



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