

# STEM School Chattanooga

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Monday, September 19, 2016  
Parent Leadership Team Meeting Notes (6:30pm-7:30pm)  
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## Agenda

- Attendance
  - Tara Bennett
  - Amy Betts
  - Ellie Betts
  - Dana Braddock
  - Felicia Bradley
  - Michelle Brock
  - Trish Cox
  - Christine Craig
  - Jim David
  - Bill Deckman
  - Toni Dobson
  - Tony Donen
  - Candace Fera
  - Russ Fera
  - Kristy Gamet
  - Shelly Green
  - Steve Green
  - Jolita Hubbard
  - Karry Koppully
  - Shaneka McDowell
  - Tomekia Moore
  - Veronica Murphy
  - Tiffanie Robinson
  - Bryan Sweetin
  - Kathy Watson
  - Octivia White
  
- Welcome:
  - Amy Betts welcomed everyone for coming to the first meeting of the academic year. Immediate priorities coming up are the Open House this coming Thursday September 22, 2016 and the Staff Appreciation Lunch Friday September 23, 2016.
  
- Committee Updates and Discussion:
  - **STEM Jubilee Committee: Michelle Brock** ([mbrock1015@hotmail.com](mailto:mbrock1015@hotmail.com))
    - Michelle is looking for people who are interested in helping her with this committee. Any interested folks should email her. Cameille Vlietstra, the former STEM Jubilee chairperson, was not present due to recovering from surgery. However, it was noted that Cameille is in the process of setting up a book for orientation and procedure. The first committee meeting will probably be in November.
    - STEM Jubilee is the major fundraiser activity for the year.
    - STEM Jubilee also helps elementary schools earn money from our fundraiser. STEM Jubilee committee will talk about how we want to do this piece for the upcoming year.
  - **Staff Appreciation Committee: Shelly Green** ([shellygreen416@gmail.com](mailto:shellygreen416@gmail.com))
    - Staff Appreciation Lunch on Friday, Sept 23. Signups were finalized online in 3 hours!

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- There has been strong participation with many food items donated. The teachers really look forward to this because lunch is a tough time they cannot leave the building and it is much appreciated.
- **Parent Orientation Committee: Trish Cox** (tscox@epbfi.com)
  - We have one more meeting before STEM 101. Dr. Donen will meet with Trish sometime after Open House and before STEM 101.
- **STEM Jam Committee: Jackie Gray** (d\_jgray@bellsouth.net)
  - Jackie was not present. This committee will gear up at the next meeting for organizing help with Student Council for the event at the end of October.
- **Volunteer Committee: Shaneka McDowell** (nekam28@gmail.com)
  - Shaneka said that she needs at least one week before events to arrange volunteers. For anyone needing volunteers, committee chairpersons should let her know (with as much lead time as possible).
- **Uniform Resale Committee – Heather Mixon** (heatherhmixon@gmail.com)
  - Heather was not present, but sent an email with update. She completed a survey that had results showing 65% of those responding were looking to sell versus 35 % looking to buy.
  - She originally is looking at a Saturday morning as a possible date for the uniform exchange. However, PLT was in favor of a uniform exchange on STEM 101 night. That will be passed along to Heather.
  - The idea of the closed Facebook page was also brought up in the email Heather sent in. The PLT was in favor of pursuing this option. Tomekia Moore agreed to lead a Social Media Committee and be the owner of the Facebook page. Kathy Watson agreed to be on the committee and work as a moderator for a Facebook page.
- **Senior Activities Committee –Cameille Vlietstra** (cameillev@chattanoogaacvb.com)
  - No update at this time.
- **PI Day Committee – Tracie Clifford** (tracie.clifford@chattanoogaastate.edu)
  - No update at this time.
- **Open House:**
  - Open house: Thursday September 22, 2016 from 7-9 PM. This is a big event for all grade levels. Parents get to see the school and meet teachers for the first time. This activity is run and organized by the Student Council. Ellie Betts, Student Council Rep, gave a short presentation on how it is organized and the events that will take place. Food item donation for the event is strong. Octavia has reported we have at this time the following food items donated: 400 Bags of chips, 373 sodas, 263 water bottles, 219 Little Debbie snacks. Two parents offered to donate lanyards and badges for the Student Council members to have during the open house.
- **School Board Member – Tiffanie Robinson:**
  - Our new school board member attended the meeting. She hopes to be more involved in the schools in her district. She has four high schools: STEM, CSAS, Collegiate High and Howard .

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## **Next Meeting**

- Meeting adjourned around 7:15pm. Next meeting on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.