

Education Committee
April 2,2013

Attending : Nancy Wentz, Mike Singletary, Russell Barber, Julia Craze ,Mark Littleton,Valerie Milsaps, GaryPalmer
Press: Suzanne Neal , Alan Sloan
Administrators: Kay Wellons and Debora Adorante

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the March meeting were approved.

First item discussed was the FPS report from Mike regarding visit with Mrs.Byrd. He found that Farragut Primary used the Town of Farragut money for technology. Regarding needs, Mrs.Byrd stated that it would be nice to have a cover for the car pick up area. In addition they need approximately 42 additional computers to have all classrooms updated. Mrs.Byrd is in favor of displaying the banner showing the Town of Farragut Support of the Farragut area schools. Nancy asked Mike to inform Mrs.Byrd that she will need to purchase the banner from Farragut High School at a cost of \$75.

Nancy reported that the Intermediate and Middle Schools have their banners.

Mike reminded us of the presentation given by Mr. Carson. Mike discussed a survey to be given to the high school teachers. He has drafted a letter and the survey. There are issues that have been noted such as the screening of volunteers, who would supervise them, where would the project take place, what is the liability and will there be compensation for the participating teachers. Mr.Carson had stated that summers or weekends were the best possible times because volunteers were probably not going to do this during the school day or after school. Mark stated that we should include all school levels and not just limit this to the high schools. Mike suggested that a registry should be available for the teachers to request and coordinate the project. Mark reminded us that Mr.Carson did not know of any school system that has successfully implemented this type of program. Mark presented the registry idea to Farragut High School and reported that Mr.Reynolds has concern for screening and knowing how to accomplish this. Mr. Reynolds felt that tutoring is a greater need for them.

Mrs. Wellons suggested some volunteers could be used on a Saturday for their robotics program. Possibly have a STEM type camp where the science and math volunteers participate in project creation. Mark envisions this as multi level where some volunteers are committed for longer periods of time for large projects and a level where time limits are not extensive. Mrs. Wellons feels that teachers would likely not use a speaker on a regular basis due to curriculum restraints. However, if these were used on the weekends it would be helpful. Mark restated that the registry would not have constraints but would be cataloged by topic so that it could be referenced at anytime at the teachers discretion. Mrs. Adorante mentioned the possibility of these volunteers being used in the science lab.

Mike suggested we have further review on the registry and make decisions later. Russell stated that a simple registry could be done at this time. We should reflect and

bring back to committee next month. Russell plans to volunteer and will go through the screening process so that he will be able to provide this information to the committee.

We will continue to reflect and bring back to discussion at the next meeting. Mark will contact Scott Bacon to have an idea of what this might look like as a district plan. Mark asked Gary to find a time when we might report to the BOMA on our progress. Meeting was adjourned.