



MINUTES
FARRAGUT EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020
4:00 PM

Members Present: Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, Ted Ansink, Alice Thornton, Nancy Wentz, Claudia Levi

Members Absent: LeAnn Trotter, Alisha Soni

Staff Present: Jennifer Hatmaker

Guest: Jacqueline Rachlin; Michelle Hollenhead, farragutpress

Call to Order:

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

Housekeeping / Check In

The Education Relations Committee has an open seat through June 2020. Cathy Pierce was not able to attend the minimum required number of meetings; she decided not to ask the Board to be reappointed to the committee for the remainder of her term. The vacancy will be appointed during the normal committee application cycle.

Visitors Acknowledgement

Two guests attended the March 10 committee meeting: Michelle Hollenhead, reporter for the farragutpress, and Jacqueline Rachlin.

Approval of Minutes:

Alice Thornton made a motion to approve the January 7, 2020 Minutes, as corrected. Vice Mayor Louise Povlin seconded the motion. The minutes stand approved, as corrected.

Liaison Reports:

Farragut Primary School

Michelle Hollenhead stated that the primary school will have a World Culture Day on April 6, 2020

Farragut Intermediate School

Ted Ansink reported:

- Science Labs are ongoing
- The intermediate school had a Family Fun Night; he was not able to attend but believes it was well attended
- The quilt should be finished next month; the teacher heading up the quilting project is still looking for a place to display the quilt for an auction. Alice Thornton stated she would reach out to the Farragut Community Center staff to see if the Community Center is available to display the quilt and to find out the cost to rent the room for the display.

Farragut Middle School

No report.

Farragut High School

Claudia Levi reported:

- Mu Alpha Theta, the Math club, placed first at the state competition
- The Humanities Academy is planning a Humanities Night in April
- Was not able to attend World Cultures Night

Alice Thornton reported that the Farragut High School PTSO is inviting people to bring in donations of wipes and tissues.

Other Schools

No report.

Storm the Hill News:

Jacqueline Rachlin stated that 20 Knox County students were going to attend Storm the Hill; however, due to all of the Knox County school closures, the trip was cancelled for the Knox County students. Other counties were still able to attend, and the event was a success. Jacqueline Rachlin stated that she is going to continue to try to get Knox County to extend the trip invitation to fifth graders for next year.

Jacqueline Rachlin informed the committee of a House Bill, HB1687, that is being presented that could combine social studies and science classes with English and Language Arts for K-12 grades. The bill is still in the talking stages, but if passed, English and Language Arts classes could absorb Social Studies and Science and could be required to teach those classes along with the English / Language Arts curriculum.

Jacqueline Rachlin stated that the Farragut Intermediate School competed for the first year in a robotics competition. The team did not place, but the team did make it to finals. The Farragut High School robotics team will attend a competition March 25-28.

New Business:

Alice Thornton presented some information on the Rally for Our Schools Event:

- The event will be on Monday, March 16 in Nashville at the capitol building
- A bus will be provided for teachers
- Some people may stay until Tuesday, March 17 to lobby legislators

Any Other Business:

Jennifer Hatmaker informed the committee that the application period is now open for high school juniors and seniors to apply to serve on committees. The application deadline is 4pm on May 15.

Vice Mayor Povlin moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Nancy Wentz.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2020 in the Farragut Town Hall Board Room at 4:00 PM.