

STEM School Chattanooga

PLT Purpose: To lead the greater parent group (Parent Organization) in support of the STEM School through planning, overseeing, and implementing PLT initiatives

Thursday, January 13, 2022
Parent Leadership Team Meeting (6:30pm-7:30pm)

- Welcome
 - Cheryl Cambron – PLT Meeting Facilitator
 - Terrie Quering – PLT Meeting Notetaker

- Attendance: In Person
 - Cheryl Cambron
 - Jim David
 - Tony Donen
 - Julie Gersch
 - Janna Gillard
 - Terrie Quering
 - Brian Sledge
 - Candice Thompson
 - Karen Walker
 - Scott Walker
 - Tisha Walker

Parents that emailed unable to attend (interested to help with need):

- Amy Blankenship
- Shannon Gonzalez
- Maddie Lowry
- Melanie Blake Singer
- Michelle Turner

- Committees for 21-22:
 - **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 has raised \$8000+ in years past; normally takes place during STEM Showcase (December) but last year it took place in February; this school year's date is to be determined
 - **21-22 Chairperson:** Julie Gersch; **Team:** Cortney Cochran, Amy Blankenship, Stefanie deOllouqui, Janna Gillard; Marcia Gloekler; Terrie Quering; Brian Sledge; Shannon Gonzalez
 - Update:
 - STEM Showcase will be on Friday, January 28 from **5:30pm to 7:00pm**.
 - An email is going out tonight to the STEM PBL partner businesses to ask if they have something they can donate to the auction.
 - Parents have asked about donating money instead of an auction item. Julie said that if they don't want to give an item to be auctioned, they can just donate cash. However, items for the auction are preferable.
 - All attendees will be coming through the CETAS entrance. Auction committee members will encourage parents to stop and donate on their way in the building as well as help access the online auction if needed.
 - Balloons will be placed by the entrance to highlight the auction.
 - GCDI interns will be asked to print out QR Code signs/flyers with a link to the auction site. The signs will be posted throughout the building.

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- Julie will photograph auction items on January 21 at STEM School.
 - Parent volunteers are needed for January 28, 2022 for last-minute set up at 3:00 in the River View Conference Room.
 - Volunteered at the meeting: Brian, Candice, Cheryl, & Janna
 - Online auction will end when the STEM Showcase ends, at 7:00 pm on Friday.
 - Julie will get table cloths for the tables.
 - Teacher donations are still coming in.
 - All donations are requested to be in by the 20th of January.
 - We currently have 24 items valued at about \$4000.
- **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.
- **21-22 Team:** Marcia Gloekler, Becci Furr, Cheryl Cambron, Maria Morales, Kim Tudor, Brian Sledge, Britteny Ferguson, Melanie Blake Singer, Tisha Walker
 - Update:
 - The next event is January 27, 2022.
 - Donations from the Olive Garden and Rib & Loin have been made for the main meal. Parents will be asked to bring drinks and desserts.
 - They will meet in February to discuss plans for that month.
- **Parent Connect Committee:** This committee will be creating different ways for parents to connect, meet each other, and create opportunities to work together.
- **21-22 Chairperson:** Tisha Walker
 - Update:
 - Tisha is waiting to hear from Becci to know if the directory is ready for the general school population.
 - Tisha would like a parent representative from each grade to coordinate social events.
- **Learning Community Meetings:** Hamilton County Schools are divided into learning communities (STEM is in the North River community) the community is designed to gather information (for example additional communication or parent engagement) that the schools need from the parents of that area; the learning communities also share how things are done well at the schools in the community; this is similar to a focus group; STEM parents have brought a lot of value to these meetings; the commitment involves a monthly or every-other-month meeting at a school or via zoom; the meeting lasts one hour; the team tries to have at least one person present for each learning community meeting
- **21-22 Team:** Ian Mitchell, Maddie Lowry, Karen Walker, Becci Furr
 - Update:
 - No meetings since our last PLT meeting.
 - Nothing has changed since the new superintendent was selected.

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- **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.
 - **21-22 Chairperson:** Maddie Lowry
 - Update:
 - The STEM Jam was in the fall. Nothing new at this time.

- **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
 - **21-22 Chairperson:** Cheryl Cambron, Michelle Turner
 - Update:
 - Ms. Amy wants to be an administrator to correct errors that might be posted accidentally. She will be added.

- Committees Start in Spring:
 - **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 last year's inductees as well as this year's; it is usually is in late October or early November; this year's date is not determined yet
 - **21-22 Team:** Tatiana Allen; Val deOlloqui
 - Update:
 - Chattanooga State approved the use of their auditorium on Tuesday, Feb 15 2022 for the induction service.
 - Mrs. Mallard will reach out to Tatiana Allen & Val deOlloqui to coordinate the event.

 - **Media Committee:** This committee will start in the spring semester. Start could include trying to update the video on the STEM School website about the school.
 - **21-22 Team:** Candice Thompson, Becci Furr, Shannon Gonzalez
 - Update:
 - The media lab will be operational on Tuesday. Candice will work with Mr. McCoy on making a video for the website.

- Next PLT Meeting
 - We will meet Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 6:30pm