



Minutes

Education Relations Committee - Informal Meeting Town of Farragut/Knox County Schools April 7, 2011

Johns roll call at 8:40 am

Attending: Margaret Johns, Russell Barber, Nancy Wentz, David Smoak, Valerie Millsapps, (Assistant to Town Administrator), and Heather Karnes (Principal of FMS)

Informal discussion on assistance with school outreach to area civic clubs.

Informal discussion on approaching civic clubs with a request that they consider supporting a Farragut school for a specific need.

Example: Farragut Rotary Club Secretary Ed Jones confirmed to M. Johns that the organization presently supports Ball Camp Elementary School. After some discussion, the committee agreed to revisit this at the next meeting with some recommendation that committee members attend a Farragut Rotary Club meeting and ask the club to consider supporting a Farragut school.

R. Barber discussed the potential for support from the Lions Club. The Club's representative indicated the need for something in writing that clearly spells out the request & the financial considerations that need to be supported by the civic club.

Committee members then discussed the need to gain a good understanding of each civic club's mission so that any written request for support may be well-stated in the context of that mission.

R. Barber confirmed that \$5k was the measure that the Lions Club indicated that they would be willing to consider funding - for the right need.

N. Wentz volunteered to circle back to Principal Mike Reynolds to ask if he would be willing to co-author such a request document to take to the Lions Club.

N. Wentz spoke with Bryan of the Optimist club who confirmed that Don Hampton no longer President. The new telephone number is 567-7422. The club has 17 active members and no longer offers grants. They do, however, give out a scholarship that any Knox County student may be eligible for. It is an

essay contest.

M. Johns - has left several messages for West Knox Civitan Club President Parker Tabor, Jr. She will continue to reach out and will review the club's website to compare meeting dates with her travel schedule in order to attend one of the club's meetings.

C. Lyle confirmed via email that she received a positive response from the Farragut Kiwanis Club. They are interested in a presentation from a member or members of the Education Relations committee.

Principals Heather Karnes & Mike Reynolds are willing to collaborate on putting together a presentation for the Farragut Kiwanis Club. They will work together to document an outline of needs & what the request would be and will prepare this & provide to committee in advance of or by the next ERC committee meeting (prior to May 5).

H. Karnes confirmed that the greatest need continues to be support for new technology in the classrooms. She also confirmed that Knox County has stated it is no longer funding IT upgrades. Instead of upgrading existing computer platforms and software, the policy will be to replace after certain period of time.

Action Items: M. Johns to circulate an email with request for next meeting on Thursday 5/5 at 8:30.

Principals Karnes and Reynolds to collaborate on an outline for presentation to the Farragut Kiwanis Club.

Informal meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.