

Date: Sep 17, 2025

Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm

Location: Murray Middle School Library - Google Meet

Attendees: Lynnae Erwin, Mandi Rupp, Nia Anderson, Kerrin Flanagan, Jamin McKenzie, Stefanie Folkema, Kim Klinge, Jon & Sandy Johnston, Elizabeth Hosch	
Welcome, Introductions	
Principal Update - Jamin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The year is off to a good start, fully staffed. Adaptive PE waiting to be filled by the district. Murray is a leader in the Unified PE program. Mr. Combs and the new PE teacher are working in tandem until Mr. Combs retires this fall.• Numbers are on par with projections: 560 students, trickling in a bit. Most new students are language academy/ELL students. Elective numbers are tight. The main reason students leave Murray is housing, moving out of area. Last year, Murray had a net gain of 10 kids (70 moved out, 80 moved in).• APEX fundraiser is ongoing, runs for 10 days. Over \$14,000 raised so far (Murray will get half). Ends on Friday. Culminating event on Friday for high-contributing students—a color run type event. Funds are not earmarked yet, but there are some needs in mind—field trips, busing, teacher/educator appreciation (staff appreciating each other), NJHS/WEB leader tshirts• The block schedule has kicked off well. Moved from a 7 period day to 78-minute periods, 8 classes over 2 days (A day/B day). The building has slowed down, fewer transitions, more learning time each period. Fewer tardies so far, fewer hallway issues. More space between lunches, so easier on staff. Behavior data is looking positive right now. 8th graders are true leaders; hoping the 7th graders are maturing; 6th graders are settling in. All 6th grade assembly on dignity and behavior went well.
General Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lynnae spoke about teacher/educator appreciation. Google form for info from teachers as well as a Google form for PTO funds requests.• Murray Highlights – Google form for students/families to fill out and use those to appreciate teachers/staff later in the year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Directory—there has not been one in the recent past. Parents/families can opt in. Can it be online/Google? Yes. Families can share if/what they want. ● PTO Meeting days—Monday or Wednesdays? Wednesdays are not ideal for many families. Many other schools (elem, Como) have their meetings on Tuesdays. Next meeting: Monday, October 13th, 6pm. We will send a Google meeting link to Stefanie for the next meeting. We planned the rest of the meeting dates for the year. ● Spirit wear and new logo/throwback. Lynnae has worked with ThreadArt for a long time, so we are switching over to them for our spirit wear. We can “open the store” to get lots of orders at the same time, or keep the store open (when they get a minimum order, they would run it). We can do different items for different groups (debate, musical, sports, etc.). Maybe have an ordering window and then pick up at conferences? We talked about possible logo changes. We will keep it consistent for now; Stefanie will share logos used in the past.
Budget Update - Nia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$4,700 in the bank, most of it is in restricted accounts (athletics, music/band, bikes). ● Julia R. raised \$1,600 for the courtyard, plus donations of mulch, seeds, and labor. Used the funds to purchase chairs, door mat, etc. ● \$1,000 left to use that is not restricted. ● Hoping to do a Portillos fundraiser, asking for donations from businesses for gift cards for Teacher Appreciation, perhaps other dine-in/out partnerships (Chipotle, Famous Dave’s, MyBurger, etc.). ● How to coordinate PTO funds/donations for events and teacher appreciation with admin? ● The teacher appreciation committee (Anita Severt) will coordinate meals/snacks for teachers/educators for conferences. ● New need for soccer nets at Murray Field since the city Parks and Rec took the nets down.
More General Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open House tomorrow: PTO will be there, we will have candy, support for the referendum/ballot measure, Assistant Superintendent will be here

	from 5:30-6:30.
Meeting adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm
Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Next meetings:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Monday, October 13th, 6pm○ Thursday, November 13th, 6pm○ Monday, December 8th, 6pm○ Thursday, January 15th, 6pm○ Monday, February 9th, 6pm○ Thursday, March 12th, 6pm○ Monday, April 20th, 6pm○ Monday, May 18th, 6pm