

Monday, Dec 4, 2023  
Parent Leadership Team Meeting (6:30pm-7:30pm)

- Welcome
  - Sarah Barden – PLT Meeting Facilitator
  - PLT Meeting Notetaker- Lindsay Crawford
  
- Attendance: Brittany Ferguson, Sarah Barden, Cheryl Cambron, Deborah Kelly, Michelle Turner, Amy Blankenship, Joe McReynolds, Shannon Gonzalez, Mr. Graham, Lindsay Crawford
  
- 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:**
      - Dec 15 (Friday) (our plan for this one is kind of a cookie/ sweets swap- where we bring in the sweets and you guys make a little box or container to take home; not really a "meal")
        - Amazon boxes ordered
        - Mr. David and Mr. Graham will provide a holiday lunch for staff on the same day
        - Sign-up to go out this week - asking for 4 dozen of each cookie so each teacher gets one of each
      - 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)**



- **Rising 9th Grade Parent and Student Night:** Future/new parents learn about the STEM School.
  - Date 23-24: 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.

#### Possible New Committees:

- 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** would like to help
- Update: Hamilton County Building Committee - Weston Wamp: Amy Blankenship is attending. Insert STEM into the conversation. Pie-in-the-sky: STEM would love a middle school.
  - Update from Amy - Meeting went well, discussed building maintenance opportunities. Seed Coaches have been a positive add. Amy brought up the idea of a STEM Middle School

#### 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.
  - **23-24: Chairperson: Jim David**
  - Parent Assistance: Lindsay Crawford; Deborah Kelly, Scott Walker, Shannon Gonzalez
  - Date 23-24: Nov 3rd (Prior week will be spirit week and will include Halloween)
  - Updates: Last year's event was fun and successful!
  - Haunted Hallway - fundraiser (\$10), robotics & houses, will help with clean up
  - Activity zones: MTG, Smash Bros, Dance, etc.
  - Need help from PLT with monitoring the food area, set up, and clean up.
  - Donation offered for popcorn machine and cotton candy machine (Lindsay)
  - Need to send volunteer Sign-Up Genius
  - Update: STEM Jam is this Friday. Looking for snacks and volunteers. NO NUTS. Mrs. Johnson has a form for volunteer sign-ups to allocate to different rooms. Volunteers arrive at 5:30pm.
  - It was Fun!!!

- **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.
  - **23-24: Shannon Gonzalez;**
  - Date: Oct 24, 2023
  - Updates: Last year's event was a success, and well attended.
  - PLT provides snacks to celebrate the induction ceremony. We will need volunteers to help.
  - Location: Bond Auditorium
  - Update: The students voted to do it differently this year. Pre-activity with existing funds. Mr. David has asked the faculty sponsor how PLT can be helpful.
  
- **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.
  - **23-24: Chairperson: Janna Gillard**
  - Update: Could not find a staff member for the group, therefore the group could not be run through PLT.

PLT Asks:

- Mr. David to introduce new faculty & staff in the newsletter. Could student's make an introduction video? Will update the website with staff videos. Not yet complete. Goal before 9th grade orientation.
  - Plan to update over the next semester to meet April date for 9th grade orientation

Mr David asks:

- Dates for Showcase & Silent Auction
- Please double check the dates on the Jubilee
  
- Next PLT Meeting will be held: January 22, 2024