

CORAL GABLES SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Meeting Agenda
Friday June 17, 2016

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

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

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

STAFF:

Naomi Levi, Government Affairs Manager

GUESTS: Iraida Mendez-Cartaya, Dr. Iris Torres

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 am.

II. ROLL CALL

David Bianchi had an excused absence; all other members were in attendance. Dana Peterson's resignation was announced to the Committee. A quorum was present.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. A Year in Review

- Positive feedback from City Manager and members of the Commission
- Successful in obtaining approval for the School Improvement Projects and getting the ball rolling on several projects
- Approving recommendations for the Education Compact
- Hosted several school/student recognition ceremonies with the encouragement of the Mayor and Commission
- More proactive than previous SCRC according to board members who served on both committees
- Parents have anecdotally reported a reduction in the amount of homework assigned to their children, especially at Sunset Elementary
- Building a good relationship with MDCPS staff, board members thanked Iraida for her hard work and commitment

B. MDCPS Staff Report

- Coral Gables Prep and Sunset Elementary are currently at full capacity
- Controlled Choice is over
- Sunset will see a boundary change and function like West Lab in 2017-2018 school year
- Committee members and staff asked for further clarification regarding any changes to Sunset Elementary's boundaries (a response from MDCPS is forthcoming)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Coral Gables Dental Clinic

- Dr. Torres (Dental Director) presented information about the free dental clinic to the board members
- The dental clinic was founded by the Woman's Club in 1939 and since then has been operated and funded in large part by the Club
- Parents who work can apply for free dental care for their children, program is offered to residents of Miami-Dade county
- Dr. Torres said they need more patients and Iraida said she would help get the word out in the coming school year
- Dr. Torres hosted a tour of the clinic following the meeting

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be on September 16, 2016 in City Hall.