

STEM School Chattanooga

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Thursday, September 16
Parent Leadership Team Meeting (6:30pm-7:30pm)

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

- Attendance: In Person
 - Amy Blankenship
 - Cheryl Cambron
 - Tony Donen
 - David Doss
 - Becci Furr
 - Julie Gersch
 - Janna Gillard
 - Shannon Gloekler
 - Shannon Gonzalez
 - Joanna Holland
 - Brandie King
 - Madison Lowry
 - Terrie Quering
 - Brian Sledge
 - Candice Thompson
 - Michelle Turner
 - Karen Walker
 - Scott Walker
 - Tisha Walker

- Committees for 21-22:
 - **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
 - Next Steps - “Greetings from your Teacher and Staff Appreciation Committee! Our first lunch for the staff will be Thursday 9/23/21. We will be having sandwich fixins' and salads and other goodies for our hard-working staff that day. Please see the sign-up link below and bring your lunch donations to the school no later than 11 AM on Thursday 9/23/21.”
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c45acad2fabf85-teacherstaff>
 - Two additional dates are tentatively set for October 28 and November 18.
 - There will be another in December before Christmas break.
 - **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
 - Next Steps?
 - The online platform subscription expires in January

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- Traditionally the auction has corresponded with the Showcase in December. At this point we cannot determine if the showcase will be in person or online (since the county hasn't given covid-19 guidelines for 2nd quarter).
 - It was decided that the auction will coincide with the Showcase. We will wait until the week of October 18 to see if the Showcase will be in person in December or online in February.
 - PLT members can think about donation items.
 - Any donations that are available now should be sent to STEM through Ms. Amy Robinson. She will record them and get them to Julie Gersch.
 - Dr. Donen will send a letter to the PLT members with the language used in requesting donation items.
 - Teacher items will be adding items to the bidding this year as they did last year.
- **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
 - Next Steps?
 - This committee changed since our last meeting.
 - Maddie Lowry and Karen Walker will be participating for STEM School.
 - The meetings are once a month for an hour via zoom.
 - The next meeting is next week.
 - Michelle Turner will be attending for Central.
 - Amy Blankenship will be attending for Big Ridge.
- **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
 - Next Steps?
 - The page is getting a lot of activity.
 - The emails from Dr. Donen are posted.
 - Posts for college tours are being posted as well.
 - An email will go out through Ms. Amy for the freshmen parents to be able to join.
- **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 in late October or early November; this year's date is not determined yet
- **21-22 Team:** Tatiana Allen; Val deOlloqui

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- Next Steps?
 - Still on hold for the induction ceremony due to Covid-19 restrictions.
 - Student participation in National Honor Society activities is still permitted.
- Additional Committee(s), description, people, next steps
 - Media Committee: Candice Thompson, Becci Furr (if the committee is created)
 - Help update videos on the website with the media lab that is coming.
 - Dr. Donen said that by 2nd semester a new multimedia room will be available for video production.
 - The committee can begin exploring things to work on in the Spring.
 - Candice Thompson is willing to take video / goffering for this or any committee.
 - Shannon Gonzales is in advertising and can help with this as well.
 - Updating the main video on the STEM website will be the first goal for the committee.
 - January is the start date for this committee.
 - Freshmen Parent Committee: Tisha Walker
 - Tisha wants a parent support group / social aspect.
 - Tisha will develop ideas and present next month.
 - STEM Jam: Maddie Lowry
 - Parent Volunteers & Snack / Drink Donations for October 29th
 - This will be a shared robotics & house committee fundraiser event. House will be doing a haunted hallway and Robotics will be doing the up front STEM Jam (Music, games, etc).
 - STEM Jam is a social evening for students that involves a haunted hallway as well as games and other activities for students.
 - Donations of drinks, and snacks will be requested of parents.
 - Parents' time can also be donated for set-up, take-down, and serving snacks/drinks.
 - Maddie Lowry will make a sign-up genius for parent participation.
- Next PLT Meeting
 - Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:30