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Farragut/Knox County Schools Joint Education Relations Committee Meeting

June 2, 2010

Town Hall Board Room

Attending:

Elizabeth Clemens, Margaret Johns, Carol Littlejohn, Shannon Warden, Gary Palmer (Associate Town Administrator), David Smoak (Town Administrator), Mike Reynolds (Principal of Farragut High), Kay Wellons (Principal of Farragut Intermediate), Rick Martin (President of FHS Education Foundation), Ashley Peterson (Farragut Press) and Sara Barrett (West Side Shopper-News)

1. Roll call (Johns) 2 PM
2. Approval of June 2, 2020 meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.
3. Presentation by Rick Martin, President of the FHS Education Foundation, with these facts:
 - Formed 11 years ago, primarily to bring new technology to the school. Currently, with a primary focus on academics, the foundation provides for technology needs, teacher education, student conferences, Outstanding Educator's Award, and an annual \$2,000 Senior scholarship.
 - Is not exclusive and will share funding with other Farragut schools for a variety of needs.
 - More information available on the Farragut High School website: <http://farraguths.knoxschools.org> at the link «FHS Education Foundation»
 - Structure is in place, but the foundation needs more money and talent. Currently the Farragut High School Alumni is preparing a database of FHS graduates.
 - Video-conferencing likely in the future, providing opportunity for other schools in Knox County (and elsewhere) to participate.
4. Request by FHS Principal. Mike Reynolds
Urged committee to work on getting a traffic light (with a left-turn signal) on Campbell Station Road for safety and efficiency.
5. Presentation by Jon Minnick of Junior Achievement
 - Organization is a non-profit organization started in 1919.
 - Requesting \$7,500.00 through a Town of Farragut Community grant for BizTown, an economic education program for 5th graders. All 375 students will get to experience the running of a city for a day.
 - After the presentation, the committee voted unanimously to recommend the program to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.
6. Updates on VolunteerMatch and countywide volunteer program
Johns provided information with some recommendations:
Contacted Russ Oakes of Knox County Schools and Jennifer Evans, Workforce Development Director of Knoxville Chamber Partnership. Both parties are interested in sponsoring a Knox County volunteer program.
Pilot is currently collecting data.
 - Recommends that the committee discuss this at a future date when more information is acquired.
7. Other items
 - Clemens reported on Primetime Family Reading Program, a grant sponsored by the American Library Association. Grant is not sponsored this year, but searching for other grants may be beneficial for additional funds or materials.
8. Next meeting will occur on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 2:00 PM at the Farragut Town Hall.
9. Adjournment at approximately 3:30 PM.