

MINUTES
FARRAGUT / KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 3, 2015
4:00 PM
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pennycuff-Trent. A quorum was declared. Members present were Carla Werner and Tony Carasso, as well as Gary Palmer and Jennifer Hatmaker of the Town Administration.
- II. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Minutes from September 1, 2015 were presented. Mr. Carasso moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Werner seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion passed.
- III. Teacher Appreciation Program:

Mr. Palmer stated that he does not have any updates on the Teacher Appreciation Program. Mr. Palmer stated that the committee would need to have the program ready to go to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in time for the next budget cycle. Chair Pennycuff-Trent stated that she has spoken to some of the principals and the principals that she spoke with did not feel comfortable making recommendations for the program as it could cause tension. The committee will look at similar programs that have already been established to form a guideline.
- IV. Principal for a Day:

Chair Pennycuff-Trent provided an overview of the program and encouraged all committee members to participate if available. Application deadline is Friday, November 6, 2015.
- V. TN Achieves Program:

Chair Pennycuff-Trent stated that the TN Achieves program is currently several thousand mentors short and encourages the committee members who are able to volunteer time to sign up. During the program, mentors will complete a one-hour training, attend two one-hour meetings with assigned student, and communicate every two weeks with assigned student to help them with the transition to college. More information can be found at www.tnachieves.org.
- VI. Introduction to Farragut:

On Wednesday, November 4th at 6:00pm the Town will have the final Introduction to Farragut Class. This class will be on Education. Weston Edmonds, Farragut Middle

School Principal, and Kristen Pennycuff-Trent, Education Relations Committee Chair, will speak to the class. Chair Pennycuff-Trent invited committee members to attend the class.

- VII. Before adjournment the committee discussed the December meeting. The committee elected to cancel the December 1, 2015 meeting and will reconvene in January 2016. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Carasso and seconded by Ms. Werner. The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 4:00 PM in the Town Hall Board Room.