

**CORAL GABLES SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**Friday, January 18, 2019**

**Coral Gables Planning Dept., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**427 Biltmore Way**  
**Coral Gables, Florida**

MEMBERS	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	APPOINTED BY
Ariel Fernandez	E	-	-	P	A	P	-	P					Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Samuel Joseph	P	-	-	P	P	P	-	P					Vice Mayor Lago
Mary Snow	P	-	-		P	P	-	p					Commissioner Quesada
Aileen Ortega	A	-	-	P	P	A	-	A					Commissioner Keon
Carmen Cartaya	A	-	-	P	P	P	-	P					Commissioner Mena
Sandy Dimitris	P	-	-	P	A	P	-	P					City Manager Iglesias
Theresa Rice	P	-	-		P	P	-	A					Commission-as-a-whole

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

**STAFF:** Naomi Levi Garcia, Staff Liaison

**GUESTS:** Carolina Vester, Raquel Elejabarrieta, Volker Anding, Erin Anding, Beatrice Martinez Penalver, Representative Mari Tere Rojas

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

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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 8:30 a.m.

**II. ROLL CALL/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Ariel moved to approve the November minutes, Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Aileen was absent and Theresa was absent due to travel. All other members were present. A quorum was present.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Special Needs Issues Updates**

- Disability Affairs Board Update: Raquel Elejabarrieta discusses Adventure Day for all event.
- Phase 3 Inclusion Plans Review: - Carolina Vester gives update on City's Inclusion Initiative. Right now they are in transition phase, helping people who have aged out of school. Young adults need work experience and need to foster relationships; Working with outside organizations, businesses, community, etc.

#### **B. PTA Subcommittee**

- The committee discusses engaging PTA stakeholders and votes to create a PTA subcommittee, Ariel to take the lead; goal is to hear about priorities, events, challenges, announcements, accolades; written submission or appear in person.
- **Ariel makes a motion to create a PTA subcommittee and Carmen seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.**

#### **C. Senior Update Forum**

- Naomi discusses Senior Update Forum as a way to inform and engage public in SCRC. She has a presentation set for Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.
- Committee generally discusses using the time slot. Naomi will follow up individually with board members to confirm participation.

#### **D. MDCPS Issues Review**

- Gables Youth Schools Attendance Report- the board is interested in understanding what schools Coral Gables students attend outside of the City. MDCPS will pull report.
- UM Free Science Professional Development for Teachers- SCRC connects MDCPS to UM Physics department.
- Teacher Pay/School Security Referendum Update
  - Implementation Schedule Review
  - Citizen's Review Committee Schedule (retired teachers can participate but active ones cannot)
  - Taskforce will be assembled to review Parkland report.
  - Safe Spaces
  - Policy that officer SHALL enter school building when there is danger
- Other News:
  - Town hall meeting Jan 24<sup>th</sup> hosted by Mari Tere.
  - MDCPS is an "A" school district.
  - Question Re: mold checks at schools: How often do they occur?
  - Lead in drinking water fountains, how often is water tested?
  - Mari Tere say's auditorium roof in CGPA scheduled to be repaired in Feb.

**IV. ONGOING BUSINESS**

- A. Stakeholder Update: CG Community Foundation
- B. Stakeholder Update: CG Chamber Business and Education Committee
- C. Update on Magazine Interview and Teacher of the Month
  - MDCSP to provide Teacher of the Year list for CG schools so we can highlight in City communications.
  - CG Magazine will do a feature on CGSH. SCRC will help coordinate interview.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. CGSH GOB Renovations Update and Cavalier News
- B. Public Hearing and Announcements (Eagles Nest Fund)

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Next SCRC meeting scheduled for February 15, 2019 at 8:30am.