

**CORAL GABLES SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**Friday January 20, 2017**

**Coral Gables City Hall**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Coral Gables, Florida**

MEMBERS	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul. 24	Aug .	Sep.	Oct .	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	APPOINTED BY
Chris Charlton					-					P			Mayor Cason
Mary Snow						P	E	E	E	P			Vice Mayor Quesada
Aileen Ortega	p	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P			Commissioner Keon
Samuel Joseph	p	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P			Commissioner Lago
Greg Blackburn	p	A	E	P	-	P	A	A	A	A			Commissioner Slesnick
Nan Markowitz	p	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P			City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Theresa Rice								P	P	P			Commission-as-a-whole

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

**STAFF:**

Naomi Levi Garcia, Government Affairs Manager

**GUESTS:** Mari There, Viviana Jordan, Carolina Vester, Jaques Bentolila, Iraida Mendez-Cartaya, Beatriz Martinez-Penalver, Mitchell Zuriarrain

**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 8:30am.

**II. ROLL CALL**

A quorum was present. All board members were in attendance except Greg Blackburn.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. SIP Updates (Tabled)

- b. SCRC & Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, Business & Education Committee: Partners for Quality Education in the “City Beautiful” (Tabled)
- c. Special Needs Initiative (SNI)
  - The subcommittee is ready to take the next step on inclusionary programs and pilot programs.
  - Send SNI meeting note to SCRC and Iraida, have everyone weigh in and then bring to commission.
- d. SCRC Business
  - The board revisits questions of whether it should expand membership.
  - Also discusses having a committee member dedicated to volunteer outreach and coordination.
  - Board initially considers 11 members, that way each member can be the point person for one school (combining Little Carver and Carver Middle), and there would be a volunteer coordinator.
  - The board decides on 9 instead of 11, which would mean increasing the number of board members by two.
  - The board discusses additional members could be at-large or commission-as-a-whole appointments.

**Nan makes a motion to ask the City Commission to increase Committee from 7 members to 9 members, Aileen seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.**

- e. Computer initiatives item
  - Board discusses adding Computer initiatives to School Improvement Projects since the “Community Schools” project was successfully completed  
(Community Schools project involved opening SCRC school campuses and/or facilities for public usage/access. The Committee was successful in making sure CGHS track is open to the public when not in use and there is a process in place for requesting the use of facilities such as auditoriums)

**Sam made a motion to ask the Commission to add “Computer Initiatives” to School Improvement Project list. Aileen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Introduction of School Board Member Mari Tere Rojas, District 6
  - Shares her background and experience, including working at all levels of Miami Dade County Public Schools for over 40 years.
  - Priorities: Safety, better salaries for teachers, open line of communication with stakeholders including partnering with cities, chambers, etc.
  - In interested in having a satellite office for office hours in Coral Gables.
  - Mentioned that Affordable teacher housing is being explored by School Board

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Coral Gables Prep-Nat’l P&A Award, celebration 1/26 9am
- b. Parks and Rec has part time “special populations” coordinator, spread the word

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45am

The next meeting will be held on February 17, 2017 at 8:30am in the first floor conference room of City Hall.