

CORAL GABLES SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Meeting Agenda
Friday, November 16, 2018

Coral Gables Planning Dept., 2nd 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							Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Mary Snow	P	-	-		P	P							Commissioner Quesada
Aileen Ortega	A	-	-	P	P	A							Vice Mayor Keon
Samuel Joseph	P	-	-	P	P	P							Commissioner Lago
Carmen Cartaya	A	-	-	P	P	P							Commissioner Mena
Sandy Dimitris	P	-	-	P	A	P							City Manager Iglesias
Theresa Rice	P	-	-		P	P							Commission-as-a-whole

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

STAFF:

Melody Ponzio, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: Mari Tere Rojas, Alejandro Perez, Linda J. Eads, Iraida Mendez-Cartaya, Lisa Alamo, Mary Palacio Pike, Beatric Martinez-Peñcluer, Estelle Loclehert, Nancy Lawther, Philip Argianas, Sadia Roja, John Pace III, Sasha Benhez, Lilia Guncice

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Melody Ponzio, Administrative Assistant

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 8:32 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

All members were in attendance except Aileen Ortega. A quorum was present.

Sam made a motion to approve the October minutes. Carmen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. SCRC Annual Report Review

- Sam goes over SCRC Annual Report

B. MDCPS Report Questions Review

- What percentage of Coral Gables residents attend SCRC schools?

SCRC School List

1. Coral Gables Preparatory Academy: 67%
2. David Fairchild Elementary School: 13%
3. Frances S. Tucker Elementary: 2%
4. George Washington Carver Elementary School: 30%
5. Henry S. West Laboratory School: 19%
6. Sunset Elementary School: 31%
7. George Washington Carver Middle School: 19%
8. International Studies Preparatory Academy: 11%
9. Ponce de Leon Middle School: 9 %
10. Coral Gables Senior High School: 13%

GOB

Have there been any changes in scheduling and/or resources to the GOB projects remaining at SCRC schools?

All projects are on schedule. Mari Tere stated they are trying to accelerate minor improvements such as paint prior to full remodel.

School Safety & Security

Have all the security cameras and other school safety enhancements been completed at all SCRC school sites? And district-wide?

- Some schools requested additional cameras and are applying for grants from the state. Carmen asks who assessed the areas where cameras needed to be placed. Mari Tere explains a special team was sent out to make sure critical areas were covered.
- There is a general discussion on police officers assigned to schools. The District currently has at least one police officer per school. Iraida discusses how the funding should not come from the educational fund. They are going to take the item to Session in Tallahassee on December 7th, and they would like municipal support. **Carmen Manrara makes a motion to be taken to Commission. Mary Snow seconds the motion. Language will be sent to Sam for approval.**

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

A. School Improvement Projects (SIP) Goals Review

- **Community Education:**

- Carmen discusses article that will be written by the Coral Gables Magazine on the board and asks for input on what message the board would like to send out. Board brainstorms message and agrees Sandy will take the lead on the language.
- Carmen informs board that CG Women club will provide a table for committee.
- Carmen talks about E-News sent by the City and how they would like to include a section that talks about the board. Iraida will put together highlights to create report.
- **CBSI:** Theresa discusses her improvement project idea, her goal is to add sun shades to schools for teachers and students to be able to enjoy the outdoor areas comfortably. She also articulated the importance of the Mayor participating in the school walk-throughs. Sam encouraged all board members to reach out to their appointing officials for them to participate.
- **Coral Gables History Tours:** Mary Snow talks about the \$3,000 grant for museums to be allocated for buses, curriculum, etc. Also, the donations of 2 benches for Ponce Middle School.
- **Financial Literacy Initiative:** Ariel's goal is to provide financial literacy to students by teaching the life skills such as balancing a check book, etc. He is looking for leaders in the community that can assist. (Naomi please send Ariel list of contacts that he had requested).
- **Technology Initiative:** Sandy discussed the specifications for computers that she had received and said they looked very high. She will be consulting with someone else.
- **Internship/ Mentorship & Community Service:** Sam is looking to expand to 4 more schools. The goal is for all 11 schools to provide the program.
- **Special Needs Initiative:** goal is for committee to get a seat on the Children Trust Board to talk about what the board does.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Gables Crest Preparatory Academy

- Founder of Gables Crest Preparatory Academy, Linda J. Eads talks about how the school will have a personalized approach. The school is expected to accommodate a total of 488 students from grades 6-12. For the first school year, the school is expected to start with 80 students at most.
- School member reiterates that the superintendent office was not notified of the new school opening.
- General discussion on traffic, the school will encourage children to use different modes of transportation such as bus, vans and trolleys to get to/from school to lessen traffic in the area.
- Theresa talks about incidents where trolley drivers were not happy about students using the trolley. Sam would like Parking Director Kevin Kinney and Chief Hudak to join the next meeting to further discuss.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ends at 10:16 a.m. Next SCRC meeting scheduled for December 16th at 8:30am.