



FARRAGUT / KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS  
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
BOARD ROOM  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018  
4:00 PM

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. June 5, 2018
3. Introduction of New Members
4. Election of Officers
  - a. Chairman
  - b. Vice-Chairman
  - c. Secretary
5. Appointment of Youth Representative
6. Overview of Committee Mission, Vision and Goals
7. School Liaison Assignments
8. Any Other Business
9. Adjournment

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MINUTES  
FARRAGUT / KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS  
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
JUNE 5, 2018  
4:00 PM

**Committee Members Present:**

Carla Werner, Tony Carasso, LeAnn Trotter, Alice Thornton, Hyatt Christenberry

**Committee Members Absent:**

Kristen Pennycuff-Trent

**Staff Present:**

Jenn Hatmaker

**Call to Order**

Acting Chairperson, Carla Werner, called the meeting to order.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the May 03, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

**Letter of Congratulations for Farragut Intermediate Principal Deborah Adorante**

Deborah Adorante has been named the Principal of Farragut Intermediate School for the 2018-19 school year. The Education Relations Committee recently sent her a congratulatory letter, as she was named interim principal in January 2018, following the resignation of Dr. Chris Henderson. To avoid redundancy with another letter so soon, Alice Thornton moved that the committee purchase a greeting card expressing congratulations and have it signed at the August 07, 2018 meeting. This will include any new members elected to the committee. The motion was seconded by Tony Carasso and passed.

**Youth Representative on Town Committees Update**

Jenn Hatmaker explained the commitment of the Town of Farragut to engage high school junior and senior students in local government by having one volunteer young person to serve on some of the Town of Farragut committees as a non-voting member. Jenn Hatmaker distributed a comprehensive handout showing the town committees, meeting dates and times, number of student applicants to date, and the student application process. It was suggested that next year the application process remain the same, but establish a deadline for application for first, second, and third choices in order for the voting to occur at the June, July, or August committee meetings. Any committees that do not have a student representative after the deadline would remain open for appointment. The committee agreed with this recommendation.

Alice Thornton suggested the Education Relations Committee could have a special called meeting in July to appoint a student representative. Jenn Hatmaker will email the committee for availability.

The committee is encouraged by the number of student applicants this year.

**Discussion of an After-School Enrichment Program for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Jenn Hatmaker reported that Alderman Louise Povlin contacted Ruth Lane, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Guidance Counselor at Farragut Middle School, to see if the committee could get a list of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested in government. To generate such a list would require parent permission. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade after school enrichment class is evolving and continues to be a “work in progress.”

**Any Other Business**

Carla Werner expressed special appreciation to our youth representative, Hyatt Christenberry, for serving on the committee this year. Hyatt Christenberry just graduated from the L & N STEM Academy and will be going to college in the fall. Carla Werner presented Hyatt Christenberry with a “thank you” gift for her service.

**Adjournment**

Alice Thornton moved to adjourn. Motion seconded and passed.

**The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 4 PM in the Town Hall Board Room.**

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn L. Trotter  
Secretary

**Print****Youth Representative Committee Application - Submission #4055****Date Submitted: 5/4/2018****Town of Farragut Youth Representative Committee Application****First Name**

Hannah

**Last Name**

Lee

**Address1****Address2****City**

Knoxville

**State**

Tennessee

**Zip**

37934

**Home Phone****Email****Briefly describe your life goals/aspirations:**

I am applying for the position of Youth Representative because as a rising senior, I have become interested in how a volunteer committee is run. I also really wish to help with improving the environmental health of the Farragut community. In addition, due to my interest and background knowledge in the environmental sciences, I believe that I would be the most helpful in the Stormwater Advisory Committee. I would love to use my skills to help with committee responsibilities and educate the public on the current state of the community environment. Furthermore, I could possibly carry out a research project demonstrating the significant effects of stormwater on the environment.

Even if I do not get chosen for the Stormwater Advisory Committee, I would still love to contribute in any way possible to the other committees like the Education Relations Committee or the Planning Commission.

**Which committees are you interested in serving:**

Please select your first, second and third choice committees from the list below. Only the committees that currently have a vacancy are listed.

