



MINUTES  
FARRAGUT / KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS  
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
MARCH 1, 2016  
4:00 PM

**Committee Members Present:**

Kristen Pennycuff-Trent, Carla Werner, Tony Carasso

**Committee Members Absent:**

Drew Carson

**Staff Present:**

Gary Palmer, Jenn Hatmaker

**Call to Order**

Chair Pennycuff-Trent called the meeting to order.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Carasso moved to approve the January 5, 2016 minutes. Ms. Werner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Teacher Appreciation Program**

Chair Pennycuff-Trent presented the Tyler Duke Foundation nomination form and stated that students and parents nominate a teacher and then the Foundation chooses who receives the award. Chair Pennycuff-Trent recommended having a nomination form on the website for students and teachers to fill out and then the Education Relations Committee can choose a recipient. Chair Pennycuff-Trent volunteered to contact former committee member Nancy Wentz regarding the scoring system Farragut High School uses when selecting a teacher to recognize and volunteered to contact Farragut Primary School (FPS) to ask why two teachers were selected from FPS.

**Youth Member Program Update**

Mr. Palmer emailed Michelle Brossett at Farragut High School regarding the student application. Mr. Palmer stated that he would contact the other schools and the home school association next week. The Stormwater Advisory Committee charter amendment to allow a youth representative will be presented to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen next week for approval.

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### Follow Up Discussion on School Grants

Mr. Palmer spoke with Town Administrator David Smoak regarding the amount the Town gives to the schools. Mr. Smoak said that when the Town started the process of giving money to the schools, the Mayor met with Jim McIntyre. During the meeting it was decided to keep the amount same for all five schools. Mr. Smoak said he would talk to the Board about a formula-based amount.

### Education Relations Committee Strategic Plan

The 2011-2012 strategic plan was reviewed. Mr. Palmer will email a word version of the plan to the committee members and asked that each committee member document their suggested changes to be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

Mr. Carasso moved to adjourn. Ms. Werner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Next meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 4 PM in the Town Hall Board Room.**