

# City of Coral Gables

405 Biltmore Way  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
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## Agenda

Friday, April 21, 2023

8:30 AM

2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Police and Fire Headquarters, Community Meeting Room

### School Community Relations Committee

*Chairperson Dr. Winnie Chang*  
*Vice Chairperson Sandy Dimitris*  
*Board Member Erin Anding*  
*Board Member Sam Joseph*  
*Board Member Carmen Manrara Cartaya*  
*Board Member Andrew Nadal*  
*Board Member Cecilia D. Slesnick*  
*Board Member Jennifer Ward Sando*  
*Board Member Sharon Watson*

The School Community Relations Committee will be holding its Regular Meeting on Friday, April 21, 2023, commencing at 8:30 a.m. While the Committee is back to live in-person meetings, members of the public may participate in person but are also able to participate via the Zoom platform. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83893614478>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: 305-461-6769 Meeting ID: 838 9361 4478.

To speak on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone, you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing \*9.

## CALL TO ORDER

## ROLL/QUORUM CALL

### A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The School Community Relations Committee Minutes of Mar. 17, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo](#)  
[Draft Minutes - SCRC Mar. 17](#)

### B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*The School Community Relations Committee provides an opportunity for dialogue and collaboration between schools and their neighbors, including the City of Coral Gables. The committee looks for opportunities to improve schools in terms of physical appearance, community involvement, and quality of education. The Committee will also provide oversight of the City's educational landscape; making sure the City is fulfilling its recent education commitments and assuring that the needs of students and families are being adequately served by the public-school system. Finally, the Committee is intended to serve as a review committee for the Education Compact between the City and Miami Dade Public Schools.*

*Public Comments shall be limited to two minutes per speaker. A ten second reminder will be provided to the speaker prior to the closing of their time.*

### C. NEW BUSINESS

**C-1 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Update (Facilitated by Mari Tere Rojas, School Board Chair)**

**C-2 2023 Coral Gables Family Literacy Festival (CGFLF) Update (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Board Member)**

**C-3 Discussion on school start times (Facilitated by Winnie Chang, Chairperson)**

*Senate Bill 1112: Middle School and High School Start Times; Providing requirements for middle school and high school start times; requiring such school start times to be implemented by a specified date; providing district school board requirements, etc.*

*House Bill 733: Middle School and High School Start Times; Provides requirements for middle school & high school start times; provides district school board requirements; requires charter schools to meet requirements relating to middle school & high school start times.*

<https://belltimes.dadeschools.net/>

**C-4 Discussion on school safety in response to House Bill 543 (Facilitated by Winnie Chang, Chairperson)**

*Public Safety; Authorizes person to carry concealed weapon or firearm if he or she is licensed to do so or meets specified requirements; requires person who is carrying concealed weapon or firearm without license to carry identification & display upon demand by law enforcement; prohibits person who is carrying concealed weapon or firearm without license from carrying such weapon or firearm in specified locations; authorizes nonresident to carry concealed weapon or firearm in this state if he or she meets same requirements as resident; requires Office of Safe Schools to develop behavioral threat management operational process. APPROPRIATION: \$60,177,846*

**C-5 CGPA Minorca Campus Centennial Renovation Update (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Board Member)**

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**D-1 Discussion on substitute teachers (Facilitated by Winnie Chang, Chairperson)**

The School Community Relations Committee Workshop Minutes of Feb. 24, 2023.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)  
[SCRC Feb. 24 Draft Workshop Minutes](#)

**D-2 Teacher of the Year Awards Project Review (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Board Member)**

Attachments: [Teachers Awards Report 2019.docx](#)

**E. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**E-1 General Updates (Facilitated by Solanch Lopez, Acting Liaison)**

**F. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**F-1 Next SCRC Meeting - Friday, May 19, 2023 | 8:30 a.m.**

Comments/Questions: [scrc@coralgables.com](mailto:scrc@coralgables.com)

