

Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**

What: Farragut/Knox County Schools Joint Education Relations Committee
When: August 7, 2012; 4:00 p.m.
Where: Farragut Town Hall
Present:

- Kim Arms (new member)
- Russell Barber
- Mark Littleton
- Gary Palmer
- Valerie Millsapps
- Absent: M. Singletary (traveling) and N. Wentz (school duties)
- Guest: Scott Bacon, Business Partnerships Supervisor, Knox County Schools

Introduction of our new committee member, Kim Arms.

Election of new officers for 2012-2013 term.

Chairman	Mark Littleton
Vice Chairman	Russ Barber
Secretary	Kim Arms

All members should review committee charter.

School assignments: Kim Arms will take G. Palmer's spot with Farragut Intermediate School. (M. Singletary, HVA; R. Barber, FPS; N. Wentz, FMS; M. Littleton, FHS.)

Gary Palmer shared with the Committee the *Principal for a Day* initiative November 15, 2012. Time commitment will involve ½ day at a school in order to see the challenges they face, challenges for business persons, voids or gaps in needs vs. available resources. The target participant would be a community leader / business owner who might be able to influence others via sharing the experience.

Scott Bacon presented the Knox County Schools Partners in Education manual which is designed to create a close, working relationship between a community organization and a school or specific program within the Knox County School System. Scott also shared contributions made by DeRoyal including glue, paint, etc.

Costco has donated supplies and backpacks to some schools in need. Committee needs to work to identify strategy for ensuring Farragut schools are included in these initiatives as there may be a perception that our students do not have needs such as those met by Costco and other donors when, in fact, there are definite needs. *[I believe this was in conjunction with a general discussion about the teacher's resource supply station located in Cedar Bluff, which is open to all teachers and receives donations from many businesses. M. Littleton.]*

Mark Littleton gave an update on Town funding for schools, which was planned to be increased from \$10K per school annually to \$15K. However, the Board of Mayor and

Aldermen (BOMA) voted to expand their contribution to \$22.5K per school this next year. The ERC voted to approve a letter of appreciation and encouragement to BOMA, to be delivered by M. Littleton at the upcoming BOMA meeting.

On a related note, the BOMA requested that the ERC instruct each school to purchase a banner for prominent display (gym, auditorium, ball field, etc.) saying "The Town of Farragut supports XXXX school." This banner was to have been discussed by the ERC to give guidance and calibration to each school, but the discussion was delayed for other business and will be addressed at the next meeting.

Mark Littleton reminded committee of the August 28 meeting of the Farragut Business Alliance. Attendance by ERC members is not required but is encouraged.

Next meeting September 4, 2012.
