



Farragut/Knox County Schools Joint Education Relations Committee Meeting

September 3, 2013

4:00 PM

Town Hall Main Floor, Board Room

Meeting Agenda

1. Call To Order (Chairman)
2. Approval Of Minutes
 - June 4, 2013
 - August 6, 2013
3. Election of Officers
 - Chairman
 - Vice-Chairman
 - Secretary
4. School Assignments
 - Farragut Primary
 - Farragut Middle
 - Farragut Intermediate
 - Farragut High
 - Hardin Valley
5. Principal for a Day-Mark Littleton
 - Thursday, November 21, 2013
6. Town of Farragut Budget on School Funds
7. ERC facilitation of list of "Guest Speakers" or "Subject Matter Experts"
8. Discussion on Farragut Press article: Marked School Cross-walks Near Schools at Farragut High
9. Thank a Teacher Week: 9/30-10/04
10. Any Other Business

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Meeting minutes, June 4, 2013

Meeting was called to order with all members (Barber, Craze, Littleton, Singletary and Wentz) present with V. Millsapps and G. Palmer of Town administration.

Farragut Intermediate staff and faculty presented information on the use of technology in the classroom. Various committee members voice appreciation at this "direct-from-the-classroom" update.

The bulk of the meeting was spent in a conference call with Connie Williams of The Pencil Foundation, 421 Great Circle Road, Nashville, TN 37228. The Pencil Foundation links greater Nashville community resources with Nashville Public Schools and has existed since 1982. A statement from their website follows these notes.

C. Williams shared about the Foundation and spoke positively about Scott Bacon, of Knox County Schools, and his work to engage the Knoxville community. She shared some successes and obstacles that community linkage groups tend to encounter. As we have discovered in our ERC, Ms. Williams indicated that not all schools are overtly interested in community involvement and that linkage facilitators simply have to help meet the need where there is an identified interest.

Information from the Pencil Foundation website at <http://www.pencilfd.org/about>

About PENCIL Foundation

PENCIL Foundation is the premier organization linking community resources of both volunteers and materials with Metro Nashville Public Schools. PENCIL administers eight educational programs that involve the community as volunteers and mentors, provide academic enrichment opportunities, prepare students for graduation and get school supplies in the hands of children who need them.

PENCIL History

On April 1, 1982, PENCIL Foundation opened its doors after several months of collaborative planning by Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools administrators and community and business leaders. These leaders realized that a strong public school system was essential to a healthy future for Nashville and that broad-based support and involvement from the community, including the private sector, were imperative.

Sue Spickard, President of Cumberland Valley Girl Scout Council and sustaining member of the Junior League of Nashville, and Rosalind McGee, President of the League of Women Voters, co-chaired a committee to gather information on successful school-community partnerships. This data was employed in building community support for Nashville public schools. The committee established PENCIL Foundation as a non-profit organization with the following goals:

- Creating a vital link between the private sector and public education
- Increasing understanding of and appreciation for the public school system
- Promoting community involvement in student learning
- Securing a strong commitment from business leaders to help provide materials and resources necessary for schools to meet the needs of their students

A number of business leaders, including Ed Nelson of Commerce Union Bank and Bronson Ingram of Ingram Industries, helped bring the goals of PENCIL Foundation to the business community and gain its support for the schools. A steering committee that included John Hardcastle, Walter Hale II, Vic Campbell, Ralph Mosley, Allen McCampbell and Charles Wray completed the details for forming the new organization.

Brent Poulton from Tennessee State University's Center for Community Education became PENCIL Foundation's first executive director. Donald McNaughton of Hospital Corporation of America was named the foundation's first board chairman. Bronson Ingram, Edward G. Nelson, Charles W. Cook, Jr., Raymond Zimmerman, Carroll Shanks, Shirley Zeitlin, Bill Wire, Frank Warren, Dale Polley, DeWitt Ezell, Jr., Vic Campbell, Ron DeBerry, Don Williamson, Clyde Ingalls, Sue Spickard, DeVan Ard, Jr., Sue Atkinson and Byron Trauger have also served as board chairmen. Enrico J. Pennisi, Jr., Managing Director--Marsh, chairs PENCIL's 2006-2007 Board of Directors.

For more than 30 years, PENCIL Foundation has maintained strong ties with local businesses, community organizations, and Nashville public schools. Currently, the foundation administers nine programs: eight for youth designed to improve academic achievement and one that assists adults in gaining the education and skills necessary for self-sufficiency and successful entry into the workforce.

PENCIL Foundation's major accomplishment has been the creation of PENCIL Partners (originally called Adopt-a-School). Beginning with 37 "adoptions" in 1982-83, the program has grown to include over 800 community-school partnerships that enhance the education of more than 80,000 students in Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools.

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Meeting minutes draft, August 06, 2013

Meeting was called to order with members R. Barber, M. Littleton and M. Singletary attending with V. Millsapps and G. Palmer of Town administration. Members Craze and Wentz were absent due to schedule conflicts.

New members Shyam Nair and Kristen Trent were welcomed, and each gave a brief bio' regarding their interest in schools.

Member Russ Barber notified his intent to resign the committee this fall due to increasing demands and travel related to a new responsibility in his church. He and Kristen Trent discussed that she become the "window" to the Pencil Foundation in Nashville. (The rationale of this discussion might be of benefit to repeat and affirm at the September meeting.)

Election of officers was tabled.

Committee voted that M. Singletary make minor modifications to his letter to Joe Carson and send it in response to Mr. Carson's visit to the committee several months ago.

Mark Littleton gave an update from Scott Bacon, of Knox County Schools. The new security vendor contract is in place. The next step is central office and school faculty/staff training (tbd). After that, schools and community liaison groups like our ERC will know how to manage the posting of volunteer positions and the coordination of volunteers.

Scott Bacon has also offered that the ERC members participate in the "Principal for a Day" event on Thursday, November 21, 2013. There was general interest among all members except for R. Barber, who will be departing. Mark Littleton will inform S. Bacon. (Update: We have an opportunity for all ERC members, with apparently no limitation on participation.)

Committee adjourned.

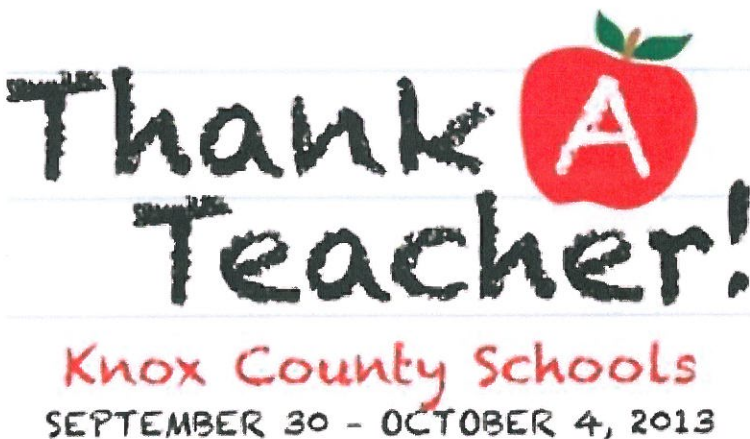
Valerie Millsapps

From: Mark Littleton <MLittleton@aisintn.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 4:23 PM
To: 'Julia Craze'; 'Nancy Wentz'; 'Russ Barber'; 'Singletary, Michael W'; shyam.nair@e2.com; kpennycuff@ntech.edu; Gary Palmer; Valerie Millsapps
Subject: Agenda update: Thank a Teacher

If the agenda is not published we will add one item, else cover it in the "Other" category. The new topic is "Thank a Teacher" week, 9/30-10/04, initiated by the Great Schools Partnership. The information below came from their web page. We will have a very full meeting agenda next week, so please do some pre-work and consider whether and how you might want the ERC to engage in this activity, even if only to spread the word locally and encourage the community. The 9/03 meeting.

(Regarding the Great Schools Partnership, from their website: *We are free-standing tax-exempt public charity whose mission is to help Knox County Schools go from good to great. More precisely, we serve as a "catalyst, think tank, incubator and start-up funder for making Knox County Schools globally competitive."*)

Mark



<http://www.greatschoolspartnership.com/thank-a-teacher/>

BUSINESSES:

- Request a "THANK A TEACHER" poster to be displayed in your business, email vbabb@greatschoolspartnership.com to have one delivered to you.
- Do you have a street sign? Display "Thank you Teachers!" on your sign the week of 9/30 – 10/4.
- Do you have an elementary, middle or high school near your place of business? Deliver a plate of cookies or other goodies for the teachers to enjoy.
- If your business would like to offer any type of discount or incentive to teachers that week, let us know and we will publicize it to the Knox County Schools Teachers. Each KCS teacher has an employee

badge that can be provided for redeeming specials. Email vbabb@greatschoolspartnership.com if you would like something publicized.

- Display a message on your website.

PARENTS:

- Write a note or email to your child's teacher expressing thanks.
- Have your child write a note or draw a picture for their teacher.
- Send in a small goody for your teacher — an apple, cookie or candy are always greatly appreciated.
- Google "Teacher Appreciation" for great ideas. The website [Skip to My Lou](#) has some clever ideas on how to appreciate teachers.

FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS:

- Recognition and public Thank You of teachers during church services
- Recognize teachers in your weekly bulletin
- Adopt a nearby school and take treats to the teachers
- Sunday School Class Teacher and Administrator Appreciation Sunday
- Prayers for teachers and administrators
- Have children in Sunday school classes make notes/cards of thanks

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