

Peekskill CSD PTO Committee Annual End-of-Year Evaluation Form

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Month & Year: June 2020

Committee: Enrichment and Activities

Highlights of events/processes that worked well this year:

Saturday Academy Enrichment Events

This was the first year that we collaborated with the Peekskill CSD Saturday Academy and by all accounts, it was a successful endeavor. We were not only able to reach students in the district, but we were also able to include entire families in many of the educational activities. With the elimination of the need to source volunteers, it was possible to focus more attention on programming and logistics.

The following events received rave reviews from students, parents, and educators:

- 9/28: Mobile STEM Museum: Mobile Ed Productions was contracted to facilitate a state-of-the-art hands-on Mobile STEAM Museum in the PKMS gymnasium. Participants were invited to explore a variety of fun and engaging science, technology, engineering, art and math activities suitable for all ages. The Saturday Academy planning committee was able to provide six volunteers to help supervise the various stations. Cost: \$1,295
- 9/28: Scratch! Coding for Kids: Westchester Community College's Peekskill Extension Center was contracted to facilitate multiple computer workshops. With the support of PCSD's technology department, we were able to set-up a dedicated classroom and provide students with access to Chromebooks for the Scratch! - Coding for Kids sessions led by WCC instructors. Cost: \$390
- 11/16: Adventure Bound Wild & Crazy Assembly: Adventure Bound was contracted to bring their Wild & Crazy Game Show Challenge to the middle school. The high energy and fast-paced game show was a fun mix of academic questions and physical challenges. The program was an hour long and was tailored to engaged students K-8. Teachers, principals, and Saturday Academy volunteers served as team captains. Cost: \$800

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, activities scheduled December 2019 through May 2020 had to be cancelled.

Enrichment Program Evaluation Exit Ticket:

In an effort to assess the wants and needs of families in the district and build engagement, we created exit tickets to encourage feedback and suggestions. In total 43 Exit Tickets were collected and parents/caregivers overwhelmingly responded that they would be interested in STEAM-based afterschool activities. Most reported that a price of \$10-\$20 per session would be reasonable.

As of 6/5/17

Areas in need of improvement & suggestions on how to make improvements:

The kick-off committee meeting scheduled for 9/20/19 was canceled due to lack of attendance. It has become increasingly difficult to find dedicated committee members that are fully engaged and willing to participate in all aspects of planning. The events that were planned for Saturday Academy received no collaboration and were planned independently by the committee Chair. Larger scale events would have required greater participation from committee members.

Attempts were made to alter the meeting schedule to accommodate members, however, attendance did not improve.

Should this committee continue next year in its current form? Why or why not? If not, what changes are recommended?

I don't believe the committee should continue in its current form. It's doubtful that large events will be scheduled for the 2020-21 academic year.

Proposed itemized committee budget for upcoming school year:

A discussion regarding the committee's role for the upcoming year must be addressed before a budget can be proposed.

Any other pertinent information necessary for planning:

NA

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