

Family-Faculty Connection (FFC) General Monthly Meeting
January 14, 2026

Attendees: Dusty Pedrotti, Linnea Miller, Adrienne Asdal, Joe Marsella, Christina Liu, Nesra Senol, Sandra Atkinson, Rukmini Bedhi, Eunic Manzano, N. Martinez, Karthika Ramesh, Kelly Cortese, Jessica Craig-Huynh, Srinitki AK, Pulkit Aggarwal, Ely Exner

I. Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

II. Approval and/or Correction of Minutes

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

A small change to the December minutes, the Treasurer Report Deposits and Expenses should say November (it says October).

Motion to approve the minutes is made by Rukmini and seconded by Sandra.

III. Administration Reports

A. Mr. Pedrotti

Lunch with the Principal for the Pledge Drive was held this week. Lunches were done separately by grade, with 5th grade split into two groups. It was a lot of fun to spend time with the students.

We are launching Kindness Week at the end of January. FFC will be helping out creating and posting signs; and, ASB will be doing special things in the morning.

Thanks for FFC, with special thanks to Karthika who has been coordinating the Noetic Math and Math Olympiad competitions for our school. We finished the 1st Noetic Math competition for the year, and we are currently doing Math Olympiad. Noetic math awards were presented to all students. 171 students participated (8 teams). We had 15 team winners; 24 national honor roll medals and 86 honorable mention ribbon winners. Thank you to the FFC for helping to fund the competition.

We are currently working on staffing and finalizing next year's budget, which we expect to be low. So far, staffing looks to be stable so far. We would like to encourage registration since our registration is dipping a bit.

Mr. Pedrotti will let Angela know if they would like help with social media for Kindness Week.

B. Ms. Miller

Update on Traffic Patrol: Captain named is Parina Chowdry and 1st Lieutenant is Mananya Debnath.

Praises for Staff Raffle Experience – the morning raffle sales had a great vibe; everyone is excited.

IV. Staff Reports

- A. Mr. Joe
No update
- B. Ms. Boelzle
Not present
- C. Ms. Asdal
Nice vibe for staff raffle with everyone having fun.
Everyone wins with the nice experiences.

V. Officer Reports

A. President – Christina

1. Volunteer Social went well! Thank you for all in attendance. Lots of 2nd grade parents in attendance. And several parents came after their Art/STEAM lessons
2. A suggestion was made to have an FFC booth/social on the white top on the Fridays before/after Tiger Rally to recruit more parents and to communicate the current need for volunteers.
3. Nominating committee
 - a. Volunteers for nominating committee? None today – will table for now.
 1. composed of a minimum of three primary members. The Faculty Representative shall be an ex-officio member of the Nominating Committee. The committee shall elect its own chairperson.
 2. Need to be appointed by President and approved by majority vote of Executive Board by 2/1
 3. This Nominating Committee shall nominate one or two members for each elected office: President, Vice-President, (2) Two Vice-Presidents of Fundraising, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Deposits Secretary.
 4. Nomination Form: <https://forms.gle/1NQRfNVq8xbDZo5GA>
 5. At the March FFC Meeting on 3/11 at 6:30p via Microsoft Teams, the Nominating Committee will announce all nominations for the elected FFC Board positions and make recommendations to the President-Elect & Principal for the Appointed Positions on the FFC Executive Board for the 2026-27 school year
 6. An anonymous voting process will then follow to elect the 2026-27 FFC Board Members at the following FFC meeting on April 8, 2026.

B. Vice President – Nesra
Nothing to report.

C. Treasurer – Rukmini

Rukmini gave the Financial Overview for December 2025, also providing a link to the Budget vs. Actual for period ending 12.31.2025.

(https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bZHSotcneLLZiM9cFviQHtqT0CVDRja4/view?usp=drive_link)

Starting Balance as of December 1 (checking) - \$237,785.50

Ending Balance as of December 31 (checking) - \$277,479.31

Savings Account as of December 31 - \$30,579.11

Total Assets - \$308,058.42

Total December Deposits - \$48,375.69

Total December Expenditures - \$8,861.88

*No pending checks written in December

VI. Standing Committee Reports

A. EAR – Jessica

Jessica will schedule another training, an additional coffee chat with EAR volunteers.

She is working on scheduling volunteers for each classroom.

Jessica is working on strategy to get more volunteers to join the EAR committee.

