

# City of Coral Gables

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## Agenda

Friday, November 19, 2021

8:30 AM

Community Meeting Room A

Police & Fire HQ - 2151 Salzedo Street

### School Community Relations Committee

*Chairperson Ariel Fernandez*  
*Vice Chairperson Sam Joseph*  
*Board Member Erin Anding*  
*Board Member Winnie Chang*  
*Board Member Sandy Dimitris*  
*Board Member Carmen Manrara Cartaya*  
*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, November 19, 2021, 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: 786 635 1003 Meeting ID: 838 9361 4478.

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## CALL TO ORDER

## ROLL/QUORUM CALL

### A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The School Community Relations Committee Draft Minutes of October 15, 2021.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo.docx](#)  
[Draft School Community Relations Committee 10-15-21 Minutes.pdf](#)

### 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 upon 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 Publicizing for Coral Gables the US News and World Report ranking of Sunset Elementary and West Lab as premier schools (Facilitated by Carmen Manrara Cartaya, Board Member)**

**C-3 iPad Donations to District 6 schools (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Vice Chair)**

**Attachments:** [iPad Donation Pictures.pptx](#)

*Photo Credit: Office of School Board Member Mari Tere Rojas*

### D. OLD BUSINESS

**Time Certain 8:45 a.m. (Agenda Item D-1)**

**D-1 Discussion with Mayor Lago Continued (Facilitate by Ariel Fernandez, Chair)**

- *Request for a School Community Relations Committee budget.*
- *What is a need or blind spot that the Mayor thinks the SCRC can assist with?*
- *Discuss sustainability in Coral Gables schools.*
- *Discuss crossing guards at Coral Gables High School.*
- *West Lab Expansion by City of Coral Gables*

*Additional questions from the public.*

- *What is the City doing to promote public schools in the City, especially during the Oct 1-Jan 15 magnet application window? (Estelle Lockhart)*
- *How can the City improve communication to the community as it relates to Coral Gables Senior High School as an excellent public high school option. (Jackie Kellogg)*

**E. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**E-1 SIP Committee Member Assignments Review (Facilitated by Ariel Fernandez, Chair)**

*Possible Priorities Identified by Members:*

- *Technology Initiative*
- *Teacher of the Year Awards*
- *Coral Gables Literacy Festival (with technology component)*

**Attachments:** [SIP Descriptions](#)

[SIP Descriptions 2022 Updates Proposed by Vice Chair.docx](#)

**E-2 Update on Redistricting (Facilitated by Ariel Fernandez, Chair)**

**E-3 Update on self-contained autism classrooms (Jennifer Sando, Board Member)**

**Attachments:** [Draft for Self-Contained Autism Classroom in a City of Coral Gables Elementary](#)

**E-4 General Updates (Facilitated by Naomi Levi Garcia, Staff Liaison)**

**F. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**F-1 Next SCRC Meeting - Friday, December 17, 2021**

Questions/Comments: [scrc@coralgables.com](mailto:scrc@coralgables.com)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**NOTE**

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*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.*

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