



MINUTES
FARRAGUT / KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
JUNE 7, 2016
4:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

Kristen Pennycuff-Trent, Drew Carson, Tony Carasso

Committee Members Absent:

Carla Werner

Staff Present:

Gary Palmer, Jenn Hatmaker

Guests:

Ben Pounds, FarragutPress

Naoko Blue, Farragut Citizen / Economic Development Committee Member

Call to Order

Chair Pennycuff-Trent called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Carasso moved to approve the March 1, 2016 minutes. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Teacher Appreciation Program

Chair Pennycuff-Trent stated that the Town could award the teachers who are selected as Knox County Teachers of Year. This year, Knox County selected 17 teachers from the five schools that service Farragut (two from Farragut Primary School, three from Farragut Intermediate School, four from Farragut Middle School, four from Farragut High School, and four from Hardin Valley Academy). Mr. Palmer stated that the committee originally discussed awarding \$500 to each teacher that Knox County selects as Teacher of the Year from the schools that service Farragut. For example, if the committee awarded the same teachers selected by

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Knox County, the total award amount would be \$8,500 for the 17 teachers (\$500 per teacher). Mr. Palmer will draft a memo to Town Administrator David Smoak regarding the Teacher Appreciation Program. If approved by Mr. Smoak, Mr. Palmer will present the recommendation to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Chair Pennycuff-Trent asked Mr. Palmer if it would be possible to recognize the award recipients during the Town's annual volunteer banquet. Mr. Palmer stated that he will need to check with Parks and Leisure Services Director Sue Stuhl to see if additional seating is available during the banquet or if the event is at capacity. Chair Pennycuff-Trent suggested recognizing the recipients during a Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting if the volunteer banquet is full.

Education Relations Committee Strategic Plan

The 2011-2012 strategic plan was reviewed. Mr. Palmer presented edits to the 2011-2012 Strategic Plan and will email the draft amendments to the committee for review before the next meeting.

Other Business

Mr. Palmer stated that the Town has received one application for a youth to serve on a Town committee. The applicant has requested to serve on the Municipal Planning Commission. Mr. Palmer stated that as applications come in, he will review the application for completeness, forward it to the staff representative for the committee requested, and the staff representative will set up an interview between the applicant and the committee chair or the chair's designee.

The committee discussed changing the frequency of the meetings from monthly to bi-monthly. Mr. Palmer will make the amendment to the Charter and will present it to the committee at the next committee meeting for a vote.

Mr. Carson moved to cancel the July 2016 committee meeting. Mr. Carasso seconded the motion. Motion passed. The July 2016 meeting will be cancelled and the committee will reconvene on August 2, 2016 at 4 PM.

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

Next meeting Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 4 PM in the Town Hall Board Room.