STEM School Chattanooga

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Monday, January 27, 2020
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
  - Tony Donen
  - Lynesha Lke
  - Christy Reed
  - Mary Reed
  - Terrie Quering

- Committee Discussion/Updates
  - Silent Auction Committee: Tara Bennett & Julie Gersch co-chairs
    - The Silent Auction’s final total is $10,000!
    - Tara Bennett stated that the following information will be helpful for future auctions:
      - Asking all families to donate again is a good idea as there was a larger variety of items and more people were aware of the auction.
      - The scavenger hunt cards were good.
      - Get all donor info up front (donated from business or purchased by parent and donated).
      - Have items 2 weeks in advance so the committee members aren’t up late the night before.
      - Use a shared google document for listing collected items and details in the future.
  - Staff Appreciation Committee: Nicki Murphy & Tracy Lowe co-chairs
    - Last Wednesday’s meal of salad went well.
  - Public Relations: Jennifer Crutchfield
    - Jubilee press - Jennifer Crutchfield is working with Pinky Young at First TN on a donation of $2500. This donation will receive press.
    - Times Free Press - can an article be written up before the event and how it’s impacted girls/younger children in STEM Programs?
  - STEM Jubilee: Wendy Lohr & Britt Adams co-chairs
    - Amazon hasn’t agreed to donate yet, but they said they would get back to us. They will be contacted again in March. They donated close to the event last year.
    - Jennifer Crutchfield pitched to Hartland Network & Family Channel a 30 minute show that could go national after the Jubilee with the footage from our Jubilee and other Remake Learning events around Chattanooga as well as other Remake Learning events nationally. If this is approved, it may look more enticing for Amazon.com.
    - The two seniors have been identified to lead: Rizwan & Angelica. The first meeting with them is February 18. Jennifer Crutchfield said they could be on the TV spots.
  - National Honor Society Committee: Lyn Potter
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- No new news.
- Facebook Internal Page: Cheryl Cambron
  - Cheryl Cambron continues to post announcements & pertinent information for parents from the emails. She is keeping the current info posted.
  - Other people post items for sale (books, STEM clothing, etc.).
  - Cheryl asked about adding new parents to the Facebook page. Dr. Donen responded: Application until 31st. Lottery Feb 10. Seats must be accepted by March 1st. Rising 9th Grader Acceptance Meeting is March 10. The county has stated that in order to keep your seat at any magnet school parents must accept the seat & come to the Acceptance Meeting. If both qualifications are not met, they are going to the next person on the list.
  - It was decided that after the March 10 meeting parents of incoming students can join the FB page. They will be asked to respond with one of the houses (the list will be given at the March 10th meeting) to join the group.

- Parent Representatives for Learning Community Meetings: Julie Gersch, Kim Baucom, Cheryl Cambron
  - All three parents were able to attend the last meeting where they were asked for input. There is a schedule of events of key dates (rezoning meetings, MGT meetings) posted at STEM School and on the FB page.
  - The meeting was about engaging parents, getting input on an information session and what departments would parents like to hear from. (Bussing company, food services, etc.).

New Business
- Rising 9th Grader Acceptance Meeting
  - The PLT will meet at 7:00 to set the booth up at the Acceptance Meeting for rising 9th grade students/parents - March 10th at the Bond Auditorium. They will stay until 8:00 to talk to parents. PLT members will be available to answer questions about PLT as well as questions about STEM in general. The rising parents can be invited to the last PLT meeting of the year.
  - Questions directed to PLT members and then directed to a teacher if needed.
  - This service opportunity will replace our March meeting.
  - The meeting will take place in the Bond Auditorium (Humanities Building).

Next PLT Meeting
- No meeting in February.
- March 10th - Meeting/Service opportunity at Bond Auditorium.
- Next standard business meeting will be April 20, 2020. The main focus will be the Jubilee.