Mark Cornette, assistant director called the meeting to order at 4:05pm. Members present were Scott Johnson, Vanessa Howard, Jasmine Rutherford, Charles Elliot, Bryan Wilson, Melinda Lake, Michelle Sparks, Margaret Yoder, and James Dantic.

The agenda for September was approved. The August minutes were approved.

New Members & Visitors
- Vinit Kutty is a new parent representative.
- Jessie Rump, Miss Rutherford’s student teacher attended the meeting.

Start of the New School Year
- We have new key code locks on several doors of the building. The key code will not work after 3:15pm or before 7:45am.

- Bushes around the school have also been trimmed.

- MPO noticed a concern of the concrete overhangs close to the music room outdoors. An additional support pole has been added to alleviate any concerns.

- New ventilation systems will be installed in the computer labs.

- Spotlights were added by the gym and annex.

- A new “Model” brochure will be available soon.
- EKU is creating a post card with Model information highlights.
- We are hosting 3 exchange students in the high school.

Report and Progress of Theft Situation
- During the summer, a series of theft occurred. Approximately 25 cameras, 20 camera batteries, and 20 memory sticks were stolen. A few items were returned as the person responsible was caught. There are approximately $8,900 worth of cameras and $750 worth of tools to be replaced.

Student Learning Initiative
- This initiative pertains to addressing all students especially those who are struggling. The key to this is creating a schedule that allows the correct support needed for all students and identifying students who need extra support. Less focus should be placed on using grades to assess student progress; rather, we need to be proactive and support those students earlier. We are aiming to create a system where student needs are better met by collaboration and intervention time DURING school.
- Each school level is approaching a new scheduling idea differently.
- Elementary School is somewhat doing this already. They are continuing to use assessment to drive instruction and intervention.
- Middle School is considering using part of field time as “intervention” time.
- High School is considering starting school at 8:20am to make “intervention” time from 7:50-8:20am.

Policy Review
- Mr. Dantic suggests creating a subcommittee that will go through the policies and make recommendations.
Dr. Elliot and Mrs. Yoder volunteered to be part of the committee.

SBDM Training
-September 14th is the SBDM training for new and returning members.

MPO Report
-Actions taken at the Model Parent Organization's (MPO) August 18, 2011, meeting.

-Fundraising activities- Innisbrook- will start August 26...sale will run from Aug. 26 to about Sept. 16.

-Funding requests: Approved the following requests, (a) Request from Barb Shafer, athletic director, for $635 to purchase medical supplies to re-stock the medical emergency kits MPO previously purchased for the athletic program; and (b) Request from Mr. Cornette for up to $1800 to renovate the elementary kitchen so it could be used for teaching purposes.

-Reported that a prior expenditure approved by MPO, i.e., purchase of four 75 quart capacity coolers mounted on wheels for use by the school, had been completed (cost $160) and that the coolers were now stored in the elementary school wing.

-Fall Festival, scheduled for October 14, 2011, was discussed.

-Dates for remaining MPO meetings for first half of school year: Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1 (all meetings in library starting at 6 pm).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm. Next meeting October 6th at 4:00pm.