

MINUTES
FARRAGUT EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019
4:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Cathy Pierce, Alisha Soni, Alice Thornton, LeAnn Trotter, Nancy Wentz

Committee Members Absent: Ted Ansink

Staff Present: Jennifer Hatmaker, Vice Mayor Louise Povlin

Guest: Michelle Hollenhead, Farragut Press Staff Writer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by ERC Chairperson Nancy Wentz

Approval of Minutes: Louise Povlin moved to approve the minutes from the April 02, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Cathy Pierce. The minutes were approved, as read.

Business:

Jennifer Hatmaker announced that a new ERC member, Ted Ansink, has been selected to replace Kristen Pennycuff-Trent. Kristen served a four-year term on the committee.

Louise Povlin, Vice Mayor, challenged the Education Relations Committee with ideas and suggestions for the following 2019-2020 year:

Honoring our Farragut students at BOMA Meetings (2nd and 4th Thursdays) who have received special awards and recognition.

Act as a liaison for school sponsored and community events.

Highlight stories of interest, such as the FHS Education Foundation and the Tutoring Fund.

Utilize the young people who serve on the various Town of Farragut Committees to become more actively involved.

Recommend that we have two youth members on the Education Relations Committee, one junior and one senior to provide carry over and consistency.

Focus this ensuing year on Farragut High School, then branch out to the private schools next year.

Celebrate our youth and get their "story" out there.

Use social media to highlight student accomplishments (more than just athletics). Value academics as much as athletics.

Attempt to network with the various FHS club sponsors and the FHS PTSO to stay informed.

Become involved and aware. Louise will attend the FHS Summer Insanity to welcome freshmen and make some contacts for the ERC.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE GOALS AND CHARTER AMMENDMENTS:

Following a discussion regarding how often the ERC should meet, Louise Povlin moved that the committee return to meeting monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 4 PM in the Town Hall Board Room (instead of every other month). The motion was seconded by Cathy Pierce and passed.

Following a discussion regarding Charter Amendments and changes, Louise Povlin moved that there be two youth (one high school junior and one senior) selected to serve a two-year term on the Education Relations Committee. The motion was seconded by Nancy Wentz and was passed.

The Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen has to approve charter changes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following persons were elected to serve as ERC Officers for the 2019-20 year:

Chairperson – Alice Thornton
Vice Chairperson – Nancy Wentz
Secretary – LeAnn Trotter

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT:

Claudia Levi, a rising FHS Junior, was nominated to serve as the other youth representative on the ERC for the 2019-20 year. Nancy Wentz moved to approve Claudia's nomination and Alice Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed for Claudia Levi to serve a two-year term as the second youth representative on the committee.

KIDFEST EVENT DISCUSSION:

The Kid Fest Event discussion was tabled until the next meeting

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

FARRAGUT SCHOOL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:

The ERC School Liaison appointments were tabled until the next meeting.

THE NEXT ERC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 06, 2019, AT 4 PM IN THE FARRAGUT TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM.