

C-6 Discussion on Cavaliers Park Proposal (Facilitated by Winnie Chang, Chairperson)

D. OLD BUSINESS

D-1 Discussion regarding supplemental funding for area schools from the City of Coral Gables to address deepening budgetary pressures on public schools (Facilitated by Winnie Chang, Chairperson)

Dr. Acosta joined the meeting via Zoom and addressed the School Community Relations Committee on this item to provide additional information before the members' discussion. He expressed his appreciation to the Committee for their support in the schools' various initiatives.

The district is aware that a request for needs was made directly to principals through the SCRC Chairperson. Many principals are on summer vacation and thus no responses were received. Dr. Acosta informed the Committee that if in the future there are requests made, it should be done through the proper channels and contact the liaison for inter-governmental affairs, Martha Montaner. Going through this source will facilitate and streamline requests and ensure accuracy.

Provided examples of what other municipalities offer and their procedures.

The Village of Key Biscayne sets a budget aside, allocates this for the schools within their limits and request a needs breakdown from the School District. They use this information to delineate and decide where the money is spent according to the school's needs, whether its technological upgrades, such as instructional material, professional staff development or student development. This is usually a \$10 line item in the budget.

Miami Lakes makes donations directly to the schools and allow the principals to decide where the need is great and use the money at their discretion.

Dr. Acosta and Mrs. Montaner will work with the principals once they return from vacation to gather the requested information. Estelle Lockhart asks that a formal request be made by the School Community Relations Committee to the district on what other municipalities do.

Vice Chairperson Dimitris Sandy makes a motion to request that the City Commission include a formal educational investment budget line item in the FY24 city budget for public schools within the city limits. Board Member Nadal seconds, motion passes.

Chairperson Dr. Chang recommended everyone visits the Commissioner's office hours.

E. ONGOING BUSINESS

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

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS