



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	X		
All members present?		X	Karen Carson absent
Members attentive?	X		
Did members appear to have done their "homework?"	X		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X		
Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?	X		
Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?	X		
Adequate opportunity for public input?	X		
Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?		X	
Was background information available to the public?	X		
Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)	X		

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? No

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? No

Agenda Notes

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A Approved

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F Approved

G Buttry asked some questions about parental notification process and requested that as often as possible, the school district posts all things on the website. Dr. McIntyre

Approved

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A Buttry and McMillan No - Approved

11.

A Buttry brings up issues regarding money and the STEM school. She would like to have us vote on the capital improvements separately rather than lumping them all together. Kincannon speaks about supporting this because this capital budget supports many parts of our community. Buttry asks if the capital budget addresses the entire build out of the STEM school. Dr. McIntyre notes that a \$450,000 expense is not reflected in the capital budget. He also notes that all steps are not included in this plan but in looking at both capital budgets it would cover all steps of the STEM school build out. Buttry expresses additional concerns because she does not agree with voting for the entire package.

Buttry No

Approved

B Approved

12. Public Forum 36 Speakers (PP below notes Planned Parenthood)

-Paul Simino - Father of 6 children in 3 Knox County schools and kids will be there until 2019. Planned Parenthood in schools and approved in 2008. He expresses that Planned Parenthood is offensive and off for next school year but are being allowed to complete this school year. He speaks about all that PP offers. He spoke of a Knox County teacher who had been highlighted as a PP teacher to her students for grades 6-8. He compares PP teaching to teaching values of the KKK in our schools and ultimately is opposing any Knox Count

-Lisa Morris, Mother of 3 children - She thanked the board members to remove PP from the Knox County school speaker list. She expresses that the board voicing it to the Super has caused them not to be allowed in KCS next year. She asks a series of questions regarding teachers being involved in PP training. She states she has received no definite answers to her questions. She refers to Knox County Board's policy regarding family plan, which states offering public meetings regarding family life planning role. She states the importance of the community taking action in this regard. She also states that teachers should have no exposure to PP training.

-Mike McCormick - Moved to Knoxville 11 years ago with 8 children. He has a daughter from Hardin Valley who came home upset about PP presentation. He appreciates the decision to eliminate their role next year but has concern about how they might continue to be involved in the system this year and in other ways although their presentation within schools will no longer happen next year. He states that PP encourages kids to go around their parents in making decisions about their bodies. He states about how recent legal events makes a statement against PP. He makes some statements from PP documents and states that they are not appropriate. He expresses concern of PP stating their ongoing involvement in middle and east TN schools. He asks why the wellness teachers could not teach all needed lessons. He also asks why the Knox County school official has not responded.

-Marian Briggs, Mother of 2 she is a health educator and believes that PP is not congruent with other education standards in the state of TN. She speaks of postings that happened on the website with an overview their educational model is inappropriate. She said this curriculum does not align with TN

guidelines regarding abstinence. She states that PP sells sex and creates sex for our students. She also says PP is setting out to change the minds and morals of our students. She also expresses concern that Knox County school teachers have been trained by PP and has concerns about that.

-Dr. Rod Briggs OB GYN He states he would never refer a patient to PP and is concerned that the school district would be willing to work with PP. He states that PP offers condoms, birth control; He makes a statement against the use of birth control for teenage girls as the success rate is low. He states that PP promotes abortions and doesn't encourage adoption. He also states the damages that occur with girls receiving abortions. He is questioning the board's decisions stating they are not qualified. He states that PP does not promote abstinence.

-Steve Arnold, He thinks the School District decision did not actually eliminate PP from our schools. He does an overview of statements coming from PP employees making statements against abstinence based on his interpretation. He believes the Knox County teachers will be teaching the PP curriculum. He says the training for teachers is happening through PP and states several statements with his interpretation of statements he says are inappropriate coming from PP.

-Fletcher Armstrong, He thinks the removal should happen immediately not just next year. He makes many statements against PP. He speaks that PP is willing to provide abortions without parental knowledge. He states PP provides inappropriate information for students. He expresses his opinion that PP encourages homosexuality as normal behavior. He has a blog and states that PP is making money off of their work. He states his group will go where PP is working

-Jane Bullington, Mother of 2 children who have gone through Knox County schools. She believes parents are not getting enough information regarding the sex Ed. going on in our schools. She stated that PP is promoting abortion. She does not think PP should be offered in our schools. She says their curriculum promotes their services. She states tax payer dollars going straight to PP. She makes several newscast statements from PP.

-Rev. Sam Polson (name?), Minister representing church at Middlebrook and Cedar Bluff. He reads biblical terms and stating the PP is an offence regarding these biblical words. He states that PP makes statements supporting youth doing things without parent permission.

-William Kudshaw, He thanks the board for listening to the complaints of citizens. He also thanks the board for not allowing PP to speak. Father of 3. He says that PP say the promote abstinence. He then makes several statements from PP arguing they are living up to that point. He expresses concern of a KKS supervisor supporting PP. He feels PP was brought in without parental support.

-Christine Lafay, Mother of 5- She is concerned about PP getting into our schools to begin with. She is concerned that the board had nothing to do with this decision. She is trying to figure out who actually made the decision. She is concerned that our students were ever exposed. She asks a series of questions.

Other: There were an additional 27 Public Forum Speakers I was unable to observe on 3/2/11.

Observer: Tammy Sommers Meeting: Knox County Board of Education Date: 3/2/11