87 As Amended](#)
[R-30201](#)
[CCMtg Nov 12 2019 - Agenda Item 2-1 - The School Community Relations Comm](#)

2. Discussion on 2019 FAN Out of School Program Report (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Vice Chair)
 - Report by MDCPS on "Out of School Programs" (OSP) as it relates to the 11 SCRC Schools (Facilitated by Iraida Mendez-Cartaya)

Attachments: [Florida-Out of Schools Programs Update-October-2019](#)

Item deferred until next meeting.

Apprenticeship Program Discussion (Facilitated by Erin Anding)

ONGOING BUSINESS

MDCPS General Updates (Facilitated by Iraida Mendez-Cartaya)

1.
 - MDCPS 2020 Legislative Agenda Summarized
 - Research on modifying the bell schedule and start times continues.
 - Townhall meetings regarding bell schedules will be held on January 13, 2020, January 21, 2020 and January 28, 2020.
 - A survey will also be sent out to get stakeholder input.
 - Reminder that April 1st is census day.

Attachments: [MDCPS 2020 State Legislative Priorities](#)

General Updates (Facilitated by Solanch Lopez)

2.
 - Teachers Awards Report
 - Update on placement of newly budgeted crossing guard as discussed during November SCRC Meeting.
 - Status on Carver Elementary ongoing parking issue with nearby developments.
 - Update on December 10th Commission Meeting items related to SCRC.

Attachments: [Teachers Awards Report](#)
[SCRC General Updates](#)

Introduction of PTA Presidents to SCRC (Facilitated by Carmen Manrara-Cartaya)

Item deferred until next meeting.

PTSA Updates (Facilitated by Ariel Fernandez, Chair)

Item discussed during Old Business.

Summer Family Literacy Fair (SFLF) Project Update (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Vice Chair)

3.

Attachments: [SFLF Fact Sheet](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next SCRC meeting scheduled for Friday, January 17, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

NOTE