

Minutes from Education Relations Committee Meeting (DRAFT)

When: November 13, 2012

Where: Farragut Town Hall

Present:

Mark Littleton

Russ Barber

Nancy Wertz Wentz

Mike Singletary

Gary Palmer

Mike Reynolds - FHS Principal

Minutes for the September 4 meetings were reviewed and approved with a minor revision. Minutes of October 2 meeting were incomplete and will be reviewed at next meeting.

Motion was made and approved to move the January meeting from 1/01/2013 to 1/08/2013.

Mike Singletary reviewed his proposed bullets for Mayor's use when he talks to businesses or other groups to educate them of the needs of the Farragut schools. FHS Principal Reynolds provided more detail about the inequity of the allocation per student funding allocation of to the different schools in Knox County and supported anything the town could do to better advocate more equity in funding for the Farragut schools. He noted that the average allocation for the county is about \$8400 per student each year, but for Farragut High it is only about \$4400 per student. Mike Singletary agreed to update his notes to include more detail about the differences in the school allocations. Gary Palmer will invite Karen Carson, a member of the Knox County School Board, to our next meeting to discuss the issue further. It was agreed that the talking points would then be finalized in the form of a handout with a summary of the school needs on the back side and then be provided to the Mayor, BOA, and Town Administrator.

Mark Littleton discussed ideas concerning businesses (or individuals) supporting classrooms. He cited a media report of a Belle Morris Elementary teacher receiving \$1000 in classroom supplies from a local retail store. The idea of promoting gift baskets for teachers had favorable discussion, but the ERC decided to table the discussion pending more dialog with contacts at each school.

Committee members reported on their contacts with their school principal but received no additional information concerning additional school needs. ERC members should attend 12/04 with updates.

Mark reported that he was invited to visit Farragut High School for KCS's "Principal for a Day" activity. Mark will give a report at the 12/04/12 meeting.

Next meeting will be December 4 at 4 pm.