



FARRAGUT EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
BOARD ROOM  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019  
4:00 PM

1. Call to order
  
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. October 2, 2018
  - b. December 4, 2018
  
3. Youth Advisory Committee- Vice Mayor Povlin
  
4. Any Other Business
  
5. Adjournment

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FARRAGUT/KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS  
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE

BOARD ROOM

Tuesday, October 02, 2018

4:00 PM

**Committee Members Present:**

Kristen Pennycuff-Trent, Alisha Soni, Alice Thornton, LeAnn Trotter, Cathy Pierce, Nancy Wentz

**Staff Present:**

Jennifer Hatmaker

Vice Mayor Louise Povlin

Trevor Hobbs, Assistant to the Town Administrator

**Guest:**

Jacqueline Rackland, Farragut Primary PTA

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Nancy Wentz.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the September 04, 2018, meeting were read. Cathy Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alice Thornton seconded. Motion passed.

**Youth Council**

Kristen Pennycuff-Trent shared information with a handout, Building Effective Youth Councils, regarding the possible formation of a Town of Farragut Youth Council, as discussed in prior meetings. Alice Thornton affirmed the value of youth experience.

Cathy Pierce affirmed youth questions/point of view being brought to the attention of the Knox County School Board. Louise Povlin has been in contact with both Farragut Middle School and Farragut High School regarding the possibility of starting a dialog with the Student Government Association and the National Honor Society as a starting point for more youth involvement.

Alisha Soni, Farragut High School student, stated that FHS students have gone to the Knox County Board of Education regarding specific issues.

Reminder: Before we can initiate any type of formal youth council, we will need funding to pay a part-time or full-time Town of Farragut staff person to be in charge of the youth involved.

#### **Principal for a Day**

Kristen Pennycuff-Trent announced the *Knox County Schools Principal for a Day* program (persons from the business community shadow a school principal all morning and participate in a luncheon sponsored by K C Schools) will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018. Nancy Wentz is interested in participating this year.

#### **School Liaison Reports**

Cathy Pierce reported a visit to Farragut Primary School. FPS appreciates the Funding from the Town of Farragut and the painting completed by the Introduction to Farragut Class. The Annual FPS Fall Festival will be held again and is always a positive community event.

LeAnn Trotter has been in touch with Principal Wes Edmonds by mail and phone to keep in contact with Farragut Middle School. Louise Povlin has had contact with the FMS National Junior Honor Society and other service organizations which offer leadership opportunities.

Nancy Wentz reported that there are several Leadership/Service opportunities available at Farragut High School. They are currently involved in the annual Love Kitchen Can Drive.

Alisha Soni reported on the FHS Love Kitchen Can Drive. This project is an annual event for Farragut High School. During a two-week time period in October, students are asked to bring in canned food for the downtown Love Kitchen which feeds the hungry and homeless in Knoxville. FHS classes are in competition with incentives. Last year (2017) 21,000 cans were collected. The Student Government Association loads the cans and delivers them to the Knoxville Love Kitchen for distribution.

### **Farragut Education Relations Committee Charter**

Louise Povlin distributed copies of a proposed Town of Farragut Education Relations Committee revised Charter, including changes/deletions/adjustments for review. Jenn Hatmaker recommends that we have a Town of Farragut Board Member serve on the Education Relations Committee. A discussion ensued as to whether the board member should be a voting or non-voting member of the committee. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting,

### **Any Other Business**

Alisha Soni suggested that we invite a Farragut High School SGA representative attend our meetings as a learning opportunity on how "government works". No formal action was taken, but committee members seemed to be positive about the suggestion.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 04, 2018 at 4:00 PM in the Town Hall Board Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,

LeAnn L. Trotter

ERC Secretary 2018-19



MINUTES  
FARRAGUT / KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS  
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 04, 2018  
4:00 PM

**Committee Members Present:**

LeAnn Trotter, Nancy Wentz, Alisha Soni

**Committee Members Absent:**

Cathy Pierce, Kristen Pennycuff-Trent, Alice Thornton

**Staff Present:**

Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, Jenn Hatmaker, Trevor Hobbs

**Guests**

Jacqueline Rachlin, Farragut Primary PTA

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Wentz. Due to the lack of quorum, all valid transactions of business will be tabled until the next meeting on February 05, 2019.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Tabled to next meeting.

**Principal for a Day**

Nancy Wentz, committee liaison for Farragut Intermediate School (FIS), reported on her visit to Farragut Intermediate through the Knox County Schools Principal for a Day Program. This program gives excellent exposure to the daily workings of the Knox County schools. She discussed the use of “houses” within the school’s organization, including positive incentives for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and after school enrichment activities. FIS needs volunteers for science labs, vocabulary help, small group leaders, and Habit Dogs.

A discussion ensued about 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students’ transition to FIS from Farragut Primary School. Committee members knew about the programs in place for student transition from the intermediate school to the middle school and from the middle school to the high school. Perhaps a Family Fun Night could be arranged to help the transition process from the primary school to the intermediate school.

**Event Sponsorship**

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Nancy Wentz suggested that when the new Farragut Community Center opens, that the Education Relations Committee and the Arts Council co-sponsor a “Kid Fest” event. This could also involve local businesses that serve children, such as Mathnasium. Louise Povlin will discuss the idea with Parks and Recreation Director Sue Stuhl.

### **New Business**

Louise Povlin discussed our supporting opportunities for Farragut High School Freshmen to volunteer for leadership and/or service within the Farragut community. Louise Povlin will discuss this with Brittani Witte, Farragut Middle School sponsor of the National Junior Honor Society. Alisha Soni made the committee aware that HOSA includes all grades and gives many service opportunities. Alisha Soni also discussed the Farragut High School World Cultural Day.

LeAnn Trotter suggested we invite the Farragut High School junior delegates that are selected to attend Tennessee Boys and Girls State to visit the Education Relations Committee in the fall of 2019 to share their experiences in the study of Tennessee state and local government.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned.

**The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 05, 2019 at 4 PM in the Town Hall Board Room.**