



MINUTES
FARRAGUT / KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
4:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Gary Palmer, Lori Saal, Abbie Casey, Jenn Hatmaker

Guests:

Alderman Louise Povlin, Alderman Ron Williams

Call to Order

Chair Pennycuff-Trent called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Thornton moved to approve the August 1, 2017 minutes. Ms. Werner seconded the motion. Chair Pennycuff-Trent, Ms. Werner, and Ms. Thornton voted in favor; Ms. Trotter and Mr. Carasso were not present for the vote. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 5, Outdoor Classroom Discussion, was moved up on the agenda to follow Agenda Item 2, Approval of the Minutes.

Outdoor Classroom Discussion

Lori Saal, Town of Farragut Stormwater Coordinator, gave a brief overview of the Stormwater Program and introduced Abbie Casey, the 2017 AmeriCorps member for the Town who will be working to increase the usage of the Outdoor Classroom.

Abbie Casey reviewed the Outdoor Classroom survey with the committee and explained that there may be funding available from the Town for groups wanting to do a stormwater related project or activity at the Outdoor Classroom. Town Staff will email the link to the survey to the committee members.

Youth Application to Serve on the Education Relations Committee

Mr. Carasso stated that he is impressed with Hyatt Christenberry's application and would recommend the committee appoint her as the youth representative.

Mr. Carasso moved to appoint Hyatt Christenberry as the youth representative on the Education Relations Committee. Ms. Trotter seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Youth Engagement Initiative

The committee reviewed material on youth councils. Ms. Werner asked if the youth council would be open only to high school students. Chair Pennycuff-Trent stated that some cities she researched had some eighth graders serving on the youth council. Ms. Werner stated that it will be hard to get a meeting time scheduled that would work for every student. Mr. Carasso asked who would manage the initiative. Mr. Palmer stated that some cities have a full-time staff person who manages the youth council. Ms. Werner stated that she would like the youth representatives serving on Town committees initiative to grow before starting a youth council.

Review Any Action Items

No action items were presented.

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

The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 4 PM in the Town Hall Board Room.