



Observer Reporting Form

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

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? Dr. Jesse Register gave his State of Schools address on March 3, 2011. He explained how the school system is addressing a number of issues. He discussed teacher recruitment, leadership development, and teacher training in a number of areas. Dr. Register talked about steps taken to improve communications and central office effectiveness. Many programs have been implemented to improve high schools that include academies within high schools, virtual schools, steps to address student mobility, partnerships with businesses, and data driven instruction. Special academies at Old Cockrill and Hickory Hollow are graduating students who had recently dropped out of high school. Teachers are receiving special training to improve Middle Schools. 70% of students are considered disadvantaged. There are now a number of programs, such as Saturday classes, to help them reach their academic goals. Special Needs students are also receiving help. There is a Positive Behavior Support Program in 38 schools. The system now has a five- year plan to implement a social and emotional learning curriculum. MNPS has the first elementary school to have an International Baccalaureate Program. 22% of Metro students speak a language other than English

at home. English Learner classes are being added to every school in the system. Information Technology and Data Management are being expanded and improved. Metro is developing an extensive Data Warehouse to provide information to teachers and the administration. The budget presents major challenges. Race to the Top funds may not be used for ongoing expenses and state and federal money will be cut back significantly this coming school year. MNPS anticipates growing to almost 80,000 students. The system is opening six new magnet programs. Dr. Register said MNPS is making a lot of progress, but must continue to work toward academic and graduation goals.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues?

No. _____

Other Concerns:

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Please submit completed forms to barbara.b.gay@gmail.com

LWV Nashville Observer Corps Reporting Procedure

_____ Forms are available on the LWV Nashville web site. Completed forms should be mailed* or e-mailed to the Observer Corps Committee Chair, Barbara Gay barbara.b.gay@gmail.com within 5 days of your observation meeting.

_____ Report any urgent matter to the Observer Corps Committee Chair or the LWV President immediately (example: an action in direct opposition to the League positions).

_____ IF the information relates to items of importance to the League, please furnish the Observer Corps Chair with a copy of the agenda, handouts, or other material collected at the meeting.

_____ Any additional information or comments can be written on the back of the form (if handwritten) or added to an e-mail transmission.

_____ Each observer should retain a copy of any reports and attachments submitted to the Observer Corps Committee.

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