



MINUTES
FARRAGUT EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 5, 2019
4:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, Trevor Hobbs

Guests

Kristi Vining, Farragut Intermediate PTA

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Wentz.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from October 2, 2018 and December 4, 2018 were read and approved.

New Business

Louise Povlin suggested that the Education Relations Committee should have a representative of each of the respective Farragut schools' PTA / PTSO organizations, preferably the president, serve on the Education Relations Committee. She recommended that these representatives serve as advisors and/or be added as voting members of the committee. Having these persons attend the meetings would help facilitate communication efforts.

A discussion ensued regarding continuity and if the committee should meet one time per month instead of every other month. Louise Povlin will meet with Town Administrator David Smoak to discuss.

The organization at Farragut Primary School and Farragut Intermediate School is called PTA and at Farragut Middle School and Farragut High School is called PTSO.

Alice Thornton announced a spring fund raising event for Farragut High School. The money raised will be used to renovate the library. The library has not been updated since the opening of the existing high school.

Nancy Wentz discussed the possibility of moving the primary/intermediate art shows held at the Farragut Town Hall from the Arts and Beautification Committee to the Education Relations Committee. Preference was to leave the art shows with the Arts and Beautification Committee at this time. The committee revisited the idea of having a Town of Farragut "Kid Fest" event.

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Trevor Hobbs recommended that the committee review the purpose of the Education Relations Committee.

Alisha Soni revisited the previously discussion of having a Town of Farragut Youth Council. As the youth representative, Alisha Soni thinks this would serve as a “connection” with the Town of Farragut and Farragut High School. She recommended that the committee act on this idea and get it started. Alisha Soni has discussed the direction, ideas and planning with Vice Mayor Louise Povlin.

1. Students would create some sort of project to give back to the community
2. The students would learn more about their local government

The overall goal would be youth involvement in the town.

It was suggested that an interest meeting for students be held at the Town Hall, inviting students who have indicated an interest in such a council and have shown leadership potential. February 28 at 5:45 was proposed. Initial communication regarding the meeting will be with parents. Adults will serve as advisors and this would be a leadership opportunity for all students. Students could add their involvement on college applications. The group will be called “Youth Advisory Council.” Members of the Education Relations Committee are invited.

LeAnn Trotter suggested that the committee send a congratulations letter to the Farragut High School student selected as one of two students from Tennessee to attend the United States Senate Youth Program in Washington DC. LeAnn Trotter also suggested sending a letter to the students who will be selected to attend Tennessee Boys State and Tennessee Girls State.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.

The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 4 PM in the Town Hall Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,
LeAnn Trotter
Secretary 2018-2019