

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 17, 2020

8:30 AM

War Memorial Youth Center, 405 University Drive, Classroom 222.

Meetings are held every third Friday of the month.

School Community Relations Committee

Chairperson Ariel Fernandez
Vice Chairperson Sam Joseph
Board Member Erin Anding
Board Member Sandy Dimitris
Board Member Carmen Manrara Cartaya
Board Member Cecilia D. Slesnick
Board Member Mary Snow
Board Member Sharon Watson

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:33 a.m.

ROLL/QUORUM CALL

Board Member Dimitris moved to excuse Board Members Manrara-Cartaya and Snow, Board Member Slesnick seconded. Motion passed.

Present: 6 - Chairperson Fernandez, Vice Chairperson Joseph, Board Member Anding, Board Member Dimitris, Board Member Slesnick and Board Member Watson

Excused: 2 - Board Member Manrara Cartaya and Board Member Snow

Attachments: [SCRC Sign-In Sheet_1.17.2020](#)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

School Community Relations Committee Meeting of December 20, 2019.

Attachments: [SCRC Meeting Minutes 12.20.19](#)
[Cover Memo](#)

This Matter was approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Committee-As-A-Whole Appointments & Commission-As-A-Whole Vacancy

- Commission has ratified appointment of Board Member Watson.
- Board Member Slesnick's appointment is on the January 28th Commission Meeting agenda for ratification.
- Commission-As-A-Whole appointment is still vacant.

Discussion on 2019 FAN Out of School Program Report (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Vice Chair)

- Report by MDCPS on "Out of School Programs" (OSP) as it relates to the 11 SCRC Schools (Facilitated by Iraida Mendez-Cartaya)

Attachments: [Florida-Out of Schools Programs Update-October-2019](#)

- All elementary and k-8th schools have afterschool programs.
- K-8th schools recently added sports programs.
- Funding needed to expand programs.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Coral Gables High School

- These issues were resolved prior to initial email being sent.

* Water

- The school experienced water leaks underground that have been repaired by maintenance.
- In order to repair the water leaks, maintenance staff had to shut the water off to the building for no more than an hour at a time.
- The leaks were not General Obligation Bond related.
- Anytime the water main is shut off the water comes out murky due to air intrusion.
- The plumbers immediately run the water until the air is removed from the line and the water is clear again.
- At no time has the water been toxic.

* Bees

- The school experienced honey bees in their dumpsters and garbage cans and immediately reported it to maintenance.
- Exterminators were sent out and remedied the issue.

* Power

- During the winter recess, the GOB project switched electrical and HVAC systems from the old to the new chillers and electrical systems.
- Upon returning from Winter Recess the school walked the building and noticed one hallway was without power.
- Power was restored by 10 am.

GOB Renovation Update & Project Timelines (Facilitated by Iraida Mendez-Cartaya)

*** Coral Gables High School**

- Switched over to new central chiller plant.
- Waiting on FPL to decommission the original central plant.
- New construction expected completion date January 2021.
- Courtyard summer 2021.
- Renovation portion is going to the board next month.
- Gene Ward sculptures not going to CGHS as they were not a donation but a loan.
- Iraida will work on a plan to provide a monthly update to Friends of Gables High for their meetings.

- **New Construction Phase:** Silva Architects is the architect for the new construction. The Board awarded the construction contract to Veitia Padron Incorporated on June 19, 2019 in the amount of \$12,343,797. The new construction has commenced and includes the construction of the new mechanical plant as the initial phase. Part of building #7, (dance room, ROTC, and weight room), is being demolished now to allow for the connection of a new central mechanical plant for the campus. A new 36,400 sf two-story building and mechanical plant will replace the original cafeteria building and include the educational spaces currently housed in classroom buildings #6 and #7. When completed and occupied by the projected date of December 2020, classroom building #6 will be demolished and the site restored with an open green courtyard as shown on the attached plan. The landscaped courtyard should be fully completed by the Spring of 2021.

- **Renovation Phase of Existing Campus:** The firm of M.C. Harry & Assoc. is the architectural firm commissioned to do the renovation of the existing facility. They have been coordinating their work with Alex Silva to ensure that the appropriate mechanical and electrical loads of the existing buildings are properly calculated for the new central plant. M.C. Harry has submitted their programming documents in April 2019 and will be proceeding with the full design of the renovation after our approval of the program and official commissioning by the Board. The projected construction start for the renovation is by the Fall of 2020 with a projected completion in the Fall of 2022. The renovation includes: air conditioning replacement, window replacement, security camera enhancements, life safety/building code-related improvements throughout and miscellaneous renovations.

*** George Washington Carver Middle School**

- Alex Silva commissioned as architect.
- \$3.5 million construction budget \$4 million in total.
- Bathroom renovations and painting included.

* Request for update on Coral Gables Preparatory will be added to February Meeting.

MDCPS Legislative Priorities/Session Review & Discussion (Facilitated by Iraida Mendez-Cartaya)

Attachments: [MDCPS 2020 State Legislative Priorities](#)

- MDCPS legislative priorities have been included in the City's legislative priorities.

SIP Committee Member Assignments Review (Facilitated by Ariel Fernandez, Chair)

Item Deferred.

Attachments: [SIP Descriptions](#)

Coral Gables STEM Afterschool Program Pilot Project Planning Report (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Vice Chair)

Item Deferred.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Introduction of PTA Presidents to SCRC (Facilitated by Board Member Manrara-Cartaya)

Item Deferred.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next SCRC meeting scheduled for Friday, February 21, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

NOTE