



MINUTES
FARRAGUT EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020
4:00 PM

Members Present: Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, Beth Duncan, Mary Nussbaum, Wendy Stiles, Claudia Levi, Hannah Brennen

Members Absent: Mandy Kincaid

Staff Present: Jennifer Hatmaker

Guests: Michelle Morrow, Farragut Primary School PTA President; Reva Bagi, Farragut High School National Honors Society President and Student Government Association Treasurer; Audrey Richards, Student Government Association President; Michelle Hollenhead, farragutpress

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order; quorum present.

Election of Officers

At the October 5, 2020 meeting of the Farragut Education Relations Committee, Wendy Stiles was nominated to serve as Chairman, Mandy Kincaid was nominated to serve as Vice Chairman and Beth Duncan was nominated to serve as Secretary.

Mary Nussbaum made a motion to appoint the officers as nominated during the October 5, 2020 committee meeting. Wendy Stiles seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor; motion passed.

Appointment of Junior Youth Representative for a Two-Year Term

Vice Mayor Povlin made a motion to appoint Farragut High School Junior Hannah Brennen as the Junior Youth Representative on the committee for a two-year term. Mary Nussbaum seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor; motion passed.

Farragut Schools Project Giving Tree

Beth Duncan reported the following:

- This year the Farragut Schools are asking for gift cards for Project Giving Tree instead of items such as clothes and toys. The recommended gift card amount is \$25 from Kohls, Marshalls or Old Navy, but will accept any amount from any store.
- People can donate through Venmo instead of buying gift cards. Venmo account is @FISPTA
- Students who attend classes in person can drop off gift cards during homeroom. Students who attend class virtually and other residents can drop off gift cards in a drop box. Vice Mayor Louise Povlin stated that a lock box can be located at the reception desk at the Farragut Town Hall and at the Farragut Community Center for gift cards to be dropped off.

Update from PTA, PTO and PTSO Members

Michelle Morrow, Farragut Primary School PTA President, reported the following:

- Staff luncheon will be on November 20
- Thank a Teacher Day will be the week of Thanksgiving

Hannah Brennen asked if there will be any volunteer opportunities available for students. Michelle Morrow stated that if the events happen as scheduled there will be a need for volunteers.

Wendy Stiles reported the following for the Farragut Intermediate School PTA:

- Tammy Cheek did a story for the farragutpress highlighting the cafeteria workers
- Knox County PTA will have a drive-in movie night fundraiser on December 5. Money raised will go toward scholarships, Storm the Hill and may be used to adopt schools for Christmas toy drives

Beth Duncan reported the following for the Farragut Middle School PTA:

- Representative Jason Zachary donated picnic tables and the PTA purchased additional picnic tables to aid in social distancing during lunch hours. May need student volunteers for assembly

Mary Nussbaum reported the following for the Farragut High School PTA:

- Graduation planning is moving along like normal. Have contacted venues.
- Hospitality group of the PTA is still doing treats for teachers and have received donations from the community.
- Appointed a new social media chair who is refreshing the PTA Facebook page and has created a PTA Instagram account
- Membership is a little down
- May be able to grant every teacher's wish list this year

Beth Duncan reported that the Farragut High School Education Foundation is kicking off the Admiral FUND campaign with a goal of \$25,000. This year, the Education Foundation decided to focus on the electives.

Vice Mayor Povlin asked if the Student Government Association (SGA) and National Honors Society (NHS) organizations had any goals or events coming up.

Audrey Richards reported the following for the SGA:

- Friday will be the first Open Mic Night this year which will be held outside
- Fundraising for the Love Kitchen is a big concern right now. Cannot do the can collection like previous years. May try to do the can drive in February or March 2021.

Reva Bagi stated that the NHS does not necessarily plan events, but they do participate as volunteers. Currently have over 400 members and each member must complete at least 20 service hours by the end of the year.

Any Other Business

Mary Nussbaum suggested that the committee have a shared calendar that each committee member can update with events. Vice Mayor Povlin recommended a Google calendar.

Vice Mayor Povlin reported that she spoke to Board of Education member Susan Horn about the feasibility study that is looking into the impact of adding onto Farragut Intermediate School which should now be finished.