**F-2 Join a local PTA or subscribe to their newsletters using the following links:**

*Sunset Elementary*  
<https://www.sunsetpta.org/membership>

*Coral Gables Preparatory Academy*  
<https://coralgablespreppta.membershiptoolkit.com/whyjoin>

*GW Carver Elementary*

*<https://gwcarverelem.memberhub.com/store?category=PTA%20Memberships-%20JOIN%20TODAY>*

*GW Carver Middle School*

*<https://carvermiddle.memberhub.com/store>*

*Ponce de Leon Middle School*

*<https://ponceptsamemberhub.memberhub.com/store>*

*Coral Gables High School*

*<http://gablesptsa.org/join/>*

*International Studies Preparatory Academy High School*

*<https://ispa-ptsa.com/join-ptsa/>*

*West Lab -*

*<https://www.westlabpto.org/pen>*

**F-3 Recycling Drive-Thru Event - Saturday, April 22 | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

*Keep Coral Gables Beautiful will host a Recycling Drive-Thru on Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. to noon at the parking lot behind City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way, for city residents. Participants must enter the event through the Coral Way entrance to the City Hall parking lot.*

*Proof of residency in Coral Gables is required, and items will not be accepted before 9 a.m. or after 12 noon.*

**F-4 Path of the Panther Film Screening - Sunday, April 23 | 3 p.m.**

*Back by popular demand! Don't miss this second chance to explore the expanse of the Everglades and learn about our Florida Panther. The Coral Gables Art Cinema will be hosting a second screening of Path of the Panther on Sunday, April 23 at 3 p.m. Use promo code Everglades for discounts on tickets.*

**F-5 My Squad's Earth Month Celebration - Wednesday, April 26 | 6 p.m.**

*My Squad, a social club for adults with intellectual disabilities and autism, will celebrate Earth Month on Wednesday, April 26. Join Keep Coral Gables Beautiful on a quest to find invasive species at Ruth Bryan Owen Waterway Park at 6 p.m. The My Squad club will also be making recycling fashionable with upcycled crafts. Register at [playgables.com](http://playgables.com).*

**F-6 School Board Chair Rojas' Office Hours - May 4 & 18 | 12:30 to 3 p.m.**

*Join School Board Chair Mari Tere Rojas on the first and third Thursday of every month for satellite office hours, located in the first floor conference room at Coral Gables City Hall.*

*For More Info:*

*Website: [Dade Schools District 6](http://Dade Schools District 6)*

*Email: [district6@dadeschools.net](mailto:district6@dadeschools.net)*

*Phone: 305-995-1334*

**F-7 Gables Gallery Night - Friday, May 5 | 6 to 10 p.m.**

*Coral Gables galleries and participating art venues open their doors on the first Friday of the month from 6 to 10 p.m. as part of Coral Gables Gallery Night. At this monthly event, attendees can enjoy live music and fine art while enjoying a night out in the City Beautiful. Visitors are encouraged to use the City's trolleys or Freebee on-demand vehicles to travel between galleries.*

**F-8 Spring Sip & Shop - Wednesday, May 10 | 5 to 8 p.m.**

*Back by popular demand, is the Spring Sip & Shop event. Participants will be able to shop at participating boutiques on Miracle Mile while tasting wines from around the world and enjoy special sale pricing, gifts, and other in-store promotions. Purchase your tickets and join us Wednesday, May 10, 5-8 p.m. Tickets are \$45.*

*Guests will also vote on the Best Spring Window in Coral Gables. Proceeds from the event benefit Beaux Arts Miami.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **NOTE**

*Any person who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2006-11, must register with the City Clerk, prior to engaging in lobbying activities before city staff, boards, committees and/or the City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.*

*Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.*

*Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.*

*Any person with a disability requiring communication assistance (such as a sign language interpreter or other auxiliary aide or service) in order to attend or participate in the meeting should contact the City's ADA Coordinator Raquel Elejabarrieta, Esq., Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management (E-mail : [relejabarrieta@coralgables.com](mailto:relejabarrieta@coralgables.com), Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.*