



MINUTES
FARRAGUT EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
February 3, 2025

Members Present: Alderman Alex Cain, Beth Duncan (Farragut High School Representative), Jhasta Tack (Farragut Primary School Representative) Amie Abram (Farragut Intermediate School Representative), Sarah Toliver (St John Neumann School Representative), Betsy Swartzentruber (Farragut Middle School Representative), Rebecca Pack, Sophie Lu, Frank Yang, Davis Baxter, Maila Sarrat, Abby Doyle

Staff Present: Jennifer Deitrick, Chris Sheffield

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Beth Duncan. Quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Alex Cain made a motion to approve the amended November 4, 2024 meeting minutes. Betsy Swartzentruber seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

School Liaison Updates

St. John-Neumann

- December: Had successful collections in December to "fill the cradle" with baby supplies for Catholic Charities and of toiletry items for Samaritan's Place
- January: "Snowball" for middle school girls and their fathers had 60 attendees and "penny wars" fundraiser is currently underway to benefit Mitchell County, NC Hurricane Helene Relief
- February: This weekend is the Daddy-Daughter dance for all ages
- February 28: (re-scheduled date) Annual "Ponytail Drive" with Beleza Salon & Spa to benefit the Children with Hair Loss charity
- March 1: Planning and preparations for the annual "Off to the Races" Derby Auction fundraiser is underway
- The Knoxville Youth Poet Laureate 2025-2026 program is accepting teen entries and applications through the Knoxville Writers Guild: <https://knoxvillewritersguild.org/knoxville-youth-poet-laureate-2025/>

Farragut Primary School

- Yearbooks are still being sold
- All Pro Dads still happening regularly
- November: book author visit
- December: PTO covered staff Christmas party
- January: Currently in after school enrichment
- February: Parent meetings for end of year class parties
- February 6: 2nd grade Market Day

- February 17-21: Jump Rope for Heart
- February 19: Jump rope performing team coming to Farragut Primary School
- March 27: Festival of Nations
- April: Empty Bowls Art Show
- April: Bus driver luncheon
- April 8: Kindergarten Round Up

Farragut Intermediate School

- School received State Letter Grade of A on growth of lowest 25% performing students
- Reward School
- Partnering with Dream Center for hat and glove drive
- December 10: Giving Tree Distribution raised about \$19,000; a few gift cards left to distribute over spring break
- January 24: 70+ students tried out for talent/variety show performed at Farragut Middle School
- January 27-March 12: Enrichment classes
- February 3-28: Admiral's Art Contests for students to submit art, pottery and literary; Never Give up, Keep Moving Forward
- April 4: Family Fun Night. Need volunteers

Farragut Middle School

- February 3-7: Book Fair
- February 7: All Pro Dad's Meeting at 7:30 am
- February 9: Spirit Night at Top Golf \$20 per person for 2 hours game play and unlimited fountain drinks
- March 5-7: Musical - "Annie"
- Clothes bin is stationed at FMS to donate clothing items

Farragut High School

- PTSO just completed Teacher Wish Lists for this year
- Education Foundation has doubled in size. Toni Scott new president
- January 17: Band had concert at UTC
- February 3-11: Carnation Sale to be delivered on Feb. 14
- February 15: Winter Formal
- February 15: Leadership Conference for middle school students from 10:30-3:00; overview of some of the different clubs at the high school; \$15; students bring Chromebooks
- February 21-23: Mock Trial Districts
- February 22: Foundation Gala at Fox Den Country Club in conjunction with Admiral FUNd (raising money to new desks in portable classrooms)
- February 22: Mock ACT
- March 8: Senior Board has decided gift back to community will be "Little Things" event- for kindergarteners from 1:00-4:00 (2 time slots); crafts, games, pictures, animals, experiments; max 160 students
- March 24: Parent Meeting for incoming freshman
- March 31-April 2: HOSA - regional testing and 66 students qualified for state
- April: Golf Tournament at Avalon
- April 3: Empty Bowls Art Show \$15 a ticket; soup and bread; proceeds go to Fish Pantry
- 2 new clubs - Photography and SAGE (Science Accelerating Girls' Engagement) sponsored by ORNL
- Youth Leadership for Juniors (applications open now through Feb. 28)
- New Girls' Leadership Advisory class started
- Ambassadors- helped with spring open house; new freshman in separate advisory; juniors creating a handbook for the school; will help with 8th graders coming over March 7

- Student Government Association is hoping to go to NHC Farragut to play games with seniors and do a book drive
- DECA - many students qualified to go to state

Town of Farragut – Jennifer Deitrick

Community Grants application period opened today (February 3). The deadline to apply is March 13 at 4:00 pm

Motion to adjourn by Beth Duncan at 4:43 pm; second by Jhasta Tack

Next Meeting: March 3, 2025 at 4:00 pm at Farragut Community Center