



FARRAGUT / KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018
4:00 PM

1. Call to order

2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September 4, 2018

3. Youth Council – Kristen Pennycuff-Trent

4. Principal for a Day – Kristen Pennycuff-Trent

5. Any Other Business

6. Adjournment



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

Committee Members Present:

Cathy Pierce, Kristen Pennycuff-Trent, Alice Thornton, Nancy Wentz

Committee Members Absent:

LeAnn Trotter

Staff Present:

Jenn Hatmaker

Guests

Mayor Ron Williams, Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, Lisa Stalsworth

Call to Order

Chairperson Nancy Wentz called the September 4, 2018 meeting to order; a quorum was declared.

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Wentz stated that Ms. Thornton needs to be added as a liaison to Farragut High School. Ms. Pennycuff-Trent moved to approve the amended minutes of the August 7, 2018 meeting. Ms. Thornton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Review of Committee Strategic Plan and Goals

Vice Mayor Povlin stated that the committee may need to amend the committee charter because the purpose of the committee has changed. Vice Mayor Povlin read the committee purpose. Vice Mayor Povlin stated that she looked back at what the Board has been looking at to implement including a Youth Council and celebrating student accomplishments and successes with proclamations. Vice Mayor Povlin stated that she thinks the Youth Council will start at the high school level and possibly the middle school level. Vice Mayor Povlin stated that she would like the committee to have a joint discussion with the Farragut Business Alliance about work-based learning. Ms. Thornton stated that the committee may need the amended charter with the new purpose before doing the committee goals. Vice Mayor Povlin stated that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen first needs to rewrite the committee's purpose to give the committee direction and will talk to David Smoak about putting the amendment of the committee charter on the next Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting agenda.

Any Other Business

Ms. Hatmaker stated that the school grant check presentation will be on September 27 at 7pm; each school principal will be at Town Hall for the start of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting to receive their school's grant check from the Town.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.

The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 4 PM in the Town Hall Board Room.

KEY 6: Negotiate OPPORTUNITIES for Access

Arrange Authentic Access to Policy Makers

- Create shared leadership opportunities with policy makers
- Bring member into policy-making process
- Hire a youth Liaison
- Facilitate concrete opportunities to advise top officials
- Integrate members into government departments by pairing with directors

Create a Visible Public Presence

- Develop a communications plan
- Facilitate opportunities for youth to testify at public hearings

Facilitate Connections to Youth Constituents

- Be intentional about creating a “ripple” effect
- Convene the broader youth community
- Connect the broader youth community to resources and information

KEY 4: Build Youth CAPACITY

Provide Ongoing Training and Support

- Provide skill building for youth
- Provide orientation and training for adults
- Identify authentic ways to integrate training and real work
- Make sure youth have skills needed to do tasks assigned
- Provide information coaching and support

Utilize teams

- Create youth-adult teams
- Create a core team if necessary
- Use work teams as capacity-building and workload sharing strategy

Support Meaningful Youth Action

KEY 5: Deepen Youth MOTIVATION

Help Youth Identify Core Issues

- Reconcile youth concerns with political realities
- Connect immediate issues to broader systemic challenges
- Make sure members do their homework
- Find creative ways to document broader youth opinions

Help Youth Understand Strategies for Policy Change

- Be sure youth know roles council can play
- Help youth leverage formal and informal access
- Help youth understand that change takes time

Lay the Foundation

FOUNDATION

Key 1: Determine Council Membership

- Define Composition carefully
- Select manageable size
- Weigh representation goals against size/cost
- Consider age range
- Create aggressive recruitment strategy
- Recruit diversity
- Connect to existing organizations for outreach

Key 2: Ensure a Sound Infrastructure

- Secure adequate, long-term funding
- Assess funding needs
- Lock in out-year funding
- Select an appropriate administrative home
- Weigh pros and cons of being inside government
- Connect to a coordinating body rather than single department
- Institutionalize council

Key 3: Provide a Supportive Work Environment

- Recruit the right staff
- Get youth development and policy backgrounds
- Find creative ways to get more expertise
- Create a strong home base
- Provide a dedicated workspace
- Plan face-to-face meetings
- Use technology to connect
- Ensure members have a strong home-base back home