

CORAL GABLES SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Meeting Agenda
Friday, October 20, 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
Ariel Fernandez (appointed in Sept.)		-		-	P								Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Mary Snow	P	-	P	-	E								Commissioner Quesada
Aileen Ortega	A	-	A	-	P								Vice Mayor Keon
Samuel Joseph	P	-	P	-	P								Commissioner Lago
Carmen Cartaya	P	-	P	-	P								Commissioner Mena
Sandy Dimitris	P	-	P	-	P								City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Theresa Rice	P	-	P	-	P								Commission-as-a-whole

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

STAFF:

Naomi Levi, Government Affairs Manager

GUESTS: Board Member Mari Tere Rojas, Parmalyn Jacob, Lina Acosta Sandaal, Jiannina Perez, Cecilia Slesnick, Ken Clark,

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

A quorum was present. Approval of minutes postponed until next meeting.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. West Lab Expansion Issue Update & Review.
 - Naomi provides update on the Mayor's meeting with the Superintendent and the positive outlook for the West Lab issue.
 - Construction has restarted at West Lab and the commission should be taking up the item soon.
 - Ariel expresses a desire to have another community meeting regarding the purchasing of seats at West Lab.
 - The group discusses the possibility of a facebook live town hall or question and answer session, possibly supported by Moms Rising organization.
- b. October Board Meeting Items Review
 - Sam recommends board members attend or watch school board meetings if they can.
 - Board item regarding boundary seats in magnet programs.
 - Sibling preference broadened (older & younger).
 - In order to meet definition of magnet school at least 25% of students must be from "out of boundary".
 - All students must meet Magnet School criteria in terms of academics etc.
 - If there is space students can enroll regardless of magnet school deadlines.
 - Instead of guaranteeing boundary students admission they receive priority.
 - School Calendar post hurricane:
 - Elementary and Secondary calendar: January 19th, February 15th, April 19th, May 17th are the now regular school days.
 - Board item proffered by Mari Tere allowed superintendent to communicate with Florida Commissioner of Education Pam Stuart to obtain and negotiate relief from the State.
 - MDCPS is getting an influx of students from the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico; need to try to move funding data back to account for new students.

IV. ONGING BUSINESS

- a. CGSH PTSA Presentation
 - Ceci suggests a better boundary map of feeder schools
 - PTSA President Parmalyn feels Coral Gables Senior High is caught between the City of Coral Gables and the School Board

- Sam recounts Coral Gables Senior High walk through.
- SCRC committed to rebuilding CGSH alumni association.
- Need to build more cooperation with Principal Acosta.
- Mari Tere says there will be no change to 11.5 million allotted bond money to CGSH.

b. MDCPS Report

- Postponed

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Moms rising presentation.