

Date: Jan 15, 2025

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Murray Middle School Library and via Google Meet

Attendees: Jamin McKenzie, Stefanie Folkema, Lynnae Erwin, Kerrin Flanagan, Nia Anderson, Sandy Johnston, Roman Morales, Julia Peralez, Andrea, Colleen Satyshur, Dolly Langer

Welcome, Introductions

Question of the Week: What is most important in your child's education right now?

Principal Update - Jamin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you to PTO and families for all of the outreach and mutual aid right now.• Feeder elementary schools (5th graders) have been visiting, led by WEB leaders. Visits to elementary schools are going well as well. Kids are excited.• Transition to an online option is coming next week. Principals are getting information, families can register now through Jan. 18th. Foundations will be synchronous, but other classes will be asynchronous, on Schoology, etc. In MPS, 40% of students have opted in, but not sure how many students we will have opt in at Murray.• Potential needs? Technology resources• 60+ volunteers at Murray• SPPS has created a network of support, divided into regions and pods, with staff and parent captains. We are in pod 1.
Budget Update - Nia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GiveMN started last week to support Murray families. Nia will create a separate bank account for these funds. We will be like a food pantry. Reimbursements will be available to those volunteers who ask. Culturally appropriateness, dignity, buy what you'd buy for yourself and your family. We have raised \$5,360 so far.• We are helping with notary (DOPA) needs, legal needs, immigration appointments, etc.• We will organize a lunch for staff on Tuesday or Wednesday.
New Business/Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Murray Pantry starting soon. Space for nonperishables, toiletries, etc.?• Offers of/needs for groceries, some clothing, boredom busters• Sanneh Foundation has grocery boxes.• PTO Newsletter – first issue with lots of resources came out; cannot be emailed out from school again. How can we get an email list of families? TBD. Will do biweekly right now, move to monthly. Give Lynnae

	<p>anything to add.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● February: staff appreciation (based on staff survey responses) ● 2 staff funds requests from staff were fulfilled. Any more? ● Spirit Wear is open and taking orders. Slow going. One request for choppers (mittens). Debate shirts are ready to go. 100 years logo is in progress.
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Activity Day Jan 29– cancelled. Will be made up in some fashion later. ● Highland Hills will be moved to February. ● Student Council trip to Feed My Starving Children–cancelled. ● Showcase Jan 28 – likely still going to happen. Other options for families who don't feel comfortable coming–journalism class creating a video open house, etc.? PTO will have observers there as well. ● Many staff are outside at dropoff and pickup. Any need for observers? Perhaps a larger circle around Murray. Near Speedy, etc. SPFE is leading a parent patrol workshop. ● Question about the walkout/protest that happened yesterday–short notice and why no permission slip? SPPS and the student leaders only gave Murray short notice, and legally students were not given permission. Students stayed on Murray property and staff supervised. Some students left on their own accord and joined other protests. ● Administrators, social workers, and counselors are going into each class to discuss current events, anti-bullying, etc. ● Question about SPPS policy re: agents coming to the building, etc. Nobody is allowed in without the proper legal paperwork, determined by SPPS legal team. ● Question re: the threat to the school that led to the shelter-in-place this week. The threat was reported, investigated, and found to be non-credible. ● Lynnae is working on best practices for volunteers that we will share to help keep everyone safe.
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>February 9, 2026 6pm</p>

Note: from Nia–\$200 cash donation from AC