

CORAL GABLES SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Meeting Agenda
Friday, March 17, 2017

Coral Gables City Hall
1st Floor Conference Room
Coral Gables, Florida

MEMBERS	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	APPOINTED BY
Kris Charlton											P	E	Mayor Cason
Mary Snow						P				P	P	P	Vice Mayor Quesada
Aileen Ortega	p	P	P	P	-	P		P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Keon
Samuel Joseph	p	P	P	P	-	P		P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Lago
													Commissioner Slesnick
Nan Markowitz	p	P	P	P	-	P		P	P	P	P	P	City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Theresa Rice								P	P	P	E	P	Commission-as-a-whole

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

STAFF:

Naomi Levi, Government Affairs Manager

GUESTS: Nannette Levi (Support Rep. for Homeschool Community), Jennifer Del Rocher (UM Card), Angela (Museum), David Guillun (Best Buddies), Marlin Ebbert (Commission candidate)

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Naomi Levi Garcia, Government Affairs Manager

The following represents a summary of the items discussed during the Committee meeting.

a. MEETING AGENDA -

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:32am.

II. ROLL CALL

Nan moved to approve the minutes, Aileen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

a. School Improvement Plan Updates

- City Beautiful School Initiatives
 - The school walk through memo is pretty much ready, board members were asked to look at the spreadsheet and later take a vote, then Naomi will forward to the Commission for further guidance.
- Coral Gables History Tours
 - Sam Discusses history tour and greater purpose of the project Carver intended to be a pilot.
 - Marlin Ebbert suggests applying for a grant from the Villagers
 - Angela, representing the Coral Gables Museum, asks if the Museum will be involved with facilitating and/or creating tour
 - Carver's museum tours are funded by the Coral Gables foundation "Creating a Dream Tour" and 4th graders students will start in May.
- Financial Literacy
 - Principal Acosta is ready and willing at Coral Gables Senior High.
 - We already have willing volunteers
- Internship/Mentorship
 - Sam will reach out to Junior League, "Museum Project" and look into different internship programs including Academic Year internships and Summer Youth internships
- Community Outreach
 - Post SCRC Minutes on the web
 - Communications Committee willing to work with SCRC
 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board also interested in helping

b. Homework Policy/ Recess

- MDCPS created a Reduced Homework FAQ flyer. The homework policy isn't necessarily changing but the district wants to do a better job of communicating with public and sharing best practices
- Iraida also discusses recess- MDCPS is opposed to state mandated recess.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

c. Homeschool Group Presentation

- Sam and Commissioner Lago and Sam attended a government appreciation luncheon on President's Day hosted by the Classical Conversations homeschool group.
- Nanette Levi describes her experience as a parent who homeschools

d. Best Buddies Presentation

e. Naomi gives update on Crossing Guard/NSA positions

f. MDCPS Issues

- Need to nail down Commission Meeting dates to honor STEM Schools, La Belle France Award Winners and Central Region Principal of the Year
- Sam wants SCRC to work on recognition program to honor great schools, staff, etc.
- Representative Rojas has satellite office hour in the gables and need to help get the word out.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:50am