



Farragut/Knox County Schools Joint Education Relations Committee Meeting

September 4, 2012

4:00 PM

Town Hall Main Floor, Board Room

Meeting Agenda

1. Call To Order (Chairman)
2. Approval Of Minutes
 - August 7, 2012
 - May 1, 2012
3. Old business
4. Sharing Town BOMA financial allocation and banner requests with school administrators
5. Town BOMA banner request for each school
 - Determine a consistent look and size
 - Agree w/administrators on the location in each school.
6. School visit/discussion reports by each ERC member and Needs List review and updates.
7. Discussion of our 2012-2013 Goals/Vision
8. Any Other Business

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.

ERC Notes from 5/01/2012 meeting

Committee members attending: M. Singletary, R. Barber, N. Wentz, M. Littleton.

Town staff: G. Palmer and V. Millsapps.

Public: Farragut Shopper News S. Neal.

1 & 2. Full attendance w/approval of prior meeting minutes, noting the correction to a typographical error ("West Side Shopper News" should have been "Farragut Shopper News.")

3. No public forum topic.

4. Recommendation on "Be an Admiral" Program

FMS prefers technology subsidies.

HVA is open to the idea, but M. Singletary prefers other incentives.

Agreed: No up or down vote on this item. Mark will ask Mr. Honken if he might be inclined to tweak or adjust his proposal based on new information, ie. our Needs List, which was shared with the BOMA after Mr. Honken expressed his "Be an Admiral" program.

5.a. August meeting with FBA

We have a 7/20/12 deadline for an article if we desire to publish something in the FBA newsletter.

Group agreed to have a June review of the article at our next meeting.

5.b. Discussion of ERC meeting w/Economic Development Council. They meet the 1st Wednesday of each month, next opportunity will be 6/06/12 at 8:00 a.m. (Resolution of this topic not clear.)

6.a. Farragut Intermediate School looking for volunteers for school project and activities like the car pick-up line, library, tutoring, small group facilitator, copying, class room assistants, etc. Need to post on the Needs List.

8.a. "Adopt a School" topic. M. Singletary proposed that we encourage the mayor at his various venues and opportunities to encourage businesses to "adopt a school." ERC discussion resulted in request that M. Singletary and R. Barber pursue more details about how to implement the objective.

8.b. N. Wentz moved to have ERC acknowledge support of Knox County Schools' \$35MM budget request for additional school funding, seconded by R. Barber. Vote stalled for lack of majority but not for lack of interest in the topic. One topic of discussion was that some members wanted more information to understand and/or reconcile the Knox county mayor's apparent (published) concerns.

End of meeting.