

City of Coral Gables

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Agenda - Final

Friday, May 19, 2023

8:30 AM

2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134

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, May 19, 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

[23-5791](#) The School Community Relations Committee Minutes of April 21, 2023.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)
[Draft Minutes- SCRC April 21 Meeting](#)

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 Chair)**

C-2 **Update on the Special Needs Initiative Planning Group (SNIPG) (Facilitated by Jennifer Ward Sando, Board Member)**

C-3 **Discussion regarding supplemental funding for area schools from the City of Coral Gables to address deepening budgetary pressures on public schools (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Board Member)**

C-4 **Leaving a Legacy: SCRC Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Board Member)**

D. OLD BUSINESS

D-1 **Discussion on the Coral Gables History Tour (Facilitated by Winnie Chang, Chairperson)**

[23-5792](#)

Attachments: [Reso No. 2019-76 - History Tours](#)

E. ONGOING BUSINESS

- E-1 Update on the Coral Gables Family Literacy Festival (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Board Member)**
- E-2 Update on Teacher Awards Project (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Board Member)**

[20-1767](#)

Attachments: [Teachers Awards Report 2019.docx](#)

- E-3 Notice Pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-245 (Facilitated by Solanch Lopez, Acting Liaison)**

*Project: The Avenue
School: Coral Gables Senior High School*

- E-4 General Update (Facilitated by Solanch Lopez, Acting Liaison)**

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- F-1 Next SCRC Meeting - Friday, June 23, 2023 | 8:30 a.m.**

Comments/Questions: 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-pta.com/join-pta/>*

West Lab -
<https://www.westlabpto.org/pen>

F-3 Gables Family Literacy Festival - Saturday, May 20, 2023 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Embark on a literacy journey with the family at the third annual Gables Family Literacy Festival under the Youth Center tree canopy. This daylong celebration and Scholastic Book Fair promote summer reading and the literary arts. The festival provides a unique experience for all ages and abilities and includes a street fair with literacy exhibitors and vendors, free literacy screenings and evaluations, children's activities, book donation and exchange areas, food vendors and much more.

For more information, please contact specialevents@coralgables.com or call 305-460-5600.

F-4 Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Vince Lago - Thursday, May 25, 2023 | 6 to 8 p.m.

Your voice matters! Mayor Vince Lago invites you to a town hall meeting on Thursday, May 25, at 6 p.m. at the Adult Activity Center, 2 Andalusia Ave. Join us in person or via Zoom.

Complimentary valet parking is available across the street at The Palace. Free parking is available in the garage above the building.

F-5 School Board Chair Rojas' Office Hours - Thursday, June 1, 2023 | 12:30 to 3 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

Email: district6@dadeschools.net

Phone: 305-995-1334

F-6 Gables Gallery Night - Friday, June 2, 2023 | 6 to 10 p.m.

Coral Gables galleries and participating art venues open their doors on the first Friday of the month from 6 to 10 p.m. as part of Coral Gables Gallery Night. At this monthly event, attendees can enjoy live music and fine art while enjoying a night out in the City Beautiful. Visitors are encouraged to use the City's trolleys or Freebee on-demand vehicles to travel between galleries.

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, Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.