

Murray Language Academy
Local School Council
5335 S. Kenwood Ave
Multipurpose Room

LSC Meeting
October 18th, 2023 at 5:30pm

Minutes

- I. Call to Order - Ms. A. Johnson - 5:35pm
- II. Roll Call - Ms. B. Biggs - **Present:** Mr. Baker, Ms. Shannon, Ms. Y. Muhammad, Ms. S. Irby, Ms. M. Williams, Mr. Graves, Ms. Bridges, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Biggs **Absent:** Ms. H. Muhammad, Mr. Anisfeld, Ms. Muhammad (student rep)
- III. Approval of Agenda - Ms. A. Johnson - Mr. Baker moves, Ms. Y. Muhammad 2nd, all vote yes, motion carries
- IV. Approval of meeting minutes from previous meeting once edits are made - Ms. A. Johnson - Ms. Irby moves, Ms. Y. Muhammad 2nd, all vote yes, motion carries
- V. Public Participation - limited to 2 minutes per individual
 - a. My name is April Stewart, parent of 7th grader Aric Stewart and parent of Aaron Stewart who is a Freshman at Kenwood Academy and prior student of Murray. I have a sincere concern with the level of instruction at the 7th and 8th grade level since the teachers are the same for both classes. At the beginning of the quarter, the week prior to progress reports, I noticed that all core subjects were behind in grading. I began emailing teachers regarding the status of grades within the system. Many of them responded to my inquiry. For example in Math, grades were put into the gradebook TWICE. Once prior to Progress Report deadline and once prior to quarter end. As of today, no retakes have been graded and many of the students are failing or below normal standard. Over the last 30 days, I have sent numerous emails many of which were left unanswered. I have asked for confirmation of receipt of retakes and daily confirmation that my child has completed classwork. Unfortunately, I still do not have answers. I have communicated my concerns to the teachers, administration, and the network. If we want to have academic excellence, we should hold our teachers accountable for the following 1) a syllabus for the quarter and use of Google Classroom for communication. This sets expectations to the students and parents for the quarter. 2) Timely grading practices. As a parent, this is the primary tool used as a guide to know if the student is on track or needs additional support. 3) timely communication to the parents via email or phone call within 48 hours. Without these accountability measures in place, our students can fall behind, repeat bad habits and mistakes within their work, destroys their self esteem, and lower their overall GPA. 7th grade is critical for high school eligibility and 8th grade is critical for preparation for the rigors of high school and to qualify for Honors classes. And at this moment, we are NOT setting up our Murray students for success. Please let us all make this a priority to not only expect but demand that ALL of our

children have the best opportunity to get the top quality education that they deserve. Thank you! **Retort:** The steps of accountability for grading include docking teacher for professionalism.

- b. Ms. Johnson - Recess concern: what is the school's stance on using recess as a punishment? **Retort:** New policies created for recess attendants on where to post up, circulate, and the types of behavior to stop immediately.
 - c. Ms. Johnson - Website update? **Retort:** Ms. Johnson will work with the webmaster to update all tabs.
 - d. Parent - What is the turnaround time for when a parent requests information for resources that CPS offers? **Retort:** 48 hours, even if it is an update to let the parent know that they are still looking into it.
 - e. First "Make A Difference Day" was successful and made a huge impact. Next date is November 4th from 9-12 and we'll clean, lift and organize.
 - f. LaLoteria was great. \$1200 was raised.
 - g. World Language team - 2 fundraisers to fund the trip to France 2025 Spring Break, Affy Tapples and Dia de los Muertos. A request was made to have the team explain more about what the funds will specifically go towards.
- VI. Reports
- a. Principal
 - b. [PPLC](#)
 - c. PSRP - Ms. Williams went to Springfield.
 - d. PAC - Holding upcoming elections. Details to come.
 - e. PTO - N/A
 - f. CIWP - Committee needs to be established. (Ms. Shannon nominated Ms. Y. Muhammad as chair and Ms. Bridges seconds. Ms. Y. Muhammad accepts. Chair will be Ms. Y. Muhammad, members will be Ms. Irby, Mr. Graves, Ms. Bridges, Ms. Williams)
 - g. Student Representatives: Christian Alfred and Jayla Fulton confirm they are ending phone discussion. They are withholding the dresscode conversation until January. They are requesting a conversation about the school policy for grading. Is there a policy currently and can they look into creating their own. Extra curricular updates (visit schools other than Dunbar, link program that offers scholarships and other support, request for council to share information for K-8 not just 7&8).
- VII. Old Business
- a. Budget Committee - Ms. Shannon nominated Ms. Johnson to be chair, Ms. Y. Muhammad 2nds, Ms. Johnson accepts. Mr. Baker, Ms. Bridges, and Ms. Shannon will be the members.
 - b. Med-ucate - Meeting scheduled for 10/25.
 - c. LSC Bylaws (hybrid/virtual) - We'll update bylaws at next meeting.
- VIII. New Business
- a. Establishment of World Language Committee
 - b. Budget Transfer - Mr. Baker - Request to move \$6995.00 from Math Manipulatives to IXL. Mr. Baker moves, Ms. Shannon seconds, all vote yes.
 - c. Budget Transfer- Mr. Baker - Request to move \$27,122.21 from miscellaneous to Position Pointer Line. Mr. Baker moves, Ms. Shannon seconds, all vote yes.
 - d. Budget Transfer (WL Dept) - Mr. Baker - Request to move \$1750.00 from WL Dept Line to Professional Development Line. Mr. Baker moves, Ms. Shannon seconds, all vote yes.

- e. OST Transfer - Mr. Baker - Request to move \$7,000 from non personnel line to personnel line for OST for Algebra, etc. Mr. Baker moves, Ms. Irby seconds, all vote yes except Ms. Williams and Ms. Bridges abstain. Motion passes.
- IX. Adjournment - Ms. A. Johnson 7:30pm