



**MINUTES
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 01, 2019
4:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted Ansink, Louise Povlin, Alice Thornton, LeAnn Trotter, Nancy Wentz, Claudia Levi, Alisha Soni,

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cathy Pierce

STAFF PRESENT:

Jennifer Hatmaker

GUESTS:

Jacqueline Rachlin

Michelle Hollenhead, Farragut Press

CALL TO ORDER;

The meeting was called to order by the committee Chair, Alice Thornton.

MINUTES.

The reading of the minutes from the September 03, 2019 meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alice Thornton, committee Chairperson, requested that committee members review the committee's page on the Town of Farragut website. There are items posted that need to be revised and/or updated. Following a review of the website page, the committee agreed with this proposal and made some suggested revisions. Louise Povlin will communicate this proposal to Town staff and report at the next meeting.

FARRAGUT SCHOOLS REPORTS:

Farragut High School

Alisha Soni Reported:

- Can Drive begins after Fall Break. Delivery to the Love Kitchen on October 25, 2018. Suggested reaching out to Farragut Middle and local food stores
- October 15, 2019 Blood Drive Competition with Bearden High School
- Local Elementary schools recruiting high school volunteers to assist with fall functions
- December 01, 2019, "Raise the Tree" fundraiser for the Farragut High School Education Foundation

Farragut Middle School

LeAnn Trotter Reported:

- Joined PTA and follows the Farragut Middle School PTA Facebook page
- Farragut Middle School has several corporate sponsors who provide lunch for teachers
- Preparing for Basketball Season

Farragut Intermediate School

Ted Ansink Reported:

- Science Labs have started; currently soliciting volunteers for the Labs
- Art Teacher dressing in Colonial Attire as she teaches quilting to the students. Want to eventually sell/raffle the completed quilts

Farragut Primary School

Jacqueline Rachlin Reported:

- The Annual Farragut Primary Fall Festival will be on November 09, 2019; planning is underway and is already a full event
- Jacqueline is continuing to update information on "Storm the Hill". She also announced that the Farragut Intermediate PTA President has been elected as the Knox Countywide PTA President. Jacqueline will act as a liaison with the Tennessee State Legislation.
- Knox County Schools are bringing back the DARE Program.

Jennifer Hatmaker announced that the Education Session for the Introduction to Farragut Class will be held on Wednesday evening, October 30, 2019, at the Town Hall. Farragut Middle School principal Wes Edmonds, Farragut High School principal John Bartlett, Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, and Farragut High School senior Alisha Soni will speak. Members of the Education Relations Committee are invited to attend.

Alice Thornton, ERC Chairperson, challenged the ERC members to try to attend at least two events this year at the assigned schools.

Alisha Soni and Claudia Levi (Committee Student Members) reported on the positive initiatives that are being used to improve the Farragut High School climate:

- Added game tables to encourage less phone time
- Play music in the cafeteria
- Have Grade Level Assemblies to address Mental Health Issues
- Guidance Department provides events to include everyone
- Occasionally allow Food Trucks at lunch time
- Have new painted Murals
- Updating the facilities
- Dr. Bartlett sends out Tweets to the students

Nancy Wentz moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

The next Education Relations Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 05, 2019 at 4 PM in the Farragut Town Hall Board Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

LeAnn L. Trotter
ERC Secretary