

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SCRC)
Meeting Agenda
Friday, June 14, 2019

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	A												Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Samuel Joseph	P												Vice Mayor Lago
Mary Snow	P												Commissioner Quesada
Erin Anding	P												Commissioner Keon
Carmen Manrara-Cartaya	P												Commissioner Mena
Sandy Dimitris	P												City Manager Iglesias
Theresa Rice	P												Commission-as-a-whole

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

STAFF: Naomi Levi Garcia - Staff Liaison, Solanch Lopez

GUESTS: Eva Regueira, Monica Matteo Salinas, Jorge Cortes, Angela Rendon, Marianela Jimenez, Beatrice Rangel

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 8:38 AM.

II. ROLL CALL/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

All members were in attendance except Ariel. A quorum was present.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. SCRC Service in Review (2017-2019)

- Sam thanks committee members for service.
- Sam's goal was to have all school improvement projects on good footing. The board is well on its way to achieving that goal. Well established partnerships with school district, etc.
- Erin is proud she brought to light the potential mold issues and feels she is giving a voice to teachers who may not feel comfortable speaking up.
- Sam thanks Eva for the information in response to the PRR and will review report at future meeting.
- Mary is proud of her work on committee and the role the community foundation has played.
- Theresa is proud that the committee was able to help spread the word on school accomplishments & accolades. She suggests a subcommittee for workshops in the future.
- Carmen is glad that the committee is now more focused and would like to see it evolve in the direction of the Miami Beach committee; building relationships with PTA, city, and schools.

B. Stakeholders Spotlight: Mayor's Innovation Council

- **STEM Initiative / STEM Pilot Project Review**
 - The Mayor has expressed interest in touring CGSH. (Other Commissioners, too, sometime in July.) Invite Friends of Gables High.
 - Beatrice Rangel gives presentation on Innovation Council.
 - Once the pilot program with Bricks for Kidz and Edu-Zone ends, a STEM initiative may be added to the SCRC's School Improvement Project List.
 - Discussion about whether Bricks for Kidz is actually educational.
 - The District is making a push for Coral Gables schools to become STEM Certified.

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

A. School Improvement Projects (SIP) Updates

- **CBSI**
 - Theresa will get pricing for movable shelters.
 - Sunset PTA just raised \$85k to pay for canopy over their playground.
 - Need to schedule a presentation with Garden Club.
- **Coral Gables History Tours**
 - Connect with new museum contact, increase participation for new school year, get CGTV coverage of one of the tours to help promote.
 - Look into expanding to middle schools; make sure we have participation from all other elementary schools first.
 - The museum has a flyer that needs to be sent to Eva for distribution to teachers.
- **Community Education**
 - Community Foundation received an anonymous \$20k donation for scholarships.

- Eagles Nest Fund raised \$12k this year.
- **Community Schools**
 - Check on whether Coral Gables upper academy still has use of Phillips Park.
 - Publish availability of fields for resident use.
- **Financial Literacy Initiative**
 - Federal Reserve contact, Eva talks about adding it as a professional development training option for teachers and making resources available. Currently provides training to teachers in Doral.
 - Legislature just decided that financial Literacy courses will be optional; not required.
- **Technology Initiative**
 - Sandy wants MDCPS to be open to Chrome Books.
- **Internship/Mentorship & Community Service**
 - Mary is collecting women’s business attire for CGSH.
 - Shirt and Tie Drive. Possible “old tech” drive.
 - Develop a workshop committee for students, resume, LinkedIn, etc.
 - Info table at the Farmers Market.
- **School Libraries Initiative**
 - Summer Literacy Event – Meeting pending with Mitch Kaplan and MDC Book Fair.
 - Solanch suggests “Little Libraries”. Look into having them at passive parks, etc.
- **Special Needs Initiative**
 - Discussion regarding Adventure Day for All, Autism Center.
 - Children’s Trust Seat may still be available.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. SCRC News, Notes & Updates

- **SCRC Strategic Planning 2019-2021**
- **Potential Future SIP Additions: Education Awards, Leadership Council, STEM Initiative.**
 - Shout out to Friends of Gables High. Invite them to Mayor’s tour of CGSH.
 - Bike Rack at CG Prep will be installed even though demand is low.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting ends at 10:10 a.m. Next SCRC meeting scheduled for August 23rd at 8:30am.