

**Minutes
Joint Education Relations Committee
Town of Farragut/Knox County Schools
March 6, 2012 4pm Town Board Room**



Attending: Mark Littleton, Michael Singletary, Nancy Wentz, Gary Palmer (Associate Town Administrator), Valerie Millsapps, (Assistant to Town Administrator), Heather Karnes (Principal of FMS), Suzanne Neal (West-Side Shopper News)

Farragut Business Alliance (FBA) Report. Mark related highlights of the attached two page summary of their meeting on .

TDOT Funding for FPS Sign. Ms. Craze (principal of FPS) had requested a sign to replace the one TDOT had taken out for the Campbell Station Road widening. It has been determined that TDOT has compensated Knox County for this and in turn, Knox County has turned over the funds to Knox County Schools. This money has been earmarked for FPS and a new sign, along with landscaping and a light, will require a bid process, probably won't be accomplished until after the current school year.

Schools Needs List.

only update received was from FMS --

FMS - already bought a projector via school coupon receipts (\$2,500); also bought 12 TVs (\$10,000) via school coupon receipts; update price of \$8,600 for new staff computers to \$7,000 (better pricing); update Active Expression clickers for a new price of \$13,700 for 7 sets of 32 per pod (2 per grade level plus an additional one for related arts); Heather will try to get a price for the stage curtains.

Schools Budget Discussion and Recommendation. Discussion ensued about input from schools for any non-monetary recommendations. FMS was present and they requested volunteers to teach after school activities, ie. cooking, sewing, woodworking, knitting, car maintenance, etc. **Action Item -- The ERC members are to ask their respective schools for any non-monetary recommendations.** Also, an Adopt-a-School program was suggested; the mayor should be briefed and see if he can promote this concept.

ERC Report to BOMA. This committee would like to give a report to the BOMA to display our progress. This would be a year-end report and include our strategic plan and hopefully gain a little more exposure to the community and businesses. Hopefully, we can do it at the April 12th BOMA meeting.

Other Business. FMS reported that their State Evaluation yielded excellent scores!!

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 4:00 PM at the TOWN HALL.

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