

# City of Coral Gables

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## Agenda

Friday, March 15, 2024

8:30 AM

2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Police and Fire Headquarters, Community Meeting Room

### School Community Relations Committee

*Chairperson Winnie Chang*  
*Vice Chairperson Sandy Dimitris*  
*Board Member Erin Anding*  
*Board Member Joshua Goodman*  
*Board Member Ana Lam*  
*Board Member Andrew Nadal*  
*Board Member Cecilia D. Slesnick*  
*Board Member Sharon Watson*

The School Community Relations Committee will be holding its Regular Meeting on Friday, Mar. 15, 2024, 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

School Community Relations Committee Meeting of January 12, 2024.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)  
[Draft Minutes - SCRC Jan. 12 Meeting](#)

### B. PUBLIC COMMENT

*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 Introduction to Fernando Weiner, Government Affairs Manager for Coral Gables  
(Facilitated by Solanch Lopez, Acting Staff Liaison)**

**C-2 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Update (Facilitated by Mari Tere Rojas, School Board Chair)**

**C-3 Update on the Coral Gables Family Literacy Festival (Facilitated by Carolina Vester, Community Recreation Deputy Director)**

**C-4 Review and selection of the 2024 Coral Gables Literacy Festival - Literacy Laureates Honorees (Facilitated by Winnie Chang, Chairperson)**

*Names of honorees for consideration submitted by Sam Joseph with input by the Library Advisory Board.*

Attachments: [CGFLF Literacy Laureates Nominees List 2024](#)

- C-5 A resolution of the Coral Gables library Advisory Board to the School Community Relations Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommending the renaming of Literacy Row at the Coral Gables Family Literacy Festival in honor of Jeanette Slesnick.**

Attachments: [Resolution - Literacy Row Renaming](#)

- C-6 Presentation by Stem Tree of Coral Gables (Facilitated by Ty Gabriel)**

*coralgables@stementree.com for more information.*

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

- D-1 Review of updates made to the schools page on the City's website (Facilitated by Solanch Lopez, Acting Staff Liaison)**

*<https://www.coralgables.com/department/economic-development/schools>*

**E. ONGOING BUSINESS**

- E-1 General Updates**

**F. ANNOUNCEMENT**

- F-1 Next SCRC Meeting - Friday, Apr. 19, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.**

Questions/Comments: [scrc@coralgables.com](mailto:scrc@coralgables.com)

- F-2 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-ptsa.com/join-ptsa/>

West Lab -

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

**F-3 American Sign Language Class - Every Thursday, 6 - 7 p.m.**

*Every Thursday at the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Clubhouse at Ruth Bryan Owen Waterway Park, 3940 Granada Blvd., for American Sign Language classes. Classes will be taught by a Deaf instructor and will follow the Signing Naturally curriculum. No experience needed to participate. Classes are open to participants ages 18 and older.*

*Registration for city residents is \$37 per unit and \$47 per unit for non-residents.*

*Units will cover:*

*Unit 3: Discussing Living Situations (Feb. 29 - March 21)*

*Unit 4: Talking About Family (April 4 - 25)*

*Unit 5: Talking About Activities (May 2 - 23)*

*For more information, please contact Catie or Vivian at [PlayForAll@coralgables.com](mailto:PlayForAll@coralgables.com) or call 305-441-5650.*

**F-4 Music at McBride Plaza - Thursday, Mar. 21 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

*Music at McBride presents free outdoor\* concerts every other Thursday of the month through March. Every concert will feature a different and talented ensemble from UM's Frost School of Music. Enjoy these outdoor concerts in the heart of Downtown Coral Gables from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.*

*\*In the event of rain, concerts will be held inside Barnes & Noble.*

*Performing Act:*

*Thursday, March 21, 2024: Diva Revolution (Pop/Soul/R&B/Disco)*

**F-5 School Board Chair Rojas' Office Hours - Thursday, Mar. 21 | 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 Info:*

*Website: [Dade Schools District 6](https://www.dadeschools.net/district6)*

*Email: [district6@dadeschools.net](mailto:district6@dadeschools.net)*

*Phone: 305-995-1334*

**F-6 Gentle Egg Hunt - Saturday, Mar. 23 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

*Come join the fun of a gentle egg hunt on Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

*Participants can take their time searching for their own color coded sets of eggs.*

*Beeping and elevated egg hunts available. No costumed characters.*

*No expectations to speak, act, or dress a certain way.*

*Participation is free, but registration is required and spaces are limited. Reserve tickets.*

**F-7 Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Events**

*Mar. 30 - Sustainability Village at the Farmers Market*

*Apr. 1 - Downtown Community Cleanup*

*Apr. 6 - 4th Annual Plogging at Matheson*

*Apr. 10 - Pinewood Cemetery Invasive Species Removal (Teacher Planning Day)*

*Visit [coralgables.com/kcgb](http://coralgables.com/kcgb) for more information.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**NOTE**

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*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.*