

**Family-Faculty Connection (FFC) General Monthly Meeting**  
**February 11, 2026**

Attendees: Dusty Pedrotti, Joe Marsella, Christina Liu, Nesra Senol, Sandra Atkinson, Rukmini Bedhi, Eunice Manzano, N. Martinez, Karthika Ramesh, Kelly Cortese, Jessica Craig-Huynh, Ely Exner, Blaine Sheppard, Dolly Zhu, Laura Chaidez, Mayumi Caalman

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

II. Approval and/or Correction of Minutes

A. January 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve made by Amy Boelzle and second by Rukmini Bedhi.

Motion to approve the minutes passes unanimously.

III. Administration Reports

A. Mr. Pedrotti

Great Kindness Week – doing more this week than past years ending with drone picture of students.

Received three new box lights – 1 in Tiger Art Room, 1 in Mr. S's classroom and 1 in B4.

Summer School Registration is fast approaching, which is at Dingeman this year running between June 4th – July 2<sup>nd</sup> with after school Prime Time program available. Summer School will host K-6<sup>th</sup> graders both with regular curriculum and ASY for students having more extensive needs. Registration opens on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 a.m. and registration closes the following Friday at 5:00 p.m.

All teachers provided a school bus for field trips this year and it is much appreciated.

B. Ms. Miller

Ms. Miller could not attend but Mr. Pedrotti provided the following update on Safety Patrol: SP are doing a great job. The kids are prepping for a quiz tomorrow on ticket codes. Application for SP to 4<sup>th</sup> graders are out now for next year's SP team.

IV. Staff Reports

A. Mr. Joe

Pre-K and K teachers are very appreciative for what has been done by FFC for the teachers this year.

B. Ms. Boelzle

Gardening Day went well with some families attending. A parent provided a suggestion for a plan to take out chicken wire more effectively, which Ms. Boelzle will implement.

C. Ms. Asdal  
Not present.

V. Officer Reports

A. President – Christina

Christina nominates the following for the Nomination Committee: Nesra Senol, Rukmini Bedhi and Dolly Zhu.

Motion to approve nomination committee is made by Sandra Atkinson and second by Ms. Boelzle.

There are no objections to the nominations.

The motion carries.

B. Vice President – Nesra

The nomination process will begin tomorrow, February 12, 2026 with the first Nomination Committee meeting. The committee will collect nominations for elected board positions until March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Requesting Mr. Pedrotti, Mr. Joe, and Ms. Boezle to nominate parents and encourage other teachers and staff to nominate parents for the FFC Board.

C. Treasurer – Rukmini

1. Current Financial

Rukmini gave the Financial Overview for January 2026, also providing a link to the Budget vs. Actual for period ending 1.31.2026.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pLOQ6zNfArfLDu3a-zm44hhURDssGZNx/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pLOQ6zNfArfLDu3a-zm44hhURDssGZNx/view?usp=drive_link)

Starting Balance as of January 1 (checking) - \$277,479.31

Ending Balance as of January 31 (checking) - \$291,503.51

Savings Account as of January 31 - \$30,579.61

Total Assets - \$322,083.12

Total January Deposits - \$16,967.20

2. Amend Budget to Include Educational Specialist

Christina asked the Board to amend the budget to an increase of \$250 and add a new line item for discretionary funds for the new Educational Specialist Jacqueline Ramirez, allowing Ms. Ramirez's pay to match the salary of the other school Educational Specialists.

Motion to approve by Nesra Senol

Second the motion by Rukmini Bedhi

No opposition submitted

Motion carries unanimously

Question by Mr. Pedrotti – is it okay to add line items for items needed by the school that are not district provided? Christina answers, yes, subject to a board vote and amend the budget accordingly.

## VI. Standing Committee Reports

### A. EAR – Jessica

There was a lot of fun at the volunteer recruitment table held at the most recent Tiger Rally. We had parent volunteers sign up for EAR and Tiger Art Academy. We will try another recruitment effort at the next Tiger Rally.

