



MINUTES
FARRAGUT / KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 04, 2018
4:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

LeAnn Trotter, Nancy Wentz, Alisha Soni

Committee Members Absent:

Cathy Pierce, Kristen Pennycuff-Trent, Alice Thornton

Staff Present:

Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, Jenn Hatmaker, Trevor Hobbs

Guests

Jacqueline Rachlin, Farragut Primary PTA

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Wentz. Due to the lack of quorum, all valid transactions of business will be tabled until the next meeting on February 05, 2019.

Approval of the Minutes

Tabled to next meeting.

Principal for a Day

Nancy Wentz, committee liaison for Farragut Intermediate School (FIS), reported on her visit to Farragut Intermediate through the Knox County Schools Principal for a Day Program. This program gives excellent exposure to the daily workings of the Knox County schools. She discussed the use of “houses” within the school’s organization, including positive incentives for 5th grade students and after school enrichment activities. FIS needs volunteers for science labs, vocabulary help, small group leaders, and Habit Dogs.

A discussion ensued about 2nd grade students’ transition to FIS from Farragut Primary School. Committee members knew about the programs in place for student transition from the intermediate school to the middle school and from the middle school to the high school. Perhaps a Family Fun Night could be arranged to help the transition process from the primary school to the intermediate school.

Event Sponsorship

Nancy Wentz suggested that when the new Farragut Community Center opens, that the Education Relations Committee and the Arts Council co-sponsor a “Kid Fest” event. This could also involve local businesses that serve children, such as Mathnasium. Louise Povlin will discuss the idea with Parks and Recreation Director Sue Stuhl.

New Business

Louise Povlin discussed our supporting opportunities for Farragut High School Freshmen to volunteer for leadership and/or service within the Farragut community. Louise Povlin will discuss this with Brittani Witte, Farragut Middle School sponsor of the National Junior Honor Society. Alisha Soni made the committee aware that HOSA includes all grades and gives many service opportunities. Alisha Soni also discussed the Farragut High School World Cultural Day.

LeAnn Trotter suggested we invite the Farragut High School junior delegates that are selected to attend Tennessee Boys and Girls State to visit the Education Relations Committee in the fall of 2019 to share their experiences in the study of Tennessee state and local government.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.

The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 05, 2019 at 4 PM in the Town Hall Board Room.