

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SCRC)
Meeting Agenda
Friday, May 17, 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	E	-	-	P	A	P			P	P	P	A	Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Samuel Joseph	P	-	-	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor Lago
Mary Snow	P	-	-		P	P			A	P	P	P	Commissioner Quesada
Erin Anding										P	A	P	Commissioner Keon
Carmen Cartaya	A	-	-	P	P	P			P	P	P	A	Commissioner Mena
Sandy Dimitris	P	-	-	P	A	P			P	P	P	P	City Manager Iglesias
Theresa Rice	P	-	-		P	P			P	P	P	P	Commission-as-a-whole

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

STAFF: Naomi Levi Garcia, Staff Liaison

GUESTS: Mari Tere Rojas, Iraida Mendez Cartaya, Beatrice Penalver, Raquel Elajabarrieta, Beatrice Rangel, Marlene Ramos, Rep from CARD Center, Rep from Region

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 8:36 AM.

II. ROLL CALL/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Summer Schedule

- The SCRC discussed upcoming meeting dates and taking a recess over the summer, consistent with past practice.
- **Mary made a motion to approve the following summer schedule: SCRC will meet June 14th, August 23rd; there will be no meeting in July. Erin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

B. SCRC MEMBER'S ISSUE REVIEW

- Ponce Middle Accolades
 - Marilyn Ramos, lead magnet teacher provides summary; Ponce Middle School is the only public middle school in CG authorized to teach IB.
 - Ponce Middle School was just recognized as a Magnet School of Excellence, there are only about 100 in the U.S.
 - 1200 students, 860 students are full IB, while every single student takes IB courses.
 - Naomi suggests a Coffee Talk RE: Ponce, and presenting school accolades at the City Commission Meeting on May 28th
 - She also suggested to J.P. Faber of Coral Gables Magazine, that schools (specifically CGSH) be featured in the magazine.
- **CGPA Bike Rack Request**
 - SCRC submits a formal request for bike rack to the region and asks if city would provide rack, slab, etc., right outside of school?
 - Both entities would need to work together.

C. STAKEHOLDERS SPOTLIGHT:

- Beatrice Penalver invites group to attend Chamber Education Meeting next Thursday.

III. ONGOING BUSINESS

A. MDCPS Report

- **Air Quality Public Records Requests Review**
- **CGPA and CGSH School visit follow-up (Mold and lead testing)**
 - Mold report provided by Iraida. Naomi will receive full report by PRR. Formal request is made RE: David Fairchild. Sandy says PE field water fountain at CGPA tastes funny.
 - Lead testing update will be provided through PRR; It does not seem like additional testing will be done.
 - This is also being discussed at the district level. i.e. **School Board Item Review H-14**
 - **Sunset Elementary Traffic and Parking Issues Update**
- MDCPS had a site visit: "They cannot change behavior". They feel, generally, the system works well.
- City is willing to meet with all stakeholders to brainstorm solutions.
- PTA can get more involved in the pick-up/drop-off process.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Autism Center

- Naomi provides update: Still in the planning stages, questions about sustaining, programming, who's involved, etc.
- Representative from Rebecca Sosa was present at the very beginning of the meeting and asked that item be deferred to a later date.

B. West Lab Seats Purchase

- No real update except that it will not be tied into the interlocal agreement that settles the Ch. 164 Dispute Resolution.

C. CGHT Funding

- Naomi provides update on CG history tours - Money is available. Need to coordinate with new point person at the museum to plan for next round of tours.
- We need update from MDCPS - CG Sr. High School track

D. CGPA Crossing Guards

- CGPA School Crossing guard has been added to new budget.

E. Next Term

- **Teacher awards is a priority**
- **Jr. Orange Bowl Participation**
- **Summer literacy event**
- **Raul Perez is the new Chief facilities Officer at MDCPS, and Jaime Torrens is the new Chief of Staff**

F. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting ends at 10:00 a.m. Next SCRC meeting scheduled for June 14th at 8:30am.