May PTO meeting for RJ Murray Middle Monday, May 12th at 6:30pm-Virtual Meeting

Meeting called to order: 6:30pm

Members present: Dr. Seward, Ms. Kypriss, Danie Waler, Shelly Erb, Robin Kingery, Milton Soto, Hilary Soto, Cristy Downie, Paula Romano-Rivera, Coach Berry, destiny

April minutes were recorded and posted. PTO approved the minutes. Reviewed, approved, and seconded.

PM 3 Testing continues this week! Race to the Finish-a focus on gains

Kaleidoscope Arts event on Thursday at Flagler, tickets are available

Gradventure for 8th grade is this Friday

5/21 is the Spring Fling

5/22 the Winner's Circle Luncheon with Texas Roadhouse

We are hoping to move from B to A school

62-65% proficiency in English 86% proficiency in Civics 60% Science 3+/ 100% in Biology

8th grade dance coming up-meeting follows at 7:30pm

8th grade award ceremony -where 8th grade students will pick up pictures!

Spring Fling: Parties in Motion/Paula donating a slide, cotton candy, etc and a sign-up genius has already been sent to parents and we are asking to send out another one! Need donations and volunteers for this large event celebrating students that made gains. We plan to shave ice in advance and make it easier to just scoop the cones nad have them ready in advance. Movie available with popcorn. Kids get a couple tickets each to purchase what they want. Popcorn, snowcones, cotton candy etc. We can bag popcorn and cotton candy in advance. Volunteers needed starting at 8 am. Sidewalk chalk for our artsy kids! Outdoor set up first thing in the morning. We could make candy available too (and that will save us some prep work) CJ is DJing the event (and dance)

Next year: having clear or mesh backpacks? What do kids want? What do they need? Could we talk about what needs to be carried back and forth? 8th grade team worked to lessen the amount that travels back and forth. Most important is communicating this change early on!

8th grade dance- 120 tickets sold! Should we have a "sold out" number to end sales? We are allowing a soft deadline past the 9th until the 15th. We have a list of scholarship or hardship students that we can help with payment. Let's send a reminder that last call is Friday the 15th.

Talent show in the auditorium Wednesday day afternoon for Murray's got Talent or Karaoke. Kypriss will host this. They would love a donation of prizes for talent show awards. Like from the dollar store.

PTO Board for 2025-2026 School Year:

Nominated:

President- Cristy Downie
Vice president-Robin Kingery
Secretary-Beth Toy
Treasurer-Paula Romano Rivera

Nominees are selected, nominated, approved, seconded, and carried! 100% in favor,

unanimous!

Teacher appreciation week: could we be more intentional in including all staff? Could we dream big to do something every month? It was a great teacher appreciation week this year! Teacher last day? June 2nd is a flex day for teachers. So may 30th is the true last day for teachers. Could we do something to thank the office? Maybe CFA platters?

Motion to end meeting, seconded and approved.

Meeting called to a close at 7:32pm

RJMMS PTO 8th Grade Dance Committee Meeting Called to order at 7:34pm

Kypriss has 6 strands of Christmas lights. Greens strand with white lights

Ordered: Coach Berry decorations like balloons and vines

There are large moons from another school that will be donated! Lots of vines and lights and use magnetic hooks to affix them.

What we need is some dimension in the room. Maybe use bulletin board paper to make "trees" throughout the room. Use fabric for the top of the trees with lights hanging from it or ivy vines.

Shelly working on centerpieces and may need help! Danie to help? There are several lamps.

If you have an artificial Christmas tree, it can break down and we could use the white light Christmas trees!

DJ will set up in the front of the mirror. We need to "fill up" the space to make the decor dynamic. Dance floor will be large and central.

6-8 stands and about 6 tables, table cloths are black

Need helpers to pick up food and cut and prepare food

Need two chaperones outside and kids can eat at gazebo which seats 10-12

3 rectangular tables for food, we can do white or black -we are getting white clothes

Shelly arranged for cupcakes and gummy kebobs

Can we get a number for gluten free, vegan, dietary restrictions?