

# STEM School Chattanooga

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Monday, August 18th, 2014  
Parent Leadership Team Meeting Notes (6pm-7pm)  
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## Agenda

- Attendance:
  - Amy Betts
  - Emily Blevins
  - Tracie Clifford
  - Trish & David Cox
  - George Choyce
  - Christina Dietz
  - Tony Donen
  - Derrica Johnson
  - Chris Jones
  - Jim Kinkead
  - Karry Koppully
  - Sue Lanese
  - Audrea McKnight
  - Gayle Miller
  - Tamara Penn
  - Dina Rogers
  - Bryan Sweetin
  - Cameille Vlietstra
  - Lori Waite
  - Lori Warren
  - Aimee & Doug Zukowski
  
- Committee Business: Each committee chair shared out about plans and ideas for the 14-15 school year.
  - Outdoor Classroom Committee
    - PLT COMMITTEE CHAIR: Lori Warren ([lori.warren@chattanoogastate.edu](mailto:lori.warren@chattanoogastate.edu))
    - There are two outdoor spaces, one of which is the main outdoor area with tables and area already built out. Lori is going to connect with the new Biology teacher, Shannon Seigle, to develop future plans for the use of the space.
  - Parent Orientation Committee
    - PLT COMMITTEE CHAIR: Audrea McKnight ([audreamcknight@gmail.com](mailto:audreamcknight@gmail.com))
    - The two primary focus points for the orientation committee are for parents to have a better understanding of how the school works and providing parents with tools to better support their child.
    - Currently working on items for registration (iPad repair information), open house (quick reference guide of terms, ideas for monitoring tech use), and creating STEM 101 class for parents.
  - STEM Day (STEM Jam Jr) Committee
    - PLT COMMITTEE CHAIR: Cameille Vlietstra ([cameillev@chattanoogacvb.com](mailto:cameillev@chattanoogacvb.com))
    - STEM Day is similar to Normalpalooza except with a STEM twist. The concept is for our school to have a STEM amusement type of day for all students in the Chattanooga area partnering with local businesses.
    - Cameille has been working on a place for STEM Day to be held and she believes Finley Stadium or the First Pavilion will be locations that we can hold the event.
    - **Cameille needs parents on her committee that can help her in creating, organizing, and running the event. Any parent interested in helping with the STEM Day should contact Cameille directly.**

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- Fundraising Committee
  - PLT COMMITTEE CHAIR: Tracie Clifford (tracie.clifford@chattanoogastate.edu)
  - Tracie brought the PLT a handout of fundraising activities as starter ideas – bake sale, parent/child competition, boe bot fundraiser, stem project handbook, chinese stem auction, soda stream science and drink making, and stem college bowl. She also included a sample survey to be used.
  - Tracie plans to lead separate fundraising only meetings and **any parent interested in participating should contact her directly to help.**
- Staff Appreciation Committee
  - PLT COMMITTEE CHAIR: Trish Cox (tscox@epbfi.com)
  - Staff Appreciation committee is working on a request from teachers for basic supplies.
  - Trish is also looking for other ideas to implement throughout the year for the staff.
- Volunteer Committee
  - PLT COMMITTEE CHAIR: Christina Dietz (cdietz@epbfi.com)
  - Christina's role is to help connect parents with committees that need parent help. She has a spreadsheet currently of parents and their interests and will work to connect the existing information with committee chairs.
- New Business Topics for Next PLT Meeting
  - Yearbooks
  - Pictures

## **Next Meeting**

- PLT meetings for 14-15 are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 6pm.
- **Next meeting is on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> (6pm to 7pm)**