Planning some end of the year celebration for EAR and will pinpoint a date for the celebration.

Read Across America Week planned for March with various themes and prizes, and possibly having a literacy night for families. As part of Read Across America Week, the EAR committee also discussed creating a book review program where students will submit a book review and read the review to their class with grade level raffles provided as an incentive. The committee also discussed ways to encourage reading culture at Dingeman including creating reading spaces around school, and making capital improvement including installing reading benches, adding storage areas, and reading tables and chairs throughout the school.

Jessica is planning another EAR coffee chat, possibly in late February 25<sup>th</sup>, and maybe additional training day in March.

Focus on continuing to recruit more volunteers and reaching out for volunteers in leadership positions.

As part of grant process Jessica is gathering information for part of the yearly recap report for submission.

### B. Tiger Art Academy – Sandra

1. January Family Art Night recap – Sandra  
Amazing attendance - 150 people attended the January Art Night.  
There were two back to back art classes led by Dora.  
Fundraised over \$300 for art supplies.
2. February Family Art Night schedule for 2/19  
Sandra will lead a Monet inspired oil pastel and water color.  
Waiting for RSVPs to come in, maxing at 130 attendees.  
Continue to fundraise for art supplies for next year.  
Potentially go above budget for supplies for this year, but we are still saving 10-12K from moving from Art Corp.
3. March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the next Art Show, the same evening as Tiger Trot.

Sandra is trying to gather as many volunteers as possible to help with set up.

Sandra will create a worksheet for volunteer sign up. At the kick off meeting on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, Sandra will highlight the worksheet and the tabs to show volunteers how to sign up for the various volunteer roles.

C. STEAM - Greg/Kelly

Today they finished the marble run for the raffle ticket winner and delivered it to the winner in Ms. Wagner's classroom.

Batteries were purchased for LEGO Duplo train coding kits for pre-K and K classrooms.

The last STEAM lesson will be rolled out in March.

Planning to do a cleanup of the STEAM room.

3D printers being used possibly for materials to be used in the Dingeman play.

WhatsApp groups for STEAM are being utilized by parents and teachers.

Mr. Pedrotti – suggest teachers sit with Kelly and Gregg and go over the STEAM offerings and what is available. Kelly will set up a 45-minute meeting.

D. Yearbook – Laura

Buddy Pictures occurred last week and it went really well, with proceeds of about \$190. Thank you to all the volunteers!

Keeping in mind for next year's Buddy Pictures or possibly another Buddy Picture event for this year - consider ways to include after school kids, so maybe plan for a Saturday. Principal Pedrotti says we can figure out something during the school day or possibly doing it within the gates for the SAY students.

Yearbook sales are at 192 for on line sales, with a total 289 books promised/sold to date.

The yearbook cover will be the aerial picture from Kindness Week.

Thank you to Dora for help finishing up the cover.

We are at 50% complete with year book.

She will begin allowing classroom Yearbook liaisons to begin their classroom collages. A workshop to go over classroom collage methods will be held on February 24.

Idea – since it is our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, have all kids submit tiger paintings and she will pick 30 (two from each classroom) to include in the yearbook. Tiger pictures will be done in class.

E. F. Cultural Committee Rola

The paper dolls have been distributed to each classroom, and we're expecting to have them back the second week of March. Nesra and I also prepared sample paper dolls from last year, and they are already displayed on the board. We're planning to place them around campus so students and parents can see them and hopefully feel inspired. They will be showcased again at the Art Show on March 26th.

Some teachers would like to keep them displayed in their classrooms for Open House, while others will be returning them to us; we're coordinating those details now.

We'll also be starting to plan for the Spring Carnival soon, but there's nothing specific to announce just yet.

F. [Box Tops](#) – Mayumi

BoxTops - \$800 earned since June and still earning a bit. She is planning to do more advertising in March.

G. Family Dinner Night – Anne

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

The next FDN will be Thursday, Feb 19th at Panda Express. It is all day and they will donate 20% of all sales.

H. Spirit Gear – Ely

Had a