



Farragut/Knox County Schools Joint Education Relations Committee Meeting

August 6, 2013

4:00 PM

Town Hall Main Floor, Board Room

Meeting Agenda

1. Call To Order (Chairman)
2. Approval Of Minutes
 - June 4, 2013
3. Welcome New Committee Member
 - Shyam K Nair
4. Election of Officers
 - Chairman
 - Vice-Chairman
 - Secretary
5. Pencil Foundation-Russell Barber
6. Speaker's Registry-Michael Singletary
 - Review Draft Letter to Mr. Carson
7. Update on School Security-Mark Littleton
8. Principal for a Day-Mark Littleton
 - Thursday, November 21, 2013
9. Any Other Business

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Aug. 4, 2013

Mr. Joe Carson:

Here is an update on your idea of creating a speaker's registry for Farragut schools.

First, I want to thank you for visiting with us and sharing your interest in making the services of local engineers or science personnel available to our classrooms. Your concern for our schools is genuinely appreciated.

In looking into the idea of pairing volunteers with schools, we found a number of complexities dealing with security, vetting, supervision, evaluation space requirements, academic credit and so-on. The more we looked, the more complex it became.

In the process, we came across a Nashville website for the Pencil Foundation that put a whole new light on the issue. We are not the only ones interested in pairing volunteers with classrooms. And as I recall you saying, the idea applies county-wide, not just in Farragut. At this time the Education Relations Committee is not prepared to offer a comprehensive reaction to your idea.

Even the registry idea is difficult, as it appears to us that a registry would be needed for short term/long term projects, different age/classroom groups, and for different types of science projects. So, where we stand right now is that we are continuing to work on the idea but are unsure how it will work out.

Again, thanks for your interest and your concern, and we appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Michael Singletary
member, ERC