



MINUTES
FARRAGUT EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019
4:00 PM

Members Present: Louise Povlin, Ted Ansink, Alice Thornton, LeAnn Trotter, Alisha Soni, Claudia Levi

Members Absent: Cathy Pierce, Nancy Wentz

Staff Present: Jennifer Hatmaker

Guest: Sandy McAdams, new member of the Farragut Community and graduate of the 2019 Introduction to Farragut Program

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Ted Ansink moved to approve the November Minutes, as corrected. LeAnn Trotter seconded the motion and the minutes stand approved, as corrected.

There was a general discussion/recap of special community/school activities held over the 2019 December Holidays.

Report of Schools:

Farragut High School

- Alisha Soni and Claudia Levi reported that beginning in the second semester, there will be a weekly advisory session for every FHS student.
- The Spanish Honor Society assisted with translations to help participants "shop" at the special giving tree at Farragut Intermediate School.
- The Student Government Association Winter Formal will be held at the Bridgewater Center, 7:00 PM - 11 PM on January 18, 2020.
- Plans are in place for the Farragut High School International Cultural Night
- Sandy McAdams stated that she is enjoying a wreath purchased at the high school Tree/wreath sale

Farragut Middle School

LeAnn Trotter reported that a group of parent volunteers and students "cleaned up" the middle school grounds over the mid-winter break.

Farragut Intermediate School

- Ted Ansink reported that the Science Lab Orientation is scheduled for the upcoming Friday.
- Ted also discussed the possibility of the Intermediate School becoming involved next year in a program with Pet Smart where people can donate \$5 for a new stuffed animal which will be given to children in need during the Christmas Holidays.

Farragut Primary School

No report

Business Items:

The Education Relations Committee Website has been updated and has a link to the Farragut Schools PTA/PTSO Websites.

Storm the Hill: Jennifer Hatmaker reported in the absence of Jacqueline Rachlin (Knox County PTA) about the current status of the "Storm the Hill" program where selected students can attend a day long TN State Legislative Session in Nashville, TN on February 12, 2020. The Knox County PTA Council will fund a bus (possibly buses) for Knox County students to attend. Although the program is designed for all students, the Knox County PTA Council wants to send high school students only. A Letter of Intent has been sent to all Knox County High Schools and is due on January 10, 2020. For additional information, visit TNPTA.ORG. Alice Thornton will follow up with Dr. Bartlett, Farragut High School principal, to promote the program.

The new Farragut Community Center/Senior Citizen Center is scheduled to open soon! An Open House will be held on January 15, 2020 and the official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on January 16, 2020. Members of the Education Relations Committee have received invitations to attend. It was noted that there will be a minimal cost for our Farragut Schools to use the facility as a school.

Ted Ansink moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by LeAnn Trotter. The meeting was adjourned.

The next ERC meeting will be held on Tuesday February 04, 2020, in the Farragut Town Hall Board Room, at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn L. Trotter
Secretary