

# STEM School Chattanooga

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Monday, November 25, 2019  
Parent Leadership Team Meeting (6:30pm-7:30pm)  
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- Sign In and Welcome
  - Cheryl Cambron – PLT Meeting Facilitator
  - Terrie Quering – PLT Meeting Notetaker
  
- Attendance
  - Danielle Ball
  - Tara Bennett
  - Cheryl Cambron
  - Jennifer Crutchfield
  - Jim David
  - Allison Deckman
  - Tony Donen
  - Julie Gersch
  - Lynesha Lake
  - Tracy Lowe
  - Terrie Quering
  
- Committee Discussion/Updates
  - Silent Auction Committee: Tara Bennett & Julie Gersch co-chairs
    - We have 48 items so far at a value of \$5800.
    - Many more things arrived at the meeting and more are expected after Thanksgiving.
    - The items that are valued have bid sheets made. About ⅓ need to be made yet.
    - Some of the gift cards aren't valued (no info given) and may be put into mystery grab bags.
    - Some items need better descriptions.
    - Set up will take place the day of the auction.
    - Julie Gersch asked if a club/students would be available to help with set-up/moving items into the room. Dr. Donen said students will be found to assist.
    - Tony Donen & Jim David will move computers in the room itself.
    - Due date for items is December 1st.
    - Placards are in the closet.
    - Tony Donen is making sure that credit cards can still be accepted. When the credit card is confirmed, it will be announced that we can accept cards, cash, and checks.
    - Allison Deckman will run the credit card swiper.
    - The email will go out the first week of December and it will include highlights of items available.
  - Staff Appreciation Committee: Nicki Murphy & Tracy Lowe co-chairs
    - Tracey Lowe said they are having a pasta bar on Wednesday, December 18 (half day for students, full day for teachers).
  - Public Relations: Jennifer Crutchfield
    - There will be no PR on the local TV stations for the showcase, since many schools have a showcase.
  - STEM Jubilee: Wendy Lohr & Britt Adams co-chairs
    - Wendy can't make it tonight.

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- Tony Donen said he contacted amazon about sponsoring the Jubilee this spring. Amazon said to ask again in the new year.
- Jennifer Cruthcfield said she will be asking First Tennessee to sponsor the Jubilee as an event for school students, not as a school itself. The request is due December 5th. Jennifer will send Dr. Donen info. If that request is denied, STEM can still request money as a school.
- Jennifer said there will be on local TV coverage for the Jubilee.
- Jim David said elementary schools are already asking about the Jubilee to be sure they can attend this spring (repeat schools).
- National Honor Society Committee: Lyn Potter
  - Nothing to report.
  - Two more service projects were announced, however they don't need assistance from the PLT.
- Facebook Internal Page: Cheryl Cambron
  - Cheryl Cambron keeps posting new things & has learned how to post things as announcements.
  - Cheryl asked that if we think things are being missed we can post them, or send them to her.
  - Cheryl stated that when the email was sent out originally to parents there were many requests to join the group.
  - The house question seemed difficult for some parents, but that has been resolved and those parents have been accepted to the group.
  - Silent auction items will be posted on both public and private STEM School facebook pages.
- Parent Representatives for Learning Community Meetings: Julie Gersch, Kim Baucom, Cheryl Cambron
  - Julie Gersh & Cheryl Cambron attended.
  - Cheryl said that the learning community is learning from families who attend, how the county can engage families and make a partnership between schools & families. They are trying to mirror good parental involvement in one school in schools with less involvement.
  - Julie said there are elementary schools where parents have no reason to come to the school (the schools have no awards, science fairs, etc.).
  - They discussed the Hamilton County School app and why it isn't used a lot. It isn't used because the app has the same info that is available on the HCDE website (but in a smaller format).
  - Front office impressions were discussed. Some schools don't have staff at the front office; students staff the desk.
  - Julie & Cheryl participated at a United Way intern's research project (UTC student).
  - The next meeting Dr. Johnson will probably be leading.
  - STEM School is in the Missionary Ridge Learning Community. Other schools in the Missionary Ridge Learning Community are listed on the HCDE website.
  - Jim David is working with 8 schools to get them STEM designation (none in the Missionary Ridge district but schools from all other districts). Tony Donen suggested that Julie & Cheryl promote the assistance to Missionary Ridge.

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- There is one other school in Missionary Ridge that has a FAB Lab (in addition to STEM School).
- New Business
  - No new business.
- Next PLT Meeting
  - January 27, 2020 at 6:30pm