



Town of Farragut Education Relations Committee

Strategic Plan 2016-2017

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History

The Education Relations Committee (ERC) was chartered by the Town of Farragut in September 2009. Subsequent ERC members found a committee without clear direction and formal goals. There were many ideas for actions to support and improve schools in Farragut, but a cohesive framework to organize and set priorities was missing.

The ERC agreed to model other Town committees through the generation of a Strategic Plan. The plan will offer a cohesive direction such that future ERC members will not struggle to identify their Mission, Values, Principles, Issues, Goals, and Objectives.

Mission

To create and maintain a forum for dialogue with Farragut schools, build a consensus on the needs of the schools and convey that information to Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA), citizens and businesses in ways that will foster community support for our schools.

Values/Principles

Excellence

Great schools are a foundation to great communities.

Innovation

Help Farragut schools identify innovative measures to obtain to achieve their needs.

Communication

Provide feedback to the schools, the Town of Farragut and the community concerning opportunities for improving the quality of education being provided.

Teamwork

Work together with Farragut schools in a collaborative manner with a common vision and purpose.

Problem Solving

Strive to find practical and effective solutions to achieve the desired high quality education in Farragut schools.

Strategic Issues 2016-2017

Funding

1. There is a false perception that the Farragut schools have all the resources they need.
2. No Title 1 funds follow NCLB students who transfer into the Farragut schools.
3. There is a significant need for more computers and computer labs at the schools.
4. There are inadequate funds to provide for professional development of faculty.
5. Physical facilities are aging and need upgrading.

Security / Safety

1. Lighting at Farragut High, Farragut Intermediate and Farragut Primary schools is inadequate.

Strategic Goals and Objectives

1. Goal: Establish dialogue with school administration and community.
 - a. Objective: Improve communication with the schools by having monthly contact with principals of each school by a member of the ERC.
 - b. Objective: Attend Intro to Farragut class to educate community members of school needs.
 - c. Objective: Encourage attendance at the ERC meetings by a school official in order to continue the open dialogue.
2. Goal: Continue the pursuit of funding and outside support for schools.
 - a. Objective: Collaborate with the Economic Development Committee and meet with the Farragut Business Alliance on ways Farragut businesses can provide financial assistance and donated service to the schools and provide internships for students.
 - b. Objective: Meet with service organizations and request assistance to meet school needs.
 - c. Objective: Utilize the town website and encourage Farragut schools to use their websites to identify specific school needs.
 - d. Objective: Communicate with the Town of Farragut Board of Aldermen concerning school needs.

Performance Measures & Desired Outcome

Performance measures used to evaluate the achievement of Goals and Objectives are:

1. Maintain a record of contacts by committee members with school principals.
2. Report on contacts made with businesses and service organizations requesting support.
3. Report on feedback and support obtained from businesses and service organizations.
4. Document newspaper stories and other communications with the community concerning school needs.