



MINUTES
FARRAGUT / KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 1, 2017
4:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

Kristen Pennycuff-Trent, Carla Werner, Tony Carasso, Alice Thornton, LeAnn Trotter

Staff Present:

Gary Palmer, Sue Stuhl, Julia Barham, Jenn Hatmaker

Guests:

Alderman Louise Povlin, Naoko Blue, Alan Sloan with the farragutpress

Call to Order

Chair Pennycuff-Trent called the meeting to order.

New committee member Alice Thornton introduced herself and shared her background with the committee.

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Trotter moved to approve the June 6, 2017 minutes. Mr. Carasso seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Election of Officers

Ms. Werner nominated Ms. Pennycuff-Trent for Chairman. Ms. Trotter nominated Ms. Werner for Vice Chairman. Ms. Werner nominated Ms. Trotter for Secretary.

Mr. Carasso moved to elect Ms. Pennycuff-Trent as Chairman, Ms. Werner as Vice Chairman, and Ms. Trotter as Secretary. Ms. Thornton seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion passed.

School Liaison Assignments

Chair Pennycuff-Trent volunteered to serve as liaison to Farragut Primary, Ms. Trotter volunteered to serve as liaison to Farragut Intermediate, Mr. Carasso volunteered to serve as liaison to Farragut Middle, and Ms. Werner and Ms. Thornton volunteered to serve as liaisons to Farragut High.

Mr. Carasso moved to approve the school liaison assignments. Ms. Thornton seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Farragut Museum Outreach Program

Julia Barham stated she would like to create an outreach program specific to one grade level and would like the program to meet testing requirements for that grade. Ms. Barham has requested two committee members to help her develop and implement the program. Ms. Werner and Ms. Trotter volunteered to help Ms. Barham with the Museum Outreach Program. Ms. Trotter stated that fifth grade was approved for one semester of Tennessee History and would take affect the 2019-2020 school year.

Teacher Appreciation Program

Chair Pennycuff-Trent presented the Teacher of the Year Awards to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen during the budget adoption process. The Board did not approve funds for the awards in the FY2018 budget. Chair Pennycuff-Trent suggested that the committee write a letter to each of the Knox County Teacher of the Year Award recipients instead of providing a monetary award. Mr. Palmer stated that the agenda item should be pulled from discussion and revisited at a later time.

Youth Council Initiative

Mr. Palmer recommended that the committee have a separate meeting to discuss the Youth Council Initiative. The committee will have a special called meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 4 PM to discuss the Youth Council Initiative.

Writing / Speaking Contest – LeAnn Trotter

Ms. Trotter stated that she would like to revisit this agenda item at a later date due to the other initiatives the committee is taking on at the moment.

Review Any Action Items

Alderman Povlin stated that she would like the Town of Farragut to join the school PTOs; to join is approximately \$20-25. Mr. Palmer stated that he would look into the cost and joining.

Ms. Werner moved to adjourn. Mr. Carasso seconded the motion.

The committee will hold a special called meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 4 PM in the Town Hall Board Room to discuss the Youth Council Initiative. Next regular committee meeting will be Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 4 PM in the Town Hall Board Room.