

Date: Dec 8, 2025

Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm

Location: Murray Middle School Library - Google Meet

<b>Attendees:</b> Jamin McKenzie, Stefanie Folkema, Lynnae Erwin, Kerrin Flanagan, Nia Gutierrez Anderson, Elizabeth Hosch, Kim Klinge	
<b>Welcome, Introductions</b>  Question of the week How do you know if your child will be ready for the next grade?	
<b>Principal Update - Jamin</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The successful Barnes and Noble event last week keeps getting bigger and bigger. More students participating in band/orchestra = more families attending. ~\$4000 sales that night; Murray receives a % of that, likely 15%. More than a fundraiser – a community event. Feedback – more clarity on when the music will be.</li><li>• Schoology question from last week – Jamin will share how to access prior quarter's grades/assignments.</li></ul>
<b>Budget Update - Nia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give to the Max Day raised \$900.</li><li>• Murray Monday - Our Famous Dave's event raised \$170.</li><li>• Next Murray Monday is TBD, likely pizza (Davanni's, Punch, Pizza Luce). Stay tuned!</li><li>• Spent a little money on prize blizzard prizes. Raffle for bigger prizes using shoutouts.</li><li>• APEX games raised ~\$9,000 for the school. \$ will be used for scholarships for Activity Day and Valley Fair. Next year, funds will be turned over to a school-based committee. Mr. McKenzie suggested that the PTO take the fundraiser over for next year and allocate the funds. Lynnae and Nia agreed.</li><li>• Athletics runs a pizza fundraiser 3x/year for athletics funding. Athletes sell pizzas, may expand it in the next round.</li></ul>
<b>New Business/Questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newsletter–Lynnae made a mockup of the most recent newsletter in S'more so we can see what it looks like. The format is more accessible. Stefanie and Lynnae will work together to make the transition after break.</li><li>• How can we support our Somali students and families at this time? Mr. McKenzie will ask the counselors. SPPS has a strong policy/protocol to respond to ICE raids, etc.</li><li>• Health Start clinics can provide family nights at Murray via a grant. Nia is pursuing this opportunity.</li><li>• Murray Highlights link will be in the next newsletter.</li></ul>

	<p>Could we add things like the staff chili cookoff, Thanksgiving meals, color run, etc.? Highlight fun things happening at Murray.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Funds request and staff preferences links were sent out to staff.</li> <li>● Spirit wear – first batch of orders is in and will be distributed this week. The student-designed debate team logo is in and will be available soon. Water bottle stickers will be ordered soon, and the 100 year logo is in the works.</li> <li>● Stefanie is reaching out to elementary schools to find out how to leverage their social media to reach out to 5th grade families.</li> <li>● Nia suggested MIA's Art Adventure program.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School Choice Fair - 12/13 at the River Center</li> <li>● Prize Blizzard–this week</li> <li>● Activity Day–1/29</li> <li>● Showcase - 1/28</li> <li>● Mr. McKenzie is going to the 4 feeder elementary schools for family events. 7th graders are visiting 5th grade classrooms as well.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Thursday, January 15th, 6pm</p>