



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	X		
All members present?	X		
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? The biggest issue is the new policy on public use of school facilities.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? We need to be certain that the policy is completely reviewed by a LWV member and all questions are posed to a school a board member. We also need to stay abreast of the final decision of the upcoming process regarding this policy so LWV funnels the questions properly.

Observer: Tammy Sommers
Meeting: School Board Meeting 12/7/11

LWV KKC Observer Corps Reporting Procedure

Farragut Middle did a presentation of their Student Energy Conservation Program where a teacher oversees this program for energy saving for the school and the

students present their role as they are rewarding teachers for making sure lights are turned off properly.

Item 6- Deakens thanks board members- Approved

Item 7- Approved

Item 8A- Approved

8B- Buttry points out a typo noticed on page 3 item 4 and has a question asking how this policy affects school use for political parties. McIntyre says that these groups are affected the same way all other groups will be affected. McIntyre states that it would be different if a service was being provided for students. Buttry is pursuing answers for questions posed to her by constituents. Buttry also asks about voting. And McIntyre says it does not impact voting. Kincannon mentions her support for making policy more coherent and more consistently applied. Kincannon also feels they should postpone even 1st reading of this. She suggests that they withdraw it until January. She also wants the policy to better express that this policy is a positive aspect for the community. She also suggests developing the policy around community service schools and wonders if ideas were received on the Cincinnati trip. McIntyre states that school related activities will not be required to pay fees. He states that nothing about this policy would be detrimental to community schools. Buttry states that she agrees with Kincannon that they need more time before the 1st reading so community people have time to look it over before completing a 1st reading. McIntyre says he is open to putting off the 1st reading if the board feels they need more time. Kincannon feels that all of the expenses of all costs incurred should be noted to show the investment the district is making in these tasks making these tasks more visible in the budget. Sepesi states that she agrees with Kincannon stating that she has had several phone calls that she cannot yet answer. Her questions: Is there a clear timeline identified. Dr. McIntyre says that the timeframe is in the policy up until 5:00pm. McIntyre says he is open to an adjustment in that time if needed. Sepesi asks about requirements regarding lighting after the timeframe better understanding if groups will be charged certain lighting fees after those hours. Foraker anticipates 6:00 would be the timeframe in which they would begin incurring costs for lights and would include fees for this time. When a facility is used, a Knox County school employee must be there at all times. Sepesi asks how long the process will be for getting back to people regarding use of facility approval. Foraker is proposing 15 days in advance of the event. Carson agrees that the board should hold off on 1st reading as well. She thinks there will be substantial changes on this policy and feels they will be wasting time on this 1st reading and feels it should be put off but believes they should identify a process for doing this so it is effective. She cannot best identify the process but feels it should exist to be most effective. She does think this work is fiscally responsible. She supports postponing but wants to make it easier for the community to understand. McIntyre asks what Carson wants and she states that she wants all community groups to hear from this better and also states the importance of better defining

framework so there is not so much individual judgment. Deakins makes a couple of recommendations and says he and McIntyre will further discuss the best process to move forward. McMillan is proposing future months of dealing with it so it is still in alignment with the goal starting date. He also recommends providing public online opportunity to provide feedback. McIntyre speaks of a policy CC put in place, which speaks to no public school system should be used to promote certain groups. McMillan makes a statement that many of these groups support the schools in many ways. He asks if the non school related groups are required to have certain insurance. He asks if we could provide a common carrier regarding that insurance to make that path more affordable. McIntyre's reaction is a concern about developing the insurance path for outside organizations would not hold the focus of our children. McMillan has concern that short meeting groups may not be interested when they are having to deal with the insurance aspect. Fugate and Deakins invoke personal privilege

8C Approved

8D Approved

8E Approved

8F Kincannon brings amendment and reads amendment aloud. Kincannon's amendment is adding language of federal law of federal identified protected area. Sanders agrees that it now reflects federal law regarding gender identity. Carson questioned if it would have to go back to 1st reading. Sanders says it will remain at 2nd reading Approved

8G Approved

9A Approved

9B Approved

9C Deferred for 30 days

9D Kincannon asks that McIntyre explain the need for this in front of the board due to revoking tenure and must be voted for in a public meeting. Carson poses question that if the charges are true, tenure will be revoked. Sanders agrees.

Public Forum

Madison Dense- She is speaking about a recent experience at a hearing impaired event and would like to see the school district offer the opportunity for students to learn sign language in Knox County Schools. She also states that there is only one form of sign language and if we all learned that, we would all have that language in common.

Sherry Morgan- KCEA President She is thanking school board members who sat on the collaborative conferencing vote. They got over 59% to vote online. She shared all results showing that all of their proposals passed. Collaborative conferencing team will be made up of KCEA members.