

**MINUTES**  
**FARRAGUT EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**May 5, 2025**

**Members Present:** Beth Duncan (FHS), Jhasta Tack (FPS), Sarah Toliver (SJNCS), Betsy Swartzentruber (FMS), Rebecca Pack, Frank Yang, Davis Baxter, Sophie Lu, Abby Doyle

**Members Absent:** Amie Abram (FIS), Alderman Alex Cain, Maila Sarrat

**Staff Present:** Chris Sheffield

**The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by Beth Duncan. Quorum present.**

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Jhasta Tack to approve the February 3, 2025 minutes; Sarah Toliver Seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Meeting Schedule for Academic Year 2025/2026**

- Thursday, September 11 (board to present checks to principals if applicable)
- Monday, October 13
- Monday, November 10
- Monday, February 9
- Monday, March 16
- Monday, May 11

Motion to accept by Jhasta Tack, second by Sarah Toliver; All voted in favor.

**School Liaison Updates**

St. John-Neumann

- March 25: 4 6th grade students won 11 different awards for their projects at the Southern Appalachian Science and Engineering Fair
- April 12: We hosted our second annual Civil Air Patrol's STAR-EX STEAM camp for 30 students. The day included a presentation from local astronaut, John Schoffner including the photos he had taken from the International Space Station and a discussion of his career leading to getting to go into space.
- April 25: Our school hosted our annual "Mustang Mania" fundraiser (similar to other schools' "Race to Education" fundraiser efforts) with fun activities for all the students
- April 25: One 5th grader had an art piece featured at the Synergy Art Show for the Dogwood Arts Festival
- 7th and 8th grade classes attended overnight retreats

- Elementary soccer teams advanced to local championships. Middle School Soccer is playing in the KISL tournament tonight. Middle School Track had 7 athletes qualify for the City Championship. The golf team qualified for the regional tournament. We will have 55 "Iron Mustangs" (students who participate in a sport fall, winter, and spring and complete service hours).

#### Farragut Primary School

- Farragut Character Counts Awards, All Pro Dads, Art Contest, Spring Spirit Wear
- March: Little Things in conjunction with FHS, second author's visit, Festival of Nations
- April: Empty Bowls Art Show, Kindergarten Round up (8th), 1st grade performance at FMS, Fun Run (goal of \$5,000- made \$8300), Spirit Night at Top Golf (earned \$1070)
- May 2-4: Kendra Scott Fundraiser
- May 15: Second Grade Luau
- May 16: First Grade Carnival
- May 20: Kindergarten Rodeo

#### Farragut Intermediate School

- April 5th: PTO hosted Farragut families for FIS Family Fun Night. This evening includes a silent auction, bake sale (added a cake walk this year), concessions, community sponsors and spirit wear sales. The children enjoyed the addition of cotton candy as well as a balloon artist! It was an exciting family fun night. We met our income goal of \$20,000 - bringing in \$21,629.90
- Final PTO board meeting May 9 - we will welcome our new board members
- Yearbooks are on sale until they sell out! Available on our website
- FIS PTO celebrating Staff Appreciation Month: we have weekly themes to generate staff support throughout the month
- May 12: 5th grade fun day
- May 13th: 4th grade fun day (5th grade pig dissection)
- May 14th: 3rd grade fun day (5th grade pig dissection)
- May 15th: Staff Appreciation lunch provided by PTO
- May 15th: 5th graders visit FMS (rain date for fun days/ back up Pig Lung)
- May 16th: Final All Pro Dads meeting for the year 7-7:30 am
- May 16th: 5th grade awards; EVENING celebration 5:30-7 PM
- May 19th: 3rd grade parties and awards
- May 19th: 23rd- SA's Favorite things week
- May 20th: 4th grade parties and awards
- May 20th: FIS Safety field trip
- May 22nd: last day for students; 23rd- last day for teachers

#### Farragut Middle School

- Currently: PTO Members voting for Executive Board for next year
- May 8-11: 8th grade Chicago trip
- May 13: Spring Orchestra Concert at FHS at 6:00 pm
- May 15: Chorus Concert at FMS at 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00
- May 20: Admiral Day (Field Day)

### Farragut High School

- April: Junior class project- SGA reps wrote thank you letters to staff and Sophomores hosted Earth Day events
- May 7: Induction for new SGA members
- New club starting next year: FHS Anatomy Club
- Ambassadors- working on retreat for beginning of August and looking for service project with intermediate or primary school
- DECA- one student placed top 10 in the country
- Virtual Enterprise class went to New York
- May 3: Prom
- April 21: Mu Alpha Theta, Robotics, Coding, Engineering Club hosted Annual Stem Day
- March 31-April 2: HOSA competed with 66 students
- May 7: Senior Sunset
- May 6: Band Concert
- May 8: Chorus Concert
- May 9: Senior Breakfast and Walk the Halls at the Primary
- Foundation: Two big fundraisers- Gala and golf tournament raised about \$20,000 to buy furniture for portable classrooms
- May 15: Senior Luncheon
- May 17: Baccalaureate at FBC at 5:00 pm
- May 18: Graduation 7:00 pm

Three seniors recognized- Abby Doyle, Sophie Lu, Davis Baxter

### Town of Farragut

- New building as of three weeks ago
- Several student rep applications have been submitted
- Adult reps- looking for names for 5 vacancies (Knoxville Christian, Concord Christian, FHS Foundation, FPS, FIS)
- Chris to replace Jen, temporarily maybe permanently
- Email from Alderman Cain
  - Look at 4 things the Town of Farragut does that maybe the committee can help with- FHS 865 Academy, Intro to Farragut Volunteer Hours, Stormwater Management Program, Coordination with the Community Development- discussion on what committee looks like in the future
- Should there be a special meeting in the summer to select new youth representatives?

Motion to adjourn by Beth Duncan at 5:13 pm

**Next Meeting: September 11, 2025 at 4:00 pm at Farragut Town Hall**