



Minutes

Education Relations Committee

Town of Farragut/Knox County Schools

February 1, 2011

Attending: Carol Littlejohn, Russell Barber, Carla Lyle, Michael Singletary, Thomas Deakins, David Smoak (Town Administrator), Valerie Millsapps, (Assistant to Town Administrator), Lorraine Furtner (West-Side Shopper News)

- I. Roll call (Deakins) 8:30 AM
- II. Approval of November minutes.
Passed by committee (Lyle motioned; Barber seconded the motion). The committee did not meet in January due to bad weather.
- III. Call for additions on agenda.
Smoak says that the Board will vote on adding a new committee member on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011.
- IV. Welcome New Committee Member: Dr. Michael Singletary is a retired professor from UT, Knoxville, College of Journalism. Welcome!
- V. Review of Old Business.
Roundtable discussions: FPS and HVA are the two remaining schools that have not submitted statistics. Deakins will contact the principals of both schools, stating that they could submit their results in writing if they are pressed for time.
FHS Leadership Class & Service Projects: Committee was unaware if Guy DeMarco from FHS has been contacted; Deakins will contact DeMarco.
FHS Foundation: Deakins will contact Jerry Martin and ask him to attend committee meeting in the future so we can collaborate. Committee discussed Walk-a-thon and other fundraising groups. Deakins mentioned that HVA hired a professional group that put together a fundraiser and received a percentage or fee. Committee agreed to discuss further.
- VI. New Business:
Committee Actions, Recommendations in 2010-11 Term: Goals discussed included public awareness of the committee's need of volunteers, supplies and major monetary needs (Lyle) and that, in the future, the committee should work with the town's Economic Development Council (Deakins). Smoak states that EDC has an itemized list that we could share and that he will send the list by email. Also, committee should contact civic clubs to

sponsor a school (Singletary). Does city have a list of civic clubs? Smoak will send a brief list of civic clubs by email. Another recommendation is that schools who require more computer equipment (like FHS) could purchase used computers from UT (Singletary). Can we contact financial planners to establish endowments for Farragut schools? Lyle states that BB&T Bank could possibly sponsor an event, but this requires CPAs and estate planners, in particular, to attend. Lyle will contact others in Oak Ridge to get further ideas on endowment plans. Deakins suggested that the committee join Facebook so the committee can contact members via Internet.

All recommendations will be considered throughout the year.

School Administration Roundtable Discussion: As noted, Deakins will contact principals of HVA and FPS and ask for a monetary report, both short-term and long-term.

VII. Review any Action Items. Barber gave a report on the developing traffic light problems on Campbell Station Road. Within the next two weeks, until the problem of a traffic light is resolved, an island will be placed between the school's exit and entrance, in order to protect students' safety and prevent traffic congestion.

VIII. Adjournment at 9:30 AM.

NEXT MEETING IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2011 AT 8:30 AM. THE LOCATION IS STILL BEING DETERMINED.