

**CORAL GABLES SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015 – 8:30 A.M.
CITY HALL
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

| MEMBERS | Apr. | May | Jun. | Jul. 24 | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | APPOINTED BY |
|---------------|------|-----|------|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------------------------|
| Ruth Martinez | | | | P | | | | | | | | | Mayor Cason |
| Andria Hanley | | | | P | | | | | | | | | Vice Mayor Quesada |
| Aileen Ortega | | | | P | | | | | | | | | Commissioner Keon |
| Samuel Joseph | | | | P | | | | | | | | | Commissioner Lago |
| David Bianchi | | | | P | | | | | | | | | Commissioner Slesnick |
| Nan Markowitz | | | | P | | | | | | | | | City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Commission-as-a-whole |

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

STAFF:

Naomi Levi, Government Affairs Manager

GUESTS: N/A

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Naomi Levi, Government Affairs Manager

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

- **MEETING AGENDA** -

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

A. All members were present.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. N/A

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. N/A

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Brief introductions*

B. *Determine meeting schedule*

1. Board will meet on the 3rd Friday of every month at 8:30am

C. *Overview of Florida Sunshine and Public Records laws*

1. Brief question and answer session

D. *Discussion*

1. Discussion about the role of the Committee in relation to the School District
2. Members expressed some frustration with the previous School Community Relations Committee, interactions with school board and the schools that their children attend
3. Members expressed enthusiasm about the new Committee, the Commission's commitment to education and progress made by the City thus far
4. Committee would like to invite principals of schools to a future meeting and would like to invite school board staff to a future meeting
5. Communication, namely modern electronic communication, was identified as an area in need of major improvement for several schools
6. Board members expressed concerns that residents do not know controlled choice has ended- would like City to make more of an effort in getting the word out
7. Discussed developing a "mission statement" or message for the Committee

E. *Vote for chairperson*

1. **Aileen nominated Sam Joseph and Andrea seconded. The vote was unanimous.**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A. *Meeting adjourned at 9:55am*

Next Meeting:

September 18, 8:30am at Coral Gables City Hall, first floor conference room