

Monday, Jan 22, 2024
Parent Leadership Team Meeting (6:30pm-7:30pm)

- Welcome
 - Sarah Barden – PLT Meeting Facilitator
 - PLT Meeting Notetaker- Lindsay Crawford

- Attendance: Jim David, Michelle Turner, Deborah Kelly, Roy Kelly, Amy Blankenship, Lakisha Sims, Gibson Sims III, Brian Sledge, Scott Walker, Jennifer Summerlin (by phone)

- Next PLT Meeting Date: Feb 12 @ 6pm

- Committee (Current)
 - **Staff Appreciation Committee:** Brings meals monthly to the teachers; can be responsible for additional materials/supplies throughout the year; the team organizes meals or supply lists, creates a sign-up, the list is emailed to all parents for participation. There is typically 1 zoom meeting a month to coordinate that month's meal. The meals cover about 35 teachers and staff.
 - **23-24 Brittany Ferguson, Cheryl Cambron, Tisha Walker, Deborah Kelly, Lindsay Crawford**
 - **Dates:**
 - Jan 25 - Planning on a soup day
 - Feb 29
 - March 28
 - April 25
 - May 23 (We thought a last day send off would be most helpful since it'll probably be crazy plus we wanted to be sure to avoid graduation)

 - **Facebook Internal Parent Page:** The Facebook page is for parents to share information; emails to parents are posted there; families will resell used (or unused) uniforms; carpool info is posted; it's a parent-support group; it is a private group; to join the group you must answer a security question; the current security question is "Who sends the majority of STEM emails to you?"; an email will go out soon with information for parents who want to join.
 - **23-24: Michelle Turner; Sarah Barden, Jennifer Summerlin (Cheryl Cambron)**
 - Update 1/22: No new updates

 - **Silent Auction Committee:** The auction is either in person or online (last year); it raises money for materials that kids use throughout the year (digital printing materials, etc.); all the money is used at the school's discretion; the auction will run virtual in conjunction with STEM Showcase (March 22) timeframe

- **23-24: Chairperson: Amy Blankenship**, committee: Melisa Barajas, Shannon Gonzalez, Maddie Lowry, Julie Gersch, Stephanie DeOlloqui, Bess Williams, Deborah Kelly
- **March 15-22, 2024** - Funds for PBL, supplies, general needs vary year to year. Ideas: updates to The Commons, GCDI equipment, target \$5,000, technology upgrades. Notice for donations after Thanksgiving for businesses and another big push in January.
- **Updates:**
 - Old platform from last year went up from \$600 to \$750
 - HCS has a platform, but it will require a PLT member from the Silent Auction Committee to attend a Zoom meeting with Give Backs and our bookkeeper on either a Monday or Thursday during the day for a how-to walkthrough.
 - Names: Amy Blankenship
 - Preferred day (Monday or Thursday)
 - If after the Zoom meeting the platform is not good, we will use the original platform.
- **Update 1/22:**
 - Need people to help with soliciting donations
 - Platform is not free. There are 3 ways to pay for it ...
 - 2.9% of each auction + \$0.30 to each item (preferred)
 - 7.9% flat fee
 - Tip % for people to decide
 - We will use the Common Area for the auction items
 - Mr David will talk to GCDI interns to discuss making floor clings to direct traffic for the event
 - Amy Blankenship will start asking for donations from parents next week. We will solicit teacher “donations” in mid-Feb.
- **STEM Jubilee Committee:** This committee will support organizing and running the hospitality area for the STEM Jubilee. The STEM Jubilee introduces elementary school students to a variety of science, technology, engineering and math related concepts through hands-on activities with a mission to inspire STEM curiosity and interest.
 - **23-24: Chairperson: Gabrielle Fernandez**
 - Parent Assistance: Britteny Ferguson, Lindsay Crawford
 - Date 23-24: **May 14 & 15**
 - Will need help with food set up for volunteer’s lunch.
 - Students help (10th, 11th, & 12th as well as any 9th grader that has completed their work)
- **Digital Fabrication Awards Night** - Awards night based on STEM unique accomplishments. Student & Staff recognition. Competitive club recognition. Student co-designed, with snacks and refreshments after Awards given.
 - 23-24: Parent Assistance: **Shannon Gonzalez, Deborah & Roy Kelly**
 - Date: May 6, at the Bond Auditorium
 - Need: setting up food and refreshments after awards night

- Update 1/22: We've never had an awards night like this before. Just an opportunity to recognize students for their accomplishments (apprentice / journeyman / master fabricator. Need refreshments, food, etc. Mr. David has a budget for this.
- **Rising 9th Grade Parent and Student Night:** Future/new parents learn about the STEM School.
 - Date 23-24: **TBD**
 - Last year date: April 25 at 6:30pm (doors open at 6:00pm)
 - Meet and Greet PLT Table
 - Include STEM School Chattanooga Runner
 - Parents: **Shannon Gonzalez, Tisha and Scott Walker, Deborah Kelly**
 - Form for Parent Leadership Team and Information for joining Facebook Parent Group
 - A rising 9th grade introduction table will be present for our September meet and greet.

New Committees

- **Food City School Bucks Challenge:** Shoppers who have a ValuCard can link their cards to a school and earn reward money for the school based on the total amount of purchases.
 - **23-24: Chairperson: Jennifer Summerlin**
 - Update 1/22: Jennifer Summerlin to provide link to Mr. David to be sent out to all parents.
- **Spring Fling for Robotics**
 - Similar to STEM JAM but in the Spring geared towards 9th & 10th graders
 - Goal: Fundraising and also an opportunity for the robotics group to have an event, much like STEM JAM.
 - Expected date: March 1
 - Update 1/22: They need volunteers to help. Buuut, is this too much? Is this something the PLT can support?
 - General consensus is that it's doable. Several are willing to help, including Jennifer Summerlin, Roy and Deborah Kelly, Brian Sledge
- **STEM Gala**
 - Formal School Prom like event for Juniors and Seniors
 - Date: Saturday, April 13
 - Location: Grand Falloon
 - Theme: [Secret at this time]
 - Need 3 large prizes donated, college themed. For example ...
 - Mini fridge
 - Air fryer
 - Something else like this ...

Future Committees 24-25:

- Robotics Support - Next year, the plan is to host our own tournaments. The local area is saturated with robotics due to recent funding. We were unable to get into our local hub. If we host our own event, PLT support for fundraising, food, judge, event help, etc. We have 2 former students that help with the team currently.
 - Parent: **Shannon Gonzalez** and **Jennifer Summerlin** would like to help

Concluded Committees

- **STEM Jam:** The STEM Jam is a social event for STEM students that includes multiple activities. It is held in the evening and only for STEM students. Parents assist by volunteering to chaperone and organize snacks, drinks and food.
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- **National Honor Society Committee:** One night job; the STEM counselor runs this event; members help coordinate the induction ceremony; the ceremony this year will include this year's inductees; it is usually in late October or early November; this year's date is not determined yet.
- **Senior Appreciation:** Janna Gillard suggested having a monthly senior appreciation event. This would highlight our seniors by providing opportunities for local activities in the community, in addition to senior oriented topics and information.

Next Meeting

Feb 12, 6:00-7:00 PM