

Family-Faculty Connection (FFC)
General Monthly Meeting: March 5, 2025

Call To Order

Date: March 5, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Call to Order: Christina Lui

Attendees: Kelly Cortese, Amy Boelzle, Blaine Sheppard, Christina Lui, Dora Rowe, Eunice Manzano, Eydie Strouse, Gregory Cortese, Jessica Craig, Karthika Ramesh, Katarina Mansir, Laura Chaidez, Joseph Marsella, Michelle Becker, Linnea Miller, Naree, Nesra Senol, Pulkit Aggarwal, Rukmini Bedi, Sandra Atkinson

Approval of February 12, 2025 Draft Minutes

Corrections: Rukmini Bedi is also on the nominating committee.

Motion to Approve: Dora Rowe

Seconded by: Katarina Mansir

Minutes Approved

Administration & Staff Reports

Ms. Miller:

- Addressed concerns about vandalism.
- Provided an update on Read Across America and Spirit Week.
- Announced that the Green Team won second place for top recycling school in the district.

Faculty Representatives:

- Ms. Becker: Praised Tiger Art lessons and thanked the creators and parent volunteers.
- Ms. Boelzle: Also appreciative of Tiger Art.
 - Garden update: 8 veggie beds in need of replacement netting cages; 2 replaced, 6 more required. Seeking strong volunteers for assistance date TBD.
- Mr. Joe: No updates.

FFC Board Officer Reports

President (Christina Lui):

- Dingeman Library's Amazon Wishlist established in lieu of a Spring Book Fair.
- Wishlist link: [Amazon Wishlist](#)
- FFC social media to feature a video showcasing the library.

Treasurer (Katarina Mansir):

- Budget updates forthcoming.
- Financial reviews conducted, covering deposits and expenditures.
- Sandra's Question: Do we need paperwork for Venmo transactions from Family Dinner Nights?
 - Answer: Yes, email Christina, Katarina, and Ivy for clear allocation.

Standing Committee Reports

Tiger Art Academy (Sandra/Dora):

- Family Art Night on 3/13, registration opens 3/6 at 5 PM for the first 140 participants.
- Artist-led event, RSVP: [RSVP Link](#)
- Art Show week begins March 24, "Starry Night" theme.
- Parent info about the show will be sent out next week.

STEAM (Greg/Kelly):

- Spring STEAM challenges available in the Makerspace.
- 13 new iPads added (26 total) with HDMI adapters and iMovie installed.
- 30 wired mice available for Tinkercad use.
- Pre-Spring Break STEAM committee meeting (date TBD).

EAR (Jessica Craig):

- Collecting books for the end-of-year celebration.
- Tentative celebration date: May 9.
- Upcoming coffee chat (date TBD).

Family Dinner Night:

- Surfside FDN raised \$233, rounded up to a \$400 donation.
- Upcoming Staff Appreciation FDN:
 - April 29: Rubio's
 - April 30: TKS

Cultural (Rola):

- Committee meeting on 3/6 at 8:30 AM (B5).
- Cultural paper dolls due by 3/17.
- Ramadan celebration was well received.

Box Tops (Mayumi):

- \$820 raised from Box Tops.

Yearbook:

- Picture submissions due by March 21.
- Buddy photos scheduled for 3/13 & 3/14.
- No supervision; parents must be present.
- Cash only: \$1 per person per photo.
- Photos taken at Kindergarten/Green playground.

Special Committee Reports

Tiger Trot (April 17, 2025):

- FundHub will be the primary donation collection method.
- Paper envelopes still available but secondary.
- Next meeting: March 10, 9:30 AM (B5).
- Coffee Truck and Frozen Yogurt fundraiser on event day.

Nominating Committee:

- Form Link: [Nominations Form](#)
- Deadline: March 21.
- Report to be presented at the April 9 FFC Meeting.
- Elections to follow during the same meeting.
- Current members: Sandra, Karthika, Nesra, Rukmini, Karthika.
- Recruiting for VP of Fundraising.

Old Business

FFC Monthly Social (Sandra):

- Parent socials paused due to low participation, focus shifting to family fundraising.

New Business

Fifth Grade:

- Yard signs available for purchase, order form circulating.

Announcements

- April 9: Elections for FFC Board.
- May 14: Budget approval and bylaw reviews.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned by Christina at 7:27 PM.
- Next Meeting: April 9, 2025, at 6:30 PM via Microsoft Teams.