



TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA
TOWN COUNCIL
SUNSHINE MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2017

Mayor Peggy Bell, Council Member Michael Callahan, Town Manager Ralph Casals, Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Associate Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Mr. Lucas De La Torre Principal Cutler Bay Senior High School, Mr. Ignacio Rodriguez Principal Cutler Bay Middle School, met on the above date in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall 10720 Caribbean Boulevard, Cutler Bay, Florida at 9:05 a.m.

Ms. Mendez-Cartaya explained the schools COAST program including student guidance and scheduling.

Mr. Rodriguez explained the requirements, scholastic goals and attendance requirements. Council Member Callahan stressed the need for additional communication with students and parents as to the achievements necessary to continue in programs from the sixth grade level through high school so that there is no disconnect between what is need to continue from elementary school moving forward.

It was suggested that the school provide a parents form and gather the signature of the parents and that the form will contain the expected academic achievements required before the student is admitted to the next grade level of the program. It was suggested that this process be done annually. Council Member Callahan explained that this will assist the Parents Association in being informed and in sharing the academic requirements.

Other available academies were discussed and the ability of a student to transition from one academy to another.

Town Manager Ralph Casals thanked Ms. Mendez-Cartaya and Principals De La Torre and Rodriguez for attending.

The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman, MMC
Town Clerk