



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

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. September 3, 2019
  - b. October 1, 2019
3. Discussion of Any Upcoming Events at the Farragut Schools
4. Update on School Liaison Visits
  - a. School Needs
  - b. School Accomplishments
5. Storm the Hill Update
6. Any Other Business
7. Adjournment

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 4 PM**



**Minutes**  
**Farragut Education Relations Committee**  
**Tuesday, September 03, 2019**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ted Ansink, Cathy Pierce, Louise Povlin Alice Thornton, LeAnn Trotter, Nancy Wentz, Alisha Soni, Claudia Levi

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jennifer Hatmaker

**GUEST:**

Jacqueline Rachlin

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by the committee chairperson, Alice Thornton

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The August 06, 2019, minutes were read and approved with one correction.

**SCHOOL VISIT UPDATES:**

Farragut Primary School: Fall Fest will be held on November 09, 2019.

Farragut Intermediate: Ted Ansink reported that the Anchors Away Fun Run (a PTA Fundraiser) will be held on October 24, 2019. A Family Fun Event is planned for March 06, 2020. Ted Ansink volunteers for the Farragut Intermediate School Science Lab Program.

Farragut Middle: LeAnn Trotter reported the school's involvement with TAMS (the Tennessee Association of Middle Schools). Several staff attended the annual Summer Conference.

Farragut High: Louise Povlin reported that the Farragut High School Education Foundation Fund Raiser will be a "Raise the Tree" event held on December 01, 2019 from 11AM - 8:00PM at Farragut High School. Participants can "shop for their own tree". Louise also recommended that additional promotion and publicizing of the Education Foundation's Tutoring Program be made available. Alice Thornton and Nancy Wentz visited and met with the new high school principal, Dr. John Bartlett and with the assistant principal, Karey Laudermilk. They reported that the new administration is full of enthusiasm and interested in the workings of the Farragut Education Relations Committee. Alisha Soni has also met with Dr. Bartlett and found him to be extremely responsive. Nancy Wentz presented an idea for a pizza fund raiser. The new high school administrators are extremely approachable and have positive ideas for student engagement.

Alisha Soni cited various Farragut High School Service Projects.

Claudia Levi announced the Farragut High School "World Culture Night".

**LIST OF FHS CLUBS/SPONSORS REVIEW:**

Louise Povlin distributed a list of the Farragut High School Clubs/Organizations and their staff sponsors for review.

**STORM THE HILL 2020:**

Jacqueline Rachlin, Farragut Primary PTA, announced the upcoming Storm the Hill 2020, an event for students to be given a day off from school to visit the Tennessee State Capitol. Jacqueline will keep our committee informed of this project.

**NEW BUSINESS;**

Alisha Soni and Claudia Levi, our Youth Representatives, are working to have all the youth who serve on the various Farragut Town Committees to meet together as a group.

Jennifer Hatmaker announced that the Farragut Principals and the Farragut High School Education Foundation will receive the Town of Farragut grant money at the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting on September 12, 2019.

The Education class of the "Introduction to Farragut" program will be held on October 30, 2019, at 6 PM in the Town Hall Board Room. Wes Edmonds (Farragut Middle School principal), John Bartlett (Farragut High School principal), and Farragut Vice Mayor Louise Povlin will speak.

As there was no other new business, Nancy Wentz moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 01, 2019 at 4 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

LeAnn L. Trotter  
ERC Secretary 2019-20



**MINUTES  
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 01, 2019  
4:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ted Ansink, Louise Povlin, Alice Thornton, LeAnn Trotter, Nancy Wentz, Claudia Levi, Alisha Soni,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Cathy Pierce

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jennifer Hatmaker

**GUESTS:**

Jacqueline Rachlin

Michelle Hollenhead, Farragut Press

**CALL TO ORDER;**

The meeting was called to order by the committee Chair, Alice Thornton.

**MINUTES.**

The reading of the minutes from the September 03, 2019 meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Alice Thornton, committee Chairperson, requested that committee members review the committee's page on the Town of Farragut website. There are items posted that need to be revised and/or updated. Following a review of the website page, the committee agreed with this proposal and made some suggested revisions. Louise Povlin will communicate this proposal to Town staff and report at the next meeting.

**FARRAGUT SCHOOLS REPORTS:**

Farragut High School

Alisha Soni Reported:

- Can Drive begins after Fall Break. Delivery to the Love Kitchen on October 25, 2018. Suggested reaching out to Farragut Middle and local food stores
- October 15, 2019 Blood Drive Competition with Bearden High School
- Local Elementary schools recruiting high school volunteers to assist with fall functions
- December 01, 2019, "Raise the Tree" fundraiser for the Farragut High School Education Foundation

Farragut Middle School

LeAnn Trotter Reported:

- Joined PTA and follows the Farragut Middle School PTA Facebook page
- Farragut Middle School has several corporate sponsors who provide lunch for teachers
- Preparing for Basketball Season

### Farragut Intermediate School

Ted Ansink Reported:

- Science Labs have started; currently soliciting volunteers for the Labs
- Art Teacher dressing in Colonial Attire as she teaches quilting to the students. Want to eventually sell/raffle the completed quilts

### Farragut Primary School

Jacqueline Rachlin Reported:

- The Annual Farragut Primary Fall Festival will be on November 09, 2019; planning is underway and is already a full event
- Jacqueline is continuing to update information on "Storm the Hill". She also announced that the Farragut Intermediate PTA President has been elected as the Knox Countywide PTA President. Jacqueline will act as a liaison with the Tennessee State Legislation.
- Knox County Schools are bringing back the DARE Program.

**Jennifer Hatmaker** announced that the Education Session for the Introduction to Farragut Class will be held on Wednesday evening, October 30, 2019, at the Town Hall. Farragut Middle School principal Wes Edmonds, Farragut High School principal John Bartlett, Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, and Farragut High School senior Alisha Soni will speak. Members of the Education Relations Committee are invited to attend.

Alice Thornton, ERC Chairperson, challenged the ERC members to try to attend at least two events this year at the assigned schools.

**Alisha Soni and Claudia Levi (Committee Student Members)** reported on the positive initiatives that are being used to improve the Farragut High School climate:

- Added game tables to encourage less phone time
- Play music in the cafeteria
- Have Grade Level Assemblies to address Mental Health Issues
- Guidance Department provides events to include everyone
- Occasionally allow Food Trucks at lunch time
- Have new painted Murals
- Updating the facilities
- Dr. Bartlett sends out Tweets to the students

**Nancy Wentz** moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

The next Education Relations Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 05, 2019 at 4 PM in the Farragut Town Hall Board Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

LeAnn L. Trotter  
ERC Secretary