**First Committee Choice:**

Stormwater Advisory Committee (2nd Thursday of each month at 3:30pm at Town Hall) ▼

**Second Committee Choice:**

Farragut/Knox County Schools Education Relations Committee (1st Tuesday of Feb, March, April, May, June at 4pm : ▼

**Third Committee Choice:**

Planning Commission (3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm at Town Hall) ▼

**School Official or Sponsor Name**

**Phone Number**

Mrs. Deborah Fraser

865-966-9775

**Please upload a letter of recommendation**

Hannah Lee - Recommendation.pdf

# *Farragut High School*

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Dwayne Simmons*

May 2018

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have been asked to write a letter of recommendation for one of my former Advanced Placement Chemistry students, Hannah Lee, for serving as the student representative on the Town of Farragut Stormwater Advisory Committee. Hannah was one of my top students and has demonstrated an outstanding academic aptitude and work ethic across all realms of her education. She has challenged herself with numerous Honors and Advanced Placement Courses and has had her academic achievements recognized through her attainment of top scores in her AP exams, SAT scores, membership in the National Honor Society and selection for Governor's School for Science and Engineering (2018). Hannah has maintained her outstanding grades while being an active member in several school and community organizations which attests to her excellent time management skills. She has been involved with the Biology Olympiad (Semifinalist), HOSA (has achieved Regional and National Placements in competition), the Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra, Regional TMTA Competition (TN Mathematics Teachers Association), and Science Club, to name a few. Hannah has volunteered in numerous community service projects such as helping the elderly, tutoring students, preparing Thanksgiving food baskets, school fundraising activities and in maintaining our campus property. Hannah works well with people of all ages and backgrounds and is an extremely positive and comfortable young lady that was a delight to work with in and out of class. She is a well-balanced individual with a varied background that enables her to analyze situations thoroughly.

Hannah has excellent problem solving skills and communicates well through both written and oral expression and has always conveyed her understanding in an extremely thoughtful and logical manner. These skills have allowed her to be selected for a Science Research Internship at the University of TN, Knoxville as a member of the Farragut High School Science Academy and was thus nominated to the Tennessee Junior Science and Humanities Symposium this past year. Her work revolved around Biochemistry and Cellular/Molecular Biology. Similar involvements include NASA SSEP (Student Spaceflight Experiments Program – team project 3rd place Regional) and SASEF (Southern Appalachian Science and Engineering Fair – Honorable Mention/Special Award). As a former member of the Stormwater Advisory Committee, I am confident that Hannah would be a tremendous asset as a student member. She is responsible, mature, thoughtful and aware of the biochemical/environmental issues regarding our water quality and would have much to offer when considering ways to expand water quality education in our community and in using our resources well in improving the environment in our community. I highly recommend Hannah for your most serious consideration and ask that you feel free to contact me if you should have any further questions or concerns regarding her.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Fraser

Mrs. Debbie Fraser  
AP Chemistry Teacher, Farragut High School  
debbie.fraser@knoxschools.org

**Print****Youth Representative Committee Application - Submission #4130****Date Submitted: 7/24/2018****Town of Farragut Youth Representative Committee Application****First Name**

Alisha

**Last Name**

Soni

**Address1****Address2****City**

Knoxville

**State**

Tennessee

**Zip**

37934

**Home Phone****Email****Briefly describe your life goals/aspirations:**

Given a fundamentally strong foundation in my early childhood, I have been blessed with the opportunity to blossom into a leader figure within my school and community. One such example is the privilege I have been given to serve my school as a representative for the last two years and the Vice President for the upcoming year of the Student Government Association. I serve as a liaison between the student population and administrators to ensure the representation of students. I try my best to speak for the general scholastic population when sharing ideas to administration to better our school and community. Furthermore, I act as a voice of my school to the community, striving to represent the moral conduct that our school stands by. In my future, I hope to continue serving as a voice for change and betterment of my community as a whole. I hope that in whatever field life takes me, I am able to be a humble servant to the community and give back to it the wonderful virtues it has given me.

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**Second Committee Choice:**

-- Select One -- ▼

**Third Committee Choice:**

-- Select One -- ▼

**School**

Farragut High School

**Grade level for the 2018-2019 School Year**

Junior ▼

**School Official or Sponsor Name**

Ryan Siebe

**Phone Number**

8659669775

**Please upload a letter of recommendation**

Alisha Soni.docx

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July 23, 2018

To Whom It May Concern;

Alisha Soni has asked me to write to you on her behalf and I am happy to comply. I have had the opportunity to really get to know Alisha in two capacities one as her teacher of Advanced Placement Human Geography and also as the sponsor of Student Government which Alisha has been active in for the last three years. Alisha is not only intelligent and dedicated to academics but is devoted to her school and community. Alisha has served as a class representative for two years and this year she is serving as the Vice President of our 85 member organization. The goal of SGA is to serve as a liaison between the students and the administration, to create programming for the student body and to work to serve our community all while building leadership skills in the students themselves.

Alisha's skill set makes her an excellent leader; she is personable, polite, kind, funny and very organized! She strives to ensure all students ideas are heard and wants create a positive climate at FHS. I feel Alisha would be an excellent student representative for the Farragut/ Knox County Schools education relations committee and I hope you will give her your utmost consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Blankenship  
Instructor of Social Studies  
Faculty Sponsor of Farragut High Student Government Association