

# City of Coral Gables

405 Biltmore Way  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
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## Agenda

Friday, February 17, 2023

8:30 AM

2151 Salzedo Street

Police and Fire Headquarters, Community Meeting Room

### School Community Relations Committee

*Chairperson Dr. Winnie Chang*  
*Vice Chairperson Sandy Dimitris*  
*Board Member Erin Anding*  
*Board Member Sam Joseph*  
*Board Member Carmen Manrara Cartaya*  
*Board Member Andrew Nadal*  
*Board Member Cecilia D. Slesnick*  
*Board Member Jennifer Ward Sando*  
*Board Member Sharon Watson*

The School Community Relations Committee will be holding its Regular Meeting on Friday, Feb. 17, 2023, commencing at 8:30 a.m. While the Committee is back to live in-person meetings, members of the public may participate in person but are also able to participate via the Zoom platform. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83893614478>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: 305-461-6769 Meeting ID: 838 9361 4478.

To speak on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone, you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing \*9.

## CALL TO ORDER

## ROLL/QUORUM CALL

### A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The School Community Relations Committee Minutes of Jan. 20, 2023

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)  
[SCRC Jan. 20 Draft Minutes](#)

### B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*The School Community Relations Committee provides an opportunity for dialogue and collaboration between schools and their neighbors, including the City of Coral Gables. The committee looks for opportunities to improve schools in terms of physical appearance, community involvement, and quality of education. The Committee will also provide oversight of the City's educational landscape; making sure the City is fulfilling its recent education commitments and assuring that the needs of students and families are being adequately served by the public-school system. Finally, the Committee is intended to serve as a review committee for the Education Compact between the City and Miami Dade Public Schools.*

*Public Comments shall be limited to two minutes per speaker. A ten second reminder will be provided to the speaker prior to the closing of their time.*

### C. NEW BUSINESS

- C-1 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Update (Facilitated by Mari Tere Rojas, School Board Member)
- C-2 Discussion on vocational rehabilitation services for deaf hard of hearing and visually impaired students (Facilitated by Jennifer Sando, Board Member)
- C-3 Discussion on election forum educational questions (Facilitated by Winnie Chang, Chairperson)

### D. OLD BUSINESS

### E. ONGOING BUSINESS

- E-1 General Updates (Facilitated by Solanch Lopez, Secretary)

## F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### F-1 Join a local PTA or subscribe to their newsletters using the following links:

*Sunset Elementary*

<https://www.sunsetpta.org/membership>

*Coral Gables Preparatory Academy*

<https://coralgablespreppta.membershiptoolkit.com/whyjoin>

*GW Carver Elementary*

<https://gwcarverelem.memberhub.com/store?category=PTA%20Memberships-%20JOIN%20TODAY>

*GW Carver Middle School*

<https://carvermiddle.memberhub.com/store>

*Ponce de Leon Middle School*

<https://ponceptsamemberhub.memberhub.com/store>

*Coral Gables High School*

<http://gablespta.org/join/>

*International Studies Preparatory Academy High School*

<https://ispa-pta.com/join-pta/>

*West Lab -*

<https://www.westlabpto.org/pen>

### F-2 Movies Under the Gables Moonlight: Beethoven - Friday, Feb. 17 | 6 to 8:30 p.m.

*Join us at the William H. Kerdyk, Jr. and Family Park, 6611 Yumuri St., for a family-friendly screening of the 90s classic "Beethoven" under the Gables moonlight! Presented in collaboration with the Coral Gables Art Cinema, this special event is hosted by the Community Recreation Department.*

*Cost is \$10 per family pod of up to four people and includes popcorn for the group. Tickets are available online.*

*For more information, please email [SpecialEvents@coralgables.com](mailto:SpecialEvents@coralgables.com).*

**F-3 Farmers Market at Merrick Park - Saturdays | 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

*Open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. between Jan. 14 and March 25 at Merrick Park, 405 Biltmore Way, the Coral Gables Farmers Market will have local vendors with fresh Florida produce, prepared foods, baked goods, flowers and plants, activities for children, and more!*

*Weekly Seminars:*

- Feb. 18: Mary Benton from BoundByBeauty will present "Making Your Garden a Wildlife Oasis"*
- Feb. 25: Dr. Rachel Silverstein from Miami Waterkeeper will present "What You Can Do to Protect Our Beautiful Bay"*
- March 4: Deena Bell-Lewellyn, Assistant Director of Greenspace Management for the City of Coral Gables, will present "Native Plants and Pollinator Plans in Our City's Public Spaces"*
- March 11: Dalton Goolsby from the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences will present "Butterflies in Your Yard"*

**F-4 My Squad - Movie in the Park - Wednesday, Feb. 22 | 6 to 9 p.m.**

*Join My Squad – a social gathering for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism – on Feb. 22, 2023, at 6 p.m. for a sing-and-dance along to "Grease" in the park. Registration includes pizza for dinner.*

*Coral Gables residency is not required to attend.*

*For questions or assistance registering, email Catie and Vivian at [PlayForAll@coralgables.com](mailto:PlayForAll@coralgables.com) or call the Youth Center at 305-460-5600.*

**F-5 Music at McBride Plaza - Thursdays | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

*Make time for music! Join the City of Coral Gables and the Arthur B. McBride Sr. Family Foundation for a concert series at McBride Plaza, 150 Miracle Mile, called "Music at McBride Plaza," the Downtown Music Series featuring the University of Miami (UM) Frost School of Music.*

*The Downtown Music Series is designed to offer young musicians studying at UM's Frost School of Music the opportunity to showcase their talents in a setting easily accessible to businesspeople, residents, and visitors. The musicians go through a rigorous selection process auditioning for faculty who then select the top six groups to perform. The final group of musicians for the series typically represents a wide variety of musical genres which makes each concert a unique and wonderful experience for all.*

*Upcoming acts include:*

- Feb. 23: John Normandin Quartet (Jazz)*
- March 2: Sunny Side Up! (Indie Pop/Jazz)*

**F-6 School Board Chair Rojas' Office Hours - Thursday, March 2 & 16 | 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.**

*Join School Board Chair Mari Tere Rojas on the first and third Thursday of every month for satellite office hours, located in the first floor conference room at Coral Gables City Hall.*

*For More Information:*

*Website: [Dade Schools District 6](http://DadeSchoolsDistrict6.com)*

Email: [district6@dadeschools.net](mailto:district6@dadeschools.net)  
Phone: 305-995-1334

## ADJOURNMENT

### NOTE

*Any person who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2006-11, must register with the City Clerk, prior to engaging in lobbying activities before city staff, boards, committees and/or the City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.*

*Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.*

*Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.*

*Any person with a disability requiring communication assistance (such as a sign language interpreter or other auxiliary aide or service) in order to attend or participate in the meeting should contact the City's ADA Coordinator Raquel Elejabarrieta, Esq., Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management (E-mail : [relejabarrieta@coralgables.com](mailto:relejabarrieta@coralgables.com), Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.*