Fairhope EAC
Meeting Minutes, 9.12.18

Members Present: Hank Burch, Ken Cole, Robin Coleman, Colby Cooper, Elizabeth Hammock, Hill Robinson, and Council Liaison, Robert Brown

Guests: Gary Gover and School Administrators: Carol Broughton, Angie Hall, Julie Pierce, Patrice Wolfe and Lynn Smith

1. Chairman, Ken Cole, called meeting to order at 4:30PM.

2. Hill Robinson made a motion to approve minutes from the August meeting, which were unanimously approved.

3. Ken informed us that EAC member, Cobby Witherington, has resigned. The entire EAC is grateful for her service to public education in Fairhope and wish her the very best. Elizabeth Hammock was approved by the Committee to serve in her place as EAC Secretary.

4. Vacant EAC positions (2): Carol Broughton and Patrice Wolfe will brainstorm and gauge interest of identified persons. Ken to pull previously submitted resumes/applications.

5. K-1 Center Update: The city has entered into an agreement to purchase the facility for $4M, $1.5M of which will be returned to the Fairhope Feeder Pattern over 5 years. It is speculated that the city will not have an issue allocating the additional $50K per annum (historically, EAC has contributed $350K per annum to the feeder pattern; $1.5M / 5 years = $300K, leaving a $50K "shortfall").

6. Special Tax District: Is the EAC prepared to make a formal request to the City Council for a referendum? In order to appropriately address this question, additional information needs to be gathered. Robert Brown to gauge potential support from other Council members. Ken to speak with Superintendent Eddie Tyler to seek clarification on the following: (a) timing of the K-6 reconfiguration / release of the new school zones to the public; (b) is unanimous support from the City Council required or is a majority vote sufficient; (c) is the EAC to request City Council support for the referendum or the actual tax?

7. Meeting adjourned at 5:42PM.

8. Next meeting: 4:30PM, Wednesday, October 3, Fairhope Public Library.