She would like recommendations for books to purchase for the program.

Additional discussion will be had with members of the EAR committee to determine how best to use EAR funding, maybe additional table with umbrella, etc.?

Jessica suggested having a volunteer table to recruit/provide volunteer information to parents after the Tiger Rally and to communicate volunteer need to parents.

B. Tiger Art Academy – Sandra

Family Art Night schedule for January 28. To date 55 People RSV for the 4:30 pm lesson and 110 people RSV for the 6 pm lesson. Will have one more social media announcement to fill the remaining spots.

Looking for someone to lead for Feb 19th Art Night, otherwise, Sandra will lead an origami project.

There are three Tiger Art lessons left for the year including January.

March 23rd is the Art Show- Art Committee will discuss details re matting, team, etc.

Optimistic that more volunteers can be recruited at the pop-up art volunteer table on the First Fridays of the month after the Tiger Rally.

Committee will meet next week to brainstorm the kickoff for the Art Show.

C. STEAM - Greg/Kelly

No new updates.

Everything is moving along smoothly.

Winter challenges are in full swing.

People communicating well through WhatsApp group.

No big request for 3D printer projects except for Mrs. Asdal's class and Kelly will communicate with her.

Feedback to Christina is all positive re STEAM projects.

D. Yearbook – Laura

Laura was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following report:

- The yearbook is coming along great so far. All classroom student photos have been entered into the yearbook as well as some of the Fifth grade baby photos (Thanks to Angela). Our first deadline was met and we're working to make the next now.
- Sales for the book are now up to 183. 81 books were earned through the pledge and 9 staff have purchased books. Just wanted to remind staff to please purchase their books in the next few days to receive the staff price.
- Remind Staff to purchase their books in the next few days in order to get the staff discount.

E. F. Cultural Committee Rola

Rola was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following report:

- Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 23rd at 8:30 AM in room B19. During that meeting, we should finalize the paper-doll project. Mr. Pedrotti mentioned that he received new ones, and those will be the ones we plan to use.
- Next month we have several holidays coming up, including Lunar New Year, the start of Ramadan, and others. We'll discuss in the next meeting how we want to celebrate each holiday and when to put up the banners.
- I'm also coordinating with Cathy to confirm if we will have the same band as last year for Lunar New Year. I'll keep you posted once that's finalized.
- Cultural Paper Dolls will be distributed at end of January and timeline will be rolled out. We found a vendor for the paper dolls and were able to purchase same or similar dolls for \$120. Google Form will be distributed to teachers so they can communicate how and when they want to display the dolls.
- Tiger Trot is scheduled during Ramadan – will send out an apology.
- Rola and Mr. Pedrotti reached out to the National Conflict Resolution Center to discuss presenting an assembly for our students. More details to come.

F. [Box Tops](#) – Mayumi

Mayumi was not able to attend but provided the following report.

- BoxTops earning for December was \$14.
- Also, we just received a check of our earnings between March 2025 to November 2025. (I don't know the exact amount of the check.)

G. Family Dinner Night – Anne

Anne was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following report:

- We raised \$151.19 at the Dec FDN at On The Border for the 5th grade fund
- The next FDN will be Thursday, Feb 19th at Panda Express.
 - Booklets will be put out to all the classrooms along with a coupon.
 - Same night as Art Night – maybe we can advertise.

H. Spirit Gear – Ely

Nothing to report.

I. Volunteering – Karthika

Nothing to report.

VII. Special Committee Reports

A. 5th grade Committee report

Square 1 Art check received and deposited in January.

B. Annual Raffle Fundraiser

About \$2000 worth of prizes have been contributed by local business.

\$11900 in cash has been received as of this morning and probably doubled this afternoon

5th Grade committee prize is priority parking? Priority seating was part of the popcorn fundraiser and priority parking is for the Raffle Fundraiser.

VIII. Old Business

A. Goodwill Fundraiser Opportunity

ASB is taking it on. Date is sometime in April.

IX. New Business

Tiger Trot Fundraiser – Eunice is taking on planning and coordinating.

Schedule for March 5th with tentative timeline for announcements

FundHub will be used but taking cash and check donation.

Lab tracking – use the cards that are used

Thankful for support and guidance and she is looking forward to a successful event.

X. Announcements

None

XI. Adjournment 7:12 p.m.

*Next FFC meeting: February 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm on Microsoft Teams
(Executive Board Nominations)*