

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

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

MEMBERS	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	APPOINTED BY
Ariel Fernandez (appointed in Sept.)		-		-	P	P							Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Mary Snow	P	-	P	-	E	P							Commissioner Quesada
Aileen Ortega	A	-	A	-	P	P							Vice Mayor Keon
Samuel Joseph	P	-	P	-	P	P							Commissioner Lago
Carmen Cartaya	P	-	P	-	P	E							Commissioner Mena
Sandy Dimitris	P	-	P	-	P	P							City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Theresa Rice	P	-	P	-	P	P							Commission-as-a-whole

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

STAFF:

Naomi Levi Garcia, Government Affairs Manager

GUESTS: Cecelia Slesnick, Beatriz Martinez-Peñalver, Lisa Senior, Iraida Mendez-Cartaya, Alejandro Perez, Monica Flowers, Nemesio Mondelo, Tere Florin, Raphael Rodriguez, Brooke Bagnall-Keger, Coco D'Ascola, Aleida Martinez- Molina, Cynthia Bowles, Gale Nelson, Michael Hohman and June Morris.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Naomi Levi Garcia, Government Affairs Manager

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 8:30am.

II. ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

All members were in attendance except for Carmen who had an excused absence. A quorum was present. **Sandy made the motion to approve the minutes from October, Ariel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Enrollment data for SCRC schools
 - o Tucker’s current count is 325 at 60% capacity.

School	Year 2017-2018
Carver	398
Sunset	1078
CGPA	968

School	Year 2016-2017
Carver	422
Sunset	1188
CGPA	929

School	Year 2015-2016
Carver	381
Sunset	1132
CGPA	789

- b. CGPA Over Crowding/ Class Size Update and Demographic information
 - o According to MDCPS staff, all 3 schools are within statutory requirement based on school wide average.
 - o Demographic information listed below

School	White	African American	Hispanic	Notes
Carver	10%	23%	64%	Demographic variance is stable within 1%
Sunset	29%	3%	62%	Hispanic population has varied but generally stable.
CGPA	15%	1%	80%	Small variance in W and H.

- Attendance Boundary Committee process is currently underway; no school has been placed on advised or targeted status as of yet. The ABC considers enrollment, growth of population etc. ABC schedule is on District Website.

c. Technology Initiative:

- Computer requests need to be in writing.
- Carver needs new laptop cart.
- Tucker has a lot of technology needs.
- Forward tech needs for your respective schools to Sandy.

d. Coral Gables Senior High School

- School has created Marketing Document- City will help spread some positive information via Enews
- How else can city help?
- Central Region rep Mr. Perez makes the point that it’s unfair to compare CGSH with ISPA because every student is hand-picked at ISPA. Also, says IB and Business & Finance Academy at CGSH is second to none.
- Sam briefs committee on new idea developed in conjunction with Mari Tere, some commissioners, and other stakeholders called “CGSH Cavalier National Pride 2020” campaign.
- Step one is building alumni association:
 - Mari Tere setting up meeting with principal Costa.
 - SCRC representative attending PTSA meeting on **December 12**
 - Kickoff event January.
 - Mary identified an individual to be point person from school to manage alumni association-Ms. Suarez.

VI. ONGING BUSINESS

- a. School Improvement Project (SIP) Updates:
 - Ceci Suggest a detailed Zone Map for Coral Gables Schools. Sometime it is unclear unless you enter a specific address. Iraida says they can get a map. Naomi will distribute.
 - Steffan Kohn working with transportation Department to address issues with courtesy bus to the Youth Center. Communication to parents needs to be improved when issues arise.
- b. City Beautiful Schools Initiative (CBSI): establish review committee to go over findings and determine “owners”. City improvements can be addressed now, Naomi ready to enter tasks into Gov QA but needs contacts (e.g. responsible parties) from each school. Theresa will provide same.
- c. Coral Gables History Tours (CGHT): Dec 18 with Carver 4th Graders they tour museum, City Hall, the Biltmore lunch at the Biltmore.
 - Other Gables schools are not taking advantage of free field trips.
- d. SRC Schools GOB updates:
 - Still waiting for response on Inclusion Project between Crystal, CGPA & Ponce: If you have a McKay Scholarship you forfeit those moneys upon enrolling in public schools.
 - Need to schedule remaining school site visits:

Postponed:

- Mentoring/ Internship discussion
- Community Schools Initiative (CSI)
- Community Education Initiatives (CEI)
- Financial Literacy Initiative (FLI)
- School Libraries/ Book Drive Initiative (SLI)
- Special Needs Initiative

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. “Bigs in Blue” Partnership Announcement/ Review: Presentation by Gale Nelson, president of Big Brothers Big Sister and Bigs in Blue Program- which matches police officers with a “little” in a mentoring relationship. The community foundation just funded a Bigs in Blue program for Coral Gables:
 - Police will come to school one hour a week starting with Carver Elementary.
 - Enroll mentees in November/ December, start program in January (National Mentoring Month).

- b.** CGSH/ Alumni Rebuilding Project Update: Construction starting end of 2018, \$11.2 million still budgeted, but MDCPS can't commit to any additional funding at this time.
 - o Iraida says district can have town hall on CGSH facilities and GOB. (PTSA and parents are concerned and uninformed).

Meeting Adjourned at 9:41am. Next meeting will be held December 15, 2017.