

**CORAL GABLES SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday, May 18, 2017**

**Coral Gables City Hall**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Coral Gables, Florida**

MEMBERS	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	APPOINTED BY
Kris Charlton		A											Mayor Valdes- Fauli
Mary Snow		P											Vice Mayor Quesada
Aileen Ortega	p	A											Commissioner Keon
Samuel Joseph	p	P											Commissioner Lago
													Commissioner Mena
Nan Markowitz	p	P											City Manager Swanson- Rivenbark
Theresa Rice		A											Commission-as-a-whole

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

**STAFF:**

Naomi Levi, Government Affairs Manager

**GUESTS:** Amy Padolf, Iraidia Mendez-Cartaya, Mari Teri Rojas,

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Naomi Levi Garcia, Government Affairs Manager

*The following represents a summary of the items discussed during the Committee meeting.*

**a. MEETING AGENDA -**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:34am.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Kris, Theresa and Aileen were absent. A Quorum was present.

### III. ONGING BUSINESS

- a. CGPA Drop-off/Pick-up Issue Update
  - Parents have mixed feelings about pick-up/drop-off because its changed-it has been very chaotic because staff is learning too.
    - It has been noticeably safer.
    - The principal was prepared for issues.
- b. School Improvement Plan Updates
  - City Beautiful School Initiatives
    - Iraida sent to her staff, Naomi will work City staff to address low hanging fruit; some items will take greater collaboration.
    - Principal Acosta will reach out to the Mayor to talk to him about Coral Gables Senior High. He recommends following the school on twitter. Acosta will try to be more inclusive of community.
    - Focus on Public Relations for schools, importance of “marketing schools”.
      - September another themed ad in the Herald?
    - Naomi to send Iraida deadlines and “metrics” we would like to highlight.
  - Coral Gables History Tours
    - Organize conference call for Hop on/ Hop off tour, settle on a date, and pick a destination.
  - Special Needs Initiative
    - Sam needs to coordinate meeting with Crystal Academy, Mari Teri Rojas, and others
    - Center for independent living will have planning meeting in June.
- c. Quick Update on Neighborhood Protection Zones
  - Sam asks about more money requested by Coral Gables Senior High Superintendent said publicly at chamber breakfast that more money was needed for Coral Gables Senior High. Vice-Mayor Keon also asked for clarification.
  - Iriada asks City to speak out against HB 7069. She thinks the school boards will sue across the state.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fairchild
  - Presentation, Fairchild Challenge...etc.
  - School Garden Grant for Elementary schools

- Field trip program
- Taking environmental science, real research on community initiatives to the next level.

b. Awards

- Student of Excellence Awards at Ruth Owens
- Sam wants to explore establishing a “community education leaders” council.
- Sam speaking at Kiwanis meeting June 6
- Iriada – Summer Youth Employment Program - include in Economic Development Newsletter

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:36am