

STEM School Chattanooga

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Monday, May 18th, 2015

Parent Leadership Team Meeting notes (6pm-7pm)

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Agenda

- Attendance:
 - Amy Betts
 - George Choyce
 - Trish Cox
 - Allison Deckman
 - Bill Deckman
 - Tony Donen
 - Daran Holmes
 - Ronna-Renee Jackson
 - Jim Kinkead
 - Sherrie Kirby
 - Ronda Kitchen
 - Karry Koppully
 - Shanela McDowell
 - Audrea McKnight
 - Cami Mitchell
 - Cindi Robey
 - Cameille Vlietstra
 - Octivia White

- Welcome
 - George Choyce, PLT Meeting Facilitator, provided background information on STEM and his experiences. George opened it up to other parents who have current students and each shared how STEM has impacted their child.

- Committee Business: Committee chairs provided the opportunity to provide a year-in-review of their committee.
 - STEM Jubilee Committee: **Cameille Vlietstra** (cameillev@chattanoogaacvb.com)
 - This was the first year for the STEM Jubilee and it was a definitive success.
 - STEM Jubilee took place in the concourse at Finley Stadium, which in retrospect turned out to be a fantastic venue. This is the venue we will work for using next year as well.
 - The Jubilee netted around \$2400. Goal for next year will be to double the revenue and double the sponsorship.
 - The Jubilee was very successful in creating an event for volunteerism and school connectedness, it helped reach out to community members that were not aware about the STEM School, and it was a great “friendraiser” for building positive relationships among parents, students, and staff.
 - Staff Appreciation Committee: **Trish Cox** (tscox@epbfi.com)
 - Staff Appreciation Committee asked the teachers early in the year on what the teachers wanted, and the result was consistent – food.
 - The Staff Appreciation Committee implemented monthly meals. Restaurants donated some meals and most meals came from parent volunteers.
 - The participation throughout the year was never lacking and anytime Trish asked for items, they came in. There was a great response from parents.
 - Parent Orientation Committee: **Audrea McKnight** (audreamcknight@gmail.com)

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- Parent Orientation has focused its efforts in transitioning parents into the STEM School culture through four main events: Rising 9th Grade Parent Orientation Night, Registration Day, Open House, and STEM 101.
- Items created and implemented this school year include the Glossary of Terms for STEM handout, Student Work, Internet Access, and App Safety handout, and the first STEM 101 class for parents.
- Committees not represented for the meeting:
 - Outdoor Classroom Committee: **Lori Warren** (lori.warren@chattanoogastate.edu)
 - Volunteer Committee: **Christina Dietz** (cdietz@epbfi.com)
 - Fundraising Committee: **Tracie Clifford** (tracie.clifford@chattanoogastate.edu)
- Overview of Committee status:
 - The STEM Jubilee, Staff Appreciation, and Parent Orientation Committees had good traction this year and were able to establish strong foundations for continued work in 2015-2016.
 - Decisions on Outdoor Classroom, Volunteer, and Fundraising Committees will be discussed at the first PLT meeting for next school year.
- Discussion Topics
 - Committee Chairs for 15-16
 - As of tonight, the committee chairs will be the same. However, status for keeping some committees and adding different ones will be discussed at the next PLT meeting.
 - One new committee was established – STEM Jam Committee. The STEM Jam is a social event for students run by Student Council and supported by the PLT. Amy Betts volunteered to head the STEM Jam Committee to work with Student Council on implementing STEM Jam(s) in the 2015-2016 school year.
 - STEM Gala – Spring 2016
 - The students at the STEM School are developing an event for the Spring of 2016 called the STEM Gala. The STEM Gala will be the STEM formal/prom type of event for our students. The Gala will be a black tie event with an awards ceremony for students/parents/staff and a student dance portion.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting – Monday, August 17th at 6pm