STEM School Chattanooga

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Monday, January 22, 2017
Parent Leadership Team Meeting Notes (6:30pm-7:30pm)
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Agenda

- Attendance
  o Tara Bennett
  o Michelle Brock
  o Cheryl Cambron
  o Tracie Clifford
  o Amy Comeaux
  o Allison Deckman
  o Tony Donen
  o Kevin Gersch
  o Karry Koppully
  o Shaneka McDowell
  o Heather Mixon
  o Deacon Murphy
  o Veronika Murphy
  o Terrie Quering

- Welcome Co-Facilitators Karry Koppully and Brian Sweetin
  o PLT Facilitator Karry Koppully opened the meeting at 6:30 and welcomed the parents attending the meeting. Bryan Sweetin out ill.

- Committee Updates
  o Silent Auction – Tara Bennett

Tara reported the total bring home from the Silent Auction was $6496!!! This was 69% of value of items offered in the auction. There were 46 items offered and only one with no bids. Tara sent business to the owner of the auction item (the item needed to be used prior to the end of 2017) and hopefully business will return for next year’s Auction.

Tara also reported she noticed more bidders on each item than those at the Jubilee. Noted that the braces item resulted in $4250. Will alternate with other dentists for Silent Auction next and future years.

There was a $195 dollars of fees not subtracted from total reported from Allison Deckman. It was also noted that there were many bidders that did not pay that night but everyone paid after follow up calls. The thought was that many of the early student presenter families left before the end of auction. There was also $600 of donations in general not associated with a Silent Auction item from that night.

Dr. Donen said the Silent Auction was amazing and fit well with STEM Showcase.

Please contact Tara if you are interested in assisting on the Silent Auction Committee. aggiebennetts@gmail.com
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- **Staff Appreciation Committee: Nicki Murphy**

  There will not be a Staff Appreciation luncheon this month since the month is short and weather conditions that shortened last week.

  Next luncheon will be in February. Details to come.

  Please contact Nicki if you are interested in assisting on the Staff Appreciation Committee. veronikamurphy@gmail.com

- **STEM Jubilee Committee: Michelle Brock**

  Michelle did not have any official information to report but did discuss thought that Dr. Donen and her were considering. There is a strong potential that the STEM Jubilee will be set up as a field trip for elementary schools instead of a weekend event. Last year the STEM Jubilee was more of a community event last year and was located at the Riverwalk. There were tables set up and each table had a different STEM activity. Previously the Silent Auction and STEM Jubilee were implemented together as the main STEM fundraiser.

  Dr. Donen discussed that they really wanted to have the Jubilee be more of an outreach for elementary schools to participate in STEM activities. There were thoughts that schools could come in the morning or afternoon as a field trip activity to help with bus schedules.

  More information on the format of the STEM Jubilee at the next PLT meeting.

  Please contact Michelle if you are interested in assisting on the STEM Jubilee Committee. Mbrock1015@hotmail.com

- **Student Council Committee: Allison Deckman**

  Deacon reported the Student Council have a new upcoming new event instead of STEM Jam. They wanted to try something different and are planning a murder mystery dinner party. The Student Council may need the PLT to send out an email to request possible needs for decorations, tablecloths, candles, plates, and other items for the murder mystery dinner.

  The Student Council has already considered the food for the dinner. They have discussed with Dr. Williamson to possibly get party platters from a restaurant instead of pizza. Prices would be less expensive for tickets purchased early and the cost at door will be more. This will help with planning.
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The Student Council is tentatively considering the third week March, Saturday the 24th. The Saturday date is due to event preparation and allow students time to get changed. The dress will be semi-formal. The dinner will probably start 5:30PM or 6PM and last for two hours (7:30PM to 8 PM) and the time includes the dinner.

Dr. Donen suggested to Deacon to send the email for help in February.

Please contact Allison if you are interested in assisting on the on the Student Council Committee. [allisonmd423@gmail.com](mailto:allisonmd423@gmail.com) or [deckman@hcde.org](mailto:deckman@hcde.org)

- **Volunteer Committee and Social Media Committee: Shaneka McDowell**

  Nothing for volunteers for the Jubilee yet. Once the Jubilee committee has an idea of their needs she will send out the volunteer request.

  There are 83 members on the STEM Facebook page. The link is: [https://m.facebook.com/groups/292269504589055](https://m.facebook.com/groups/292269504589055)

  Please contact Shaneka if you are interested in assisting on either committee. [nekam28@gmail.com](mailto:nekam28@gmail.com)

- **National Honor Society: Heather Maharrey**

  Heather was not present. However, information was shared that due to the weather the committee changed the induction ceremony date and are now looking at the end of February or early of March. They will be using the Chattanooga State Bond Auditorium (Humanities Building).

  Please contact Heather if you are interested in assisting on the National Honor Society Committee. [heather.maharrey@gmail.com](mailto:heather.maharrey@gmail.com)

- **New Business**

  **Gala**
  A question was asked about the Gala date and time. It is scheduled at the Hunter Museum April 14th. It is usually scheduled from 6PM to 11PM.

**Meeting Adjourned 7:08 PM - Next PLT Meeting – Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:30PM**