

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 30201 BY REVISING THE PURPOSE, MEMBERSHIP, QUALIFICATIONS AND QUORUM REQUIREMENT OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 30201 was adopted on November 20, 2001 establishing the School Community Relations Committee; and

WHEREAS, the School Community Relations Committee was limited to representing the interests of Coral Gables Senior High School, Ponce De Leon Middle School and their surrounding communities and served as a forum to address the concerns of neighbors residing near the schools; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to expand the role of the School Community Relations Committee to help ensure high performing public schools within the City and to recommend updates to the Education Compact with Miami Dade County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Commission views excellent public school options as an essential element to quality of life, and desires stakeholder feedback in updating the Education compact; and

WHEREAS, revising the Committee's composition, the qualifications of its membership, its quorum requirement and including additional schools under its purview, will better position the Committee for success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

Section 1: That Resolution No. 30201 is amended to allow the School Community Relations Committee the ability to make recommendations for the improvement of public school offerings in Coral Gables, including charter and magnet schools. The schools under the purview of the School Community Relations Committee will include Coral Gables Preparatory Academy, Sunset Elementary School, George Washington Carver Elementary School, David Fairchild Elementary School, Frances Tucker Elementary, Henry S. West Laboratory School, Ponce de Leon Middle School, George Washington Carver Middle School, International Studies Preparatory Academy, Somerset Academy, and Coral Gables Senior High School.

Section 2: That the purpose of the Committee shall be to provide an opportunity for dialogue and collaboration between the aforementioned schools and their neighbors, including the City of Coral Gables. The Committee shall look 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.

Section 3: That the Committee shall consist of (7) voting members; (5) to be appointed by the Members of the Commission, (1) to be appointed by the Commission-as-a-whole and (1) to be appointed by the City Manager. In consultation with Miami Dade County Public Schools, the City Manager may appoint one ex-officio member from MDCPS. The Committee may also invite non-voting members to participate in Committee meetings and discussions.

Section 4: That the (7) voting members appointed by the City Commission and City Manager should include members who reside or work in the vicinity of the represented schools, and the nonvoting members can include school principals, faculty or administration, PTSA members, parents of children who attend the school, members of homeowners associations located near the schools or other individuals as deemed appropriate by the City Commission or a majority of voting board members.

Section 5: That meetings shall be called to order when a quorum is present. All Committee action shall require a majority vote of the Committee membership and for the purpose of conducting Committee business (4) members shall constitute a quorum.

That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2015

JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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