



MINUTES
FARRAGUT / KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
JUNE 6, 2017
4:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

Kristen Pennycuff-Trent, Tony Carasso, LeAnn Trotter

Committee Members Absent:

Carla Werner

Staff Present:

Gary Palmer, Jenn Hatmaker

Guests:

Pamela Milliken, Naoko Blue

Call to Order

Chair Pennycuff-Trent called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Trotter moved to approve the December 6, 2016 minutes. Mr. Carasso seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Teacher of the Year Awards Update

Chair Pennycuff-Trent attended a Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting to discuss the Teach of the Year Award. Chair Pennycuff-Trent stated that the number of certified teachers at each school is as follows: 59 at Farragut Primary, 85 at Farragut Middle, 100 at Farragut High, and 121 at Hardin Valley Academy; did not hear back from Farragut Intermediate. Chair Pennycuff-Trent stated that one alderman mentioned the supply shortage and brought up giving money for supplies instead of a Teacher Appreciate Award.

Committee Vision for FY2018

Chair Pennycuff-Trent asked the committee members if they wanted the committee to become an advocating body to advocate for or have opinions about issues. Ms. Milliken stated that the EDC (Economic Development Advisory Committee) does not make policy but the committee gives opinions and recommendations. Ms. Trotter stated that she views the committee as public relations because of

the liaison role with the schools. Ms. Trotter stated that if the committee goes the other route as an advocating body that it could cause controversy and stated that her personal opinion is to leave the committee the way it is.

Ms. Milliken asked how often the committee members are in the schools. Chair Pennycuff-Trent stated that the committee members try to go at least one time per month, but some principals find that to be a little too much. Ms. Blue asked if the committee works with the PTA. Chair Pennycuff-Trent stated that the committee has invited the school PTAs to attend a meeting to present their goals, but the committee has not have very much luck with the PTAs attending.

Ms. Blue stated that the committee could work with the Farragut Business Alliance and try to create an internship with the local businesses for the high school students.

Welcome Letter from the Committee to the Knox County Schools Superintendent

Ms. Trotter presented a letter she drafted on behalf of the committee to welcome the new Knox County Schools Superintendent. Ms. Trotter will work on a welcome letter for the new Farragut Intermediate School principal. Both letters would be sent on behalf of the committee.

Farragut Museum Traveling Exhibit

Ms. Trotter stated that she attended the opening of the Smithsonian exhibit of the Farragut Museum and spoke with Julia Barham who mentioned she was interested in a traveling museum exhibit for the schools. Ms. Trotter stated she would like to invite Julia Barham to the next committee meeting.

Writing / Speaking Contest

Ms. Trotter stated that she would like to see the committee have a writing and/or speaking contest for fifth or eighth grade students. Ms. Milliken stated that she would recommend having the contest in the summer so that it would not compete with the student's homework. Ms. Trotter stated she will work on the details of contest.

Review Any Action Items

Mr. Palmer stated that at the last strategic planning session the Board talked about the development of a youth council and asked the committee to research what other cities are doing in regard to a youth council.

Mr. Carasso moved to adjourn. Ms. Trotter seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Next meeting Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 4 PM in the Town Hall Board Room.