

Dingeman Family Faculty Connection General Membership Meeting February 13, 2024 - Via Zoom

I. Call to Order

Call to order by FFC President, Cathryn McFearin, at 6:31 p.m. on February 13, 2024.

First order of business is to approve the last meeting's minutes from January 9, 2024, which were sent out to the Board for approval. Cathryn asks for any corrections. Nothing noted to be changed.

II. Approval of January Meeting's minutes

*Motion to approve the 1/9/24 meeting minutes – Christina Liu
Second – Katarina Mansir
Motion to approve 1/9/24 meeting minutes passed unanimously.

III. Board Reports

1. President - Cathryn McFearin: Library donation drive, Volunteer recruiting, Board Election nominations, Nominating Committee

- A book donation drive is on for the library, led by Mrs. DaVersa.
- Volunteers are needed for the FFC due to upcoming vacancies.
- Elections for next year's FFC board are next month, with Christina organizing.
- Cathryn appointed Angie and Katarina for the nominating committee, chaired by Christina.

2. Vice President - Christina Liu: Nomination form, Grade level playdates, Remaining Family Art Nights

- It was clarified that the newly appointed President of the FFC will nominate the next board members, not the current President. Corrections to the Bylaws will be made if necessary.
- The nomination form was shared during the meeting and will also be sent via school emails, room parents, and social media. Any member of the administration or faculty can nominate someone.
<https://forms.gle/tj5C11SL4jeCNef66>
- Christina thanked the coordinators of the 1st grade play dates, Sandra and Nesra, which were held at SR Community Park. Eydie created a promotional graphic for the event and will continue to do so.
- Next playdate UTK and Pre-K. 2nd Grade on April 28th 2-4pm. Kindergarten will be in April.

- Family Art Night registration form will go out via email and room parent email. Expect 120 participants for 2/22. March 1st still has space available. Priority is given to those who have not attended. Check in is 6:15 and done by 7:30. Friday 3/15 same time and same registration. Looking for volunteers for tables, check in, and clean-up.

3. Treasurer - Katarina Mansir

Katarina shares her screen of the current Budget vs. Actuals. She gives a financial overview for January 2024.

Checking Account Starting Balance: \$227,229.41
 Checking Account Ending Balance: \$216,602.60
 Savings Account Balance: \$30,567.02

Total: \$247,169.62

Deposits in the amount of \$11,345.89 include Square 1 Art for the 5th Grade Committee, Ottercare for the Grant, corporate matches, Panda Express Family Dinner Night and Box Tops.

Expenses in the amount of \$21,972.70 include reimbursements for 5th Grade Committee Supplies, Pledge Prizes, FFC Operations/Taxes, 5th Grade Field Trip to BizTown, Classroom Reimbursements, STEAM expenses, Yearbook and ArtCorps Expenses.

4. Additional Business

6:45PM - Mr. Pedrotti

- Despite having recess and lunch indoors due to weather, everyone made it through, with a shout-out to the students.
- 101 students received STMath awards pencils, with 50 percent of students recognized.
- The Run Club has started well, with volunteers using an app to track students' progress.
- Fifth-grade students and teachers organized BizTown interviews, resulting in positive experiences for the kids.
- Nearly all surveys about returning for the next year have been returned, aiding in planning.
- Each grade gets seven days of VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts) days annually, allowing teachers to collaborate.
- VAPA teachers were impressed with the school, crediting teachers, parents, and the community.
- Staffing is under review, with hopes for a full-time Assistant Principal next year.

- Efforts are underway to improve volunteer recruitment, led by Ms. Boelzel.

6:50PM - Jessica EAR

- Training was held on 1/18 to recruit more volunteers, focusing on kindergarten and UTK.
- A coffee session on 2/5 facilitated discussions on strategies to support volunteers.
- Planning for another coffee chat is underway.
- There's a desire to conduct another training session before the year ends, with plans to start discussions earlier next year.
- Christina is working with Kindergarten and UTK teachers on how to provide support

6:52PM - Christina

- Dingeman in SDUSD has a reading program spanning Pre-K through 5th grade, claimed to be the most robust.
- Jessica and Christina emphasize the excellence of the program.
- Kindergarten classes utilize volunteers during reading time, with Mr. Joe having an eager reader joining his class.
- There is a need for volunteers, with Christina tasked to promote and possibly organize another training session.

6:55PM - Lisa Shadburn - Art Corp

- Lisa expresses gratitude to Sandra for leading efforts but emphasizes the need for additional help.
- Nesra is commended for her excellent work with supplies.
- A planning meeting for all volunteers is scheduled for 2/23 regarding the art show.
- Assistance is needed on 2/21 to help Sandra assemble packets.
- The art show is set for the week of 3/25 before spring break.
- More volunteers are sought, particularly to take over administrative tasks.
- Sandra is finalizing deliverables and delegating tasks, expressing excitement about progress.
- There's a need to finalize schedules and send details to Lisa, along with creating a mass link for distribution.
- Art Corps will send emails, and updates will be sent to FFC.

7:02PM - Karthika - STEAM

- Not much to update - everything went great. Only thing that came out of the meeting was a calendar for the 3d printer.

7:05PM - Kelly

- A shipment, including Marble run kits and lamp kits, is expected to arrive on Tuesday due to school closure on Friday.
- Once carts are received, they'll be prepared for immediate use.
- Plans are set for March 13 to begin setup and provide instructions, potentially including a demonstration.
- Dusty will lead breakouts to showcase different challenges to grade levels.
- There won't be 4th and 5th grade challenges this year, but print-outs can be provided.
- Grade levels took longer to decide this year, impacting plans.
- Ultimately, the aim is for STEAM challenges to align with classroom teachings.

7:09PM - Katarina

- The website is being revived, and support is needed from committees for graphic design and content addition.

7:11 p.m.

- Sandra inquired about T-shirt merchandise availability for the Art Show.
- Cathryn confirmed that Dingeman gear inventory can be provided for sale at the Art Show.
- Cathryn mentioned a recent apparel order for the Tiger Trot and availability of online vendor access.
- Lisa proposed having the 5th Grade Committee sell pizza and refreshments instead of food trucks at the Art Show, pending discussion between Angie and Lisa.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Attendants:

Dusty Pedrotti
Cathryn McFearin
Joe Marsella
Angie Couvrette
N. Martinez
Michelle Becker
Jessica Craig-Huynh
Nesra Senol
Vijay Gurkhe
Christina Liu

Sri Sai
Kelly Cortese
Greg Cortese
Ivy Lam
Katarina Mansir
Amy Boelzle
Sandra Atkinson
Karthika Ramesh
Navya Sree
Lisa Shadburn