



Farragut/Knox County Schools Joint Education Relations Committee Meeting

November 13, 2012

4:00 PM

Town Hall Main Floor, Board Room

Meeting Agenda

1. Call To Order (Chairman)
2. Approval Of Minutes
 - September 4, 2012
 - October 2, 2012
3. Motion to move the January meeting from 1/01/2013 to 1/08/2013-Mark Littleton
4. Mayor's Initiative to Support Farragut Schools- Michael Singletary
5. Businesses Supporting Classrooms Idea- Mark Littleton
6. School Updates
 - Farragut Primary School:
 - Farragut Intermediate School:
 - Farragut Middle School:
 - Farragut High School:
 - Hardin Valley Academy:
7. School Needs List Update
8. Any Other Business

Minutes from Sept 4 Education Relations Committee Meeting

When: Sept 4, 2012

Where: Farragut Town Hall

Present:

Mark Littleton

Kim Arms

Russ Barber

Nancy Wentz

Mike Singletary

Julia Craze (potential new member)

Gina Byrd

Valerie Millsapps

Minutes for the August 7 and May 1 meetings were reviewed and approved.

School Assignments were listed in the August 7 meeting was clarified. Kim Arms has the Primary School and Russ Barber the Intermediate School.

Mark reported that Town BOA had approved \$22,000 for each school, a significant increase from previous years.

One of the Councilmen has requested that each school put up a banner that essentially says "Town of Farragut supports our schools". Each member of the committee was asked to contact their schools and see if they would agree to this. Russ and Nancy will get quotes on what this will cost.

Each committee member was asked to visit with their school principle and see if there are any updates to the needs list and ask what the money from the town will be used for.

Members were asked to review the committee's Goals/Visions. We will review them at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be October 2 at 4 pm.

Meeting Minutes DRAFT
Farragut / KCS Joint Education Relations Committee
October 2, 2012

Present: Mark Littleton
Russell Barber
Mike Singletary
Nancy Wentz
Julia Craze
Gary Palmer
Valerie Millsapps

The meeting was called to order.

There were no minutes of the September meeting due to the resignation of committee member Kim Arms who served as the secretary.

Julia Craze was introduced as a new member of the committee. She agreed to assume the responsibility of secretary.

Mark Littleton introduced Debbie Adorante who is the new Assistant Principal at Farragut Intermediate.

The School Needs List was reviewed and the following changes were noted:

- * Farragut Primary sidewalk and sign has been completed with funding from TDOT.
- * The sign requested by Farragut Intermediate and Farragut Middle will be funded with coupon book money and the PTA.
- * The request for \$30,000.00 to fund a two day Curriculum Specialist at Farragut Intermediate can be removed from the list. This position has been funded by Knox County Schools. The funding provided by the Town of Farragut will be used for technology.

Nancy Wentz reported that she had made contact with FHS Art Department and their quote for each banner would be \$75.00.

Mr.Barber also received quotes reported that all were higher than \$75.00.

our schools which could result in additional support. It was suggested that the committee could provide the ayor with some "talking points." we will continue this conversation in our next meeting. we will ask each principal how they feel about the effectiveness of PIE.

School Contact reassignments : Mike Singletary (Farragut Primary)
Russell Barber (Farragut Intermediate)
Nancy Wentz (Farragut Middle)
Mark Littleton (Farragut High School)
Julia Craze (Hardin Valley Academy)

Due to the election , the committee agreed to set the next meeting date for November 14, 2012.

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Notes for a "Mayor's Initiative to Support Farragut Schools"

Farragut's Education Relations Committee, seeking to help Farragut schools meet needs that are beyond normal county and town subsidies, offer the following 'talking points' to Mayor McGill so that -- if an opportunity arose -- he could appeal to businesses and industries to "adopt" a school or assist the school as a "Partner in Education."

TALKING POINTS

1. Farragut students are higher than average SES, but it is not true that Farragut schools receive disproportionate funding or that all their needs have been met. Our ERC has identified some of the unmet needs and they can be found on the town's web site. Farragut schools need dedicated and enthusiastic supporters.
2. Farragut schools are one of the central identifying characteristics of the Town. They create a "family destination" in that very often families move here specifically to be a part of our high-achieving schools. This is beneficial for business.
3. Farragut schools are among the highest achieving in the state. In 2007 F.H.S. was tied with White Station High for the most National Merit Scholarships among Tennessee high schools. In 2008, F.H.S. led the state in National Merit Scholarships. In 2005 and 2006, Newsweek Magazine ranked F.H.S. as being in the top 5% of high schools in the nation based on its AP programs. More recently, F.H.S. was a Top 5 school in Tennessee and rated "Best High School " -- silver medal category -- by U.S. News and World Report.
4. While Farragut schools are highly rated, good support is needed to help assure that such status is maintained. Private funds will help maintain the Farragut educational tradition.
5. Business and industry can "give back" to their community via the schools. Business and industry can specify to which Farragut school/schools they want their support to go, and they should be given appropriate recognition -- on and off campus -- for their generosity via signage, BOMA meetings, news reports and such.
6. Support can be a one-time gift or a continuing gift.
7. Farragut schools represent an amazing asset to the Town, and the whole community needs to work diligently to assure that their success is maintained and enhanced.

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Valerie Millsapps

From: Mark Littleton <MLittleton@aisintn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 10:39 AM
To: 'Singletary, Michael W'; 'Russ Barber'; 'Nancy Wentz'; 'juliacraze45@gmail.com'
Cc: Valerie Millsapps; Gary Palmer
Subject: Idea: Knox Co. teacher surprised with \$1000 worth of classroom supplies

ERC members:

The link below describes how a KCS teacher was surprised by \$1000 worth of classroom supplies from a local business. My initial reaction was that it seemed a great idea, didn't involve any long term commitment, got great press for the business, was simple to execute and was well received in the classroom.

I will add an agenda item for next meeting to see if we have interest in putting our own spin on the idea, but thought you might consider it in the interim. We could promote businesses to make "baskets" of supplies for a teacher of their choosing. (We might even ask the schools to highlight specific teachers.) Depending on the time of year that we promote it, we could assign some logical name like Fall Harvest, School Stockings, New Year Kickoff, Sweethearts for Schools, etc. On balance, we might also decide that we should pursue other activities instead. As always, it's all in the discussion.

Thanks for your good participation yesterday.

Mark Littleton

Link to article:

<http://www.wbir.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=237007>

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