



MINUTES
FARRAGUT EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
October 14, 2024

Members Present: Alderman Alex Cain, Amie Abram, Elizabeth Swartzenruber, Jhasta Tack, Sarah Toliver, Davis Baxter, Abby Doyle, Sophie Lu, Rebecca Pack, Frank Yang

Members Absent: Beth Duncan, Maila Sarrat

Staff Present: Chris Sheffield

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Jhasta Tack, sitting as Chair in place of Beth Duncan. Quorum present.

Election of Officers

- Chair
 - Beth Duncan was nominated as Chair. Jhasta Tack made a motion to elect Beth Duncan as Chair. Amie Abram seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Vice Chair
 - Alderman Alex Cain was nominated as Vice Chair. Jhasta Tack made a motion to elect Alderman Cain as Vice Chair. Betsy Swartzenruber seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Secretary
 - Betsy Swartzenruber was nominated as Secretary. Jhasta Tack made a motion to elect Betsy Swartzenruber as Secretary. Sarah Toliver seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

- June 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - Jhasta Tack made a motion to approve the June 18, 2024 meeting minutes. Alderman Alex Cain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- September 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - Minutes amended to reflect the following:
 - Lauren King graduated and is no longer a youth representative on the committee; she was removed from the September 26, 2024 meeting minutes.
 - The date of the Pink Out Day was corrected to October 25, 2024.
 - Jhasta Tack made a motion to approve the September 26, 2024 meeting minutes as amended. Alderman Alex Cain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

School Liaison Updates

St. John Neumann

- October 4: Out of Uniform fundraiser to benefit Hurricane Helene relief in North Carolina with material items or cash
 - The St. John Neumann community contributed 1 pickup truck load of items for Catholic Charities of East TN that went to Johnson County, TN.
 - 3 pickup truck loads and a 12-foot trailer full of items were taken to Mitchell County, NC.
 - 2 pickup truck loads and the trailer load to the Superintendent of Mitchell County Schools and he helped to get the items to some of the communities most in need.
 - 1 pickup truck load went to the Avery/Mitchell Counties airport where private individuals were using their personal aircraft to deliver supplies to communities, which were still cut off from the outside world.
- The Athletic Department hosted a tournament for Knoxville Independent Schools League Junior Varsity and Varsity volleyball teams and collected supplies in lieu of admissions.

Farragut Primary School

- September 28: Fall Festival – second graders performed musical performances; raised over \$43,000
- November 8-18: Book Fair Frenzy. November 12, families can come to the fair after school from 4-6 p.m. – food truck, photos with Finley, and night of service (Student Government Association Can Food Drive, Project Giving Tree, Cards for Troops)
- Staff Appreciation will be the Monday and Tuesday, the week of Thanksgiving

Farragut Intermediate School

- Science labs happening every month
- After school enrichment programs start today and end in December
- October 25: Pink Out Day for Breast Cancer Awareness
- Now through October 24: Spirit Wear Sales
- Now through November 1: Project Giving Tree applications accepted
- Fun Run will be held in November

Farragut Middle School

- October 17: 6th and 7th grade band concert
- October 25: Pink Out Day
- October 21: Battle of the Pods begins

Farragut High School

- October 15: The volleyball team is hosting the Region Championship
- October 16: small Octoberfest celebration
- October 17: School wide PSAT
- October 18: Open Mike Night at 7 p.m. in Ferguson Theater
- October 21-25: Spirit Week
- October 22: Band Exhibition at the high school (all day; parking will be limited)
- October 25: Pink Out. 13 seniors are shaving their heads to raise money; goal is \$10,000
- October 26: Homecoming in Commons from 7-10 p.m.
- October 31: Football Senior Night
- November 4-22: Can Food Drive; all schools participate

- December 6: Mini Mu Math competition at the high school for 4th and 5th grade students; deadline to apply is November 1, 2024
- December 12-14: School Musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat
- Farragut Girls' Soccer finished season 7-5-2
- Farragut Football Team is on a two-game win streak
- Ambassador Program has created an Instagram for their program
- Los Altos Institution - opportunity for high school students
- Junior Bake Sale was Friday before Fall break. All money raised will go to Hurricane Relief
- Youth Leadership: open to any Knox County Sophomores; application opens soon

Town of Farragut Updates

- October 17: Howl O' Woof from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at McFee Park; dress your dog up
- October 22: Band competition. Farragut High School is working with commercial businesses to try to find parking for the competition
- October 25: Freaky Friday at Mayor Bob Leonard Park 5-7 p.m. Information can be found on Town website
- October 16: Early Voting starts for the November 4 election. Early voting location is in old Steinmart next to Planet Fitness. Hours are 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Wednesdays; and 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturdays
- Homeschool PE classes are held at the Town Center
- Civil Air Patrol - help disaster areas with relief; also have programs in schools and are looking to partner with teachers that are STEM and Aerospace focused
- Knoxville Christian School and Concord Christian do not currently have reps for this committee

Any Other Business

- December 17: Farragut Sings – a musical performance involving all schools

Jhasta Tack made a motion to adjourn at 5:04 p.m. Amie Abram seconded.

Next Meeting November 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Farragut Community Center