



VILLAGE OF PINECREST  
Education Advisory Council

**MEETING MINUTES**

January 20, 2026, 9:15 a.m.  
Pinecrest Community Center / Pine Room  
5855 Southwest 111 Street  
Pinecrest, FL 33156

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Jerry Greenberg at 9:20 a.m.

**II. Presentations Gale Nelson of Big Brother Big Sister**

- a. Gale Nelson is introduced by Vice Mayor Greenberg. Mr. Nelson gives a history of big brother big sister and explains community programs.
- b. Mr. Nelson expresses a desire to partner with the Village of Pinecrest and the Pinecrest schools to bring Big Brother Big Sister to the community. Nelson compares the different programs including the school to work program, and school based mentoring programs.
- c. The group discusses the programs, and Mr. Nelson answers questions regarding logistics of implementation within the village.

**III. Reports/Updates**

**a. Principals' Updates:**

1. MPSH (Principal Dobbs) gives a brief update on recent accolades including wins and advancements for sports, and mentions upcoming events; Mr. Panther fundraiser, juniors attending college tours, etc.
2. Howard Drive Elementary (Mrs. Diaz) gives an update of a recent meeting to advocate for Howard drive in the school of hope changes. Mrs. Diaz mentions that HDE will be sending representatives to Tallahassee to continue to advocate for HDE. Diaz gives an update of recent accolades and events at HDE.
3. Palmetto Middle School (Mrs. Valero) gives an update on students attending spelling bee, new clubs to PMS, Shrek the musical, and construction updates.
4. Palmetto Elementary (Presented by Mrs. Valero) lists recent activities happening at Palmetto elementary including music accomplishments, upcoming tour, and recent acceptance into art shows by students.
5. Pinecrest Elementary (Mrs. Friginals) gives an update on various accolades for PES including an upcoming oratorical competition, and an opportunity to test a pilot VPK program for special needs students.



**b. School Board Report:** Luisa Santos gives an update for the school board, welcomes her new chief of staff Johanna Ralsten-Cox.

1. Santos mentions the improvement of graduation rates across D-9. Santos reminds the group of upcoming 'a night in D-9' event and invites everyone to attend.
2. Mrs. Santos brings up the topic of the shared use agreement with the village and mentions that the conversations is ongoing and the groups are working toward a solution on the shared use of village and school fields.
3. Mayor Cindy Lerner asks a question about School of Hope and what dictates the decision to claim a school to be considered for the school of hope program.

**c. Region Report:**

1. Ana Othon mentions that schools are finishing up OMO testing and gearing up for Iready tests.
2. Othon mentions that the Attendance Boundary Committee (ABC) meetings have begun and thus far have shown no proposed significant changes to Pinecrest Attendance Boundaries.

**d. District Report:**

1. Khristal Gooding gives notice of an upcoming CPR and AED training day (see attached flyer).
2. Gooding gives a brief update on the legislative session, mentioning the tracking of 90 bills. Specifically, the district is monitoring HB 6023, SB424 and HB1543 which are all related to School of Hope.
3. Gooding provides recommendations on how individuals and groups can make an impact on the legislative session in Tallahassee. The recommendations include sending emails and letters, calling, and leveraging any community organizations that people are involved in to continue to reach out to lawmakers.

**e. Legislative Update:**

1. Nancy Lawther provides an extensive update on the legislative session, and the bills that apply to education in regard to public and charter schools.
2. Similarly to Mrs. Gooding, Nancy provides the group with examples of ways to make a difference in the legislative session. She encourages the group to get in touch with law makers, send groups of PTA, parents & students to Tallahassee, by sending in comments online, or register to speak at sessions in person.
3. Nancy mentions event 'Dade Days', an event with a meet and greet with local law makers, and the opportunity to get to know them and where they stand on particular issues in a less formal setting.

**f. PTA/PTSA Reports:**

1. Palmetto Elementary PTA – Welcomes families for upcoming school tour and mentions upcoming fundraising event 'Fun Fest' on 2/21/2026. Pinecrest Elementary PTA echoes recent

acolades from Mrs. Friginals. MPSH PTA reminds the group of a general PTA meeting on February 5 at 5:30PM and welcomes the group to attend.

**g. Library Updates:**

1. Ellen Book gives an update for a library event occurring outside of Pinecrest at the Main Library. Notably, the Local Authors Book Fair, a free event featuring local artists, keynote speakers, kids activities and more.

**h. Pinecrest Gardens Updates:**

1. Lacey Bray mentions the close of the 12<sup>th</sup> annual student art contest, with 158 entries and 83 accepted into the show with a few works from Pinecrest Schools. Bray reminds the group of the upcoming Art & Design Fair January 24/25 and February events including Space Night & Parents Night Out.

**i. Pinecrest Parks and Recreation Updates:**

1. Dany Alberty provides construction updates for Coral Pine, Veterans' wayside, and Aleyda Mas parks. Alberty mentions upcoming events including the vintage car show, on 2/28/2026 and the sold-out Daddy and Daughter Dance.

**j. Village Council Report:**

1. Vice Mayor Greenburg Gives an update on the banner restrictions for schools, and mentions that we are working toward a solution for schools to display various types of banners. Vice Mayor Greenburg gives an update on shared use agreement.

**k. Communications/Social Media Updates:** None

**IV. New Business:** None

**V. Announcements:** None

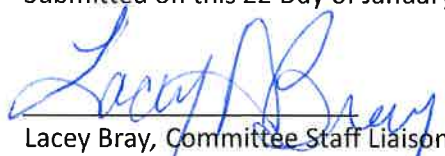
**VI. Schedule of Future Meetings**

January 20, 2026 – Community Center/Pine Room  
February 24, 2026 – Community Center/Pine Room  
April 21, 2026 – Community Center/Pine Room  
May 19, 2026 – Community Center/Pine Room

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at

Submitted on this 22 Day of January, by:



Lacey Bray, Committee Staff Liaison  
Education and Visitor Engagement Specialist

MAYOR'S EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
AGENDA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026, 9:15 AM

PINECREST COMMUNITY CENTER/ PINE ROOM  
5855 SW 111 ST  
PINECREST, FLORIDA 33156

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Presentations
  - a. Big Brothers Big Sisters
- III. Reports/Updates:
  - a. Principals' Reports
  - b. School Board Report
  - c. Region Report
  - d. District Report
  - e. PTA Legislative Report
  - f. PTA/PTSA Reports
  - g. Pincrest Communications Report
  - h. Pincrest Parks and Recreation Report
  - i. Library Report
  - j. Pincrest Gardens Report
  - k. Village Council Report
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  - January 26, 2026 – EAC Joint Session, Greer Park, 6:00 p.m.
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**PINECREST  
MAYOR'S EDUCATION  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Date: January 20, 2020

Sign-in Sheet

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CPR Day Miami



# CPR & AED

## CERTIFICATION TRAINING

The 3.5-hour CPR course covers choking procedures, CPR and use of an Automated Defibrillator (AED) for adults.

**Saturday, January 24, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m.**

- **MIAMI NORLAND SR. HIGH SCHOOL** 1193 NW 193RD STREET, MIAMI, FL 33169
- **BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SR. HIGH SCHOOL** 1200 NW 6TH AVENUE, MIAMI, FL 33136
- **DR. MICHAEL M. KROP SR. HIGH SCHOOL** 1410 NE 215TH STREET, MIAMI, FL 33179
- **BARBARA GOLEMAN SR. HIGH SCHOOL\*** 14100 NW 89TH AVENUE, MIAMI LAKES, FL 33018
- **JC BERMUDEZ DORAL SR. HIGH SCHOOL** 5005 NW 112TH AVENUE, DORAL, FL 33178
- **PONCE DE LEON MIDDLE SCHOOL\*** 5801 AUGUSTO STREET, CORAL GABLES, FL 33146
- **MIAMI SOUTHRIDGE SR. HIGH SCHOOL** 19355 SW 114TH AVENUE, MIAMI, FL 33157
- **JOHN A. FERGUSON SR. HIGH SCHOOL** 15900 SW 56 STREET, MIAMI, FL 33185
- **CORAL REEF SR. HIGH SCHOOL\*** 10101 SW 152 STREET, MIAMI, FL 33157

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**\$22 Per Person**

Includes CPR & AED Training and  
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