



MINUTES
FARRAGUT / KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 7, 2018
4:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

Cathy Pierce, Kristen Pennycuff-Trent, LeAnn Trotter, Nancy Wentz

Committee Members Absent:

Alice Thornton

Staff Present:

David Smoak, Jenn Hatmaker

Guests

Alderman Louise Povlin

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by the 2017-2018 Chairperson, Kristen Pennycuff-Trent.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the June 05, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

Introduction of New Members

Two newly appointed members of the committee were introduced – Nancy Wentz and Cathy Pierce. The two newly appointed members are replacing Tony Carasso and Carla Werner who served on the committee for the maximum of two terms.

Election of Officers

- a. Chairman: LeAnn Trotter nominated Nancy Wentz to serve as chairperson. Kristen Pennycuff-Trent seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion passed.
- b. Vice-Chairman: Nancy Wentz nominated Alice Thornton to serve as vice-chairperson. Kristen Pennycuff-Trent seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion passed.
- c. Secretary: Nancy Wentz nominated LeAnn Trotter to serve as secretary. Cathy Pierce seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Appointment of Youth Representative

Alderman Louise Povlin explained to the new committee members about the discussions and work that the committee has done toward the possibility of a future Mayor's Youth Council for the Town of Farragut.

Currently, eight of the Town's volunteer committees allow for a youth member to serve as a non-voting member.

Two students applied to serve for the 2018-2019 year on the Education Relations Committee. Their applications were distributed to the committee members for consideration. Following a discussion of each candidate's qualifications, the committee voted. Kristen Pennycuff-Trent moved to appoint Alisha Soni as the youth representative on the Education Relations Committee. Nancy Wentz seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Alisha Soni, a Farragut High School Junior, was appointed as the Education Relations Committee youth representative for the 2018-2019 year. Jenn Hatmaker will contact Alisha Soni regarding her appointment.

Overview of Committee Mission, Vision and Goals

Jenn Hatmaker distributed copies of the committee charter and reviewed the schools needs list on the Town website. The committee discussed the charter and the committee's work and involvement during the past year including the Farragut High School Food Drive for the Love Kitchen, collaboration with all the Farragut schools, the long term and short term school needs, grant distribution to each of the four public schools, the Outdoor Classroom, work on the proposed 5th grade Farragut Travelling Museum, and work on establishing an 8th grade enrichment program.

Jenn Hatmaker reviewed the long-term committee strategic plan that was adopted in 2016 and will send an electronic copy to the committee members to review.

School Liaison Assignments

The following school liaison assignments were made for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Farragut Primary School – Cathy Pierce
- Farragut Intermediate School – Kristen Pennycuff-Trent
- Farragut Middle School – LeAnn Trotter
- Farragut High School – Nancy Wentz

Jenn Hatmaker informed the committee that this fall the Introduction to Farragut program has partnered with the Farragut Primary School as the volunteer project for the class participants.

Any Other Business

LeAnn Trotter passed around a congratulations card for the newly assigned Farragut Intermediate principal for the committee to sign. LeAnn Trotter also passed a letter of appreciation for service on the committee for Carla Werner and Tony Carasso and card for Hyatt Christenberry for each committee member to sign.

Nancy Wentz called a special called meeting to discuss the committee strategic plan and goals. The special called meeting will be on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 4pm.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.

The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 4 PM in the Town Hall Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,
LeAnn L. Trotter, Secretary