

## Family-Faculty Connection (FFC) General Monthly Meeting

October 8, 2025

### Agenda

#### Attendees:

Dusty Pedrotti, Joseph Marsella, Nesra Senol, Amy Boelzle, Lisa Coulapides, Rukmini Bedi, Sandra Atkinson, Christina Liu (via telephone), Cheri Carraza, Katerina Mansir, Katie Holloway, Jessica Craig-Huynh, Claudine Ricanor, Ely Exner

#### I. Call to Order

Motion to come to order is made by Mr. Pedrotti and seconded by Sandra Atkinson.

The meeting will come to order at 6:33 p.m.

#### II. Approval and/or Correction of Minutes

##### A. [September 10, 2025 General FFC Meeting](#)

The secretary's draft of the minutes of the September meeting was sent to the Board earlier this week. Are there any corrections to the minutes as distributed? If there are not further corrections, is there a motion to approve September's draft minutes?

No corrections or further discussion of the draft minutes.

Motion is made by Mr. Pedrotti to approve.

Seconded by Sandra Atkinson

Motion to approve carries unopposed.

#### III. Administration Reports

##### A. Mr. Pedrotti

Official 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday School is scheduled for next weekend. Students with excused or unexcused absence are welcome to attend and receive credit back for absence. The school makes more than \$70 back to pay staff and supplies

Getting ready to launch Math Olympiad – 6 tests scheduled for the year.

Fall Noetic Math competition scheduled for November and 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to participate.

School volunteers - thank you to all families who got finger printed; if families have financial hardship, please reach out to us so we can work with them on the funding ensuring all interested families can participate.

Early in the year retirement – Ms. Novo; we are happy to welcome Ms. McConnel teaching Monday – Thursday, and Ms. Diversa teaching on Friday.

- B. Ms. Miller  
Not present

#### IV. Staff Reports

- A. Mr. Joe – no update
- B. Ms. Boelzle

Thank you for Rukmini and Nesra for assisting on gardening day. Another gardening day is planned for November.

- C. Ms. Coulapides  
No update

Mrs. Asdal could not attend tonight's meeting and Mrs. Coulapides is attending in her stead.

#### V. Officer Reports

- A. President

Christina attended via phone this evening but could not participate due to personal travel. Nesra, the Vice President is conducting the meeting in place of Christina.

1. Mobile Livescan at Dingeman Elementary scheduled for Friday, October 10 from 8-9 a.m. in the library for \$69.00 - RSVP HERE: <https://forms.gle/zCajhky8eYZw8cBM6>
2. [Level UP Dingeman Parent Feedback Survey](#)

- B. Vice President  
No report

- C. Treasurer

Starting Balance as of September 1 checking - \$267,049.04

Ending Balance as of September 30 checking - \$267,304.85

Savings account as of September 30 - \$30,577.60

September Total Deposits - \$28,931.69

September Total Expenditures - \$28,675.88

After School Athletics Program on Tuesday has given back \$700 to date; they are hoping to continue to expand; will do a 3 day camp over fall break.

## VI. Standing Committee Reports

### A. EAR – Jessica

The program is well underway for the year. Ear training took place last Friday with about 30 volunteers. Jessica is working on scheduling all the volunteers, and she is continuing to train.

Volunteers have started in three 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes and two 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes have started.

### B. Tiger Art Academy – Sandra

Great news – all classes have scheduled the art lesson for October; we are just waiting for Ms. McConnel to provide a good time.

There has been no indication or reports of problems with the October lesson.

### C. STEAM - Greg/Kelly

STEAM Orientation: Complete and recorded orientation sent out. If anyone needs the info we can forward it on to them.

[LEGO Duplo Coding Express Kits](#) - Purchase and in Makerspace. Needed another option for PK, UTK and Kinder families teaching STEAM. There are 6 sets ready to be checked out. They were 50% off!

Running Club Trophies - Will begin printing 5 more so there is one available for each grade level.

### D. Yearbook – Laura

Yearbook volunteer orientation went well and volunteer spots for all classes are filled.

All classroom yearbook volunteers now have access to the program to upload pictures.

Goal is to collect pictures throughout the year.

### E. [Cultural Committee](#) – Rola

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 24th at 8:30 a.m. in Room B19.

This month, we have already celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival, and we are preparing to celebrate Diwali, which will include a beautiful banner. We also have Halloween coming up at the end of the month.

We're excited to see more parents joining our committee! Our focus is to highlight the main cultural holidays and occasions through school celebrations, while we will continue to share the smaller observances through our social media.

F. [Box Tops](#) – Mayumi

- We earned \$604 so far this school year.
- National BoxTops week is coming up next week, October 13-19th! This is the **biggest earning event of the year**:
  - Earn **DOUBLE Box Tops** all week long
  - Plus, get an extra **\$2 Box Tops credit** when you buy 4 participating products in one transaction.
  - A perfect week to purchase Halloween treats—like Gushers, Monster Mash, and Mott's Gummies—all are the participating products!
  - \$10 sign up bonus with the referral code is extended through 10/31!
  - Mayumi will try to get more sign-ups till the end of this month.

G. Family Dinner Night – Anne could not make it today

1. [Surfside Fish House](#), October 15, 11am-8pm, 20% donation

H. Spirit Gear – Ely

We hosted a sale last Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sales were steady although not as brisk as previous sales. We plan to have a sale at Boo Bash.

I. Volunteering – Karthika

Not present; no report

VII. Special Committee Reports

A. Family Science Night - recap Divya

Not present

B. 10/4 Gardening Day – recap (see above)

C. [Pledge Drive](#)

We have met our goal 2 weeks before our deadline!

D. Boo Bash - Claudine

Slated October 24 5:30-8:00

Similar format as previous – have trick or treating as main activity; music and food; positioned more as our first Dingeman Community Event, and more of a gathering than a fundraiser, although we are looking for some opportunity for fundraising.

Planning is in the process. Claudine will be reaching out to volunteers for help.

More to come.

VIII. Old Business

A. [Dingeman.net](http://Dingeman.net) website upgrades – Dora is absent

No update

IX. New Business

Sandra request clarification from Claudine: do you need FFC to help set up in the morning, or can volunteers help with other parties? Claudine responded - classroom parties should be prioritized; help might be needed towards the afternoon.

Sandra – do you have FFC volunteers for LiveScan Event? Jessica will help but extra hands are appreciated.

Jessica asked Claudine whether the different FFC committees should plan to set up booths at Boo Bash; Claudine- committees are welcome, just let her know.

X. Announcements

None

XI. Adjournment: 7:00 p.m.

**\*Next FFC meeting: November 12, 2025 at 6:30p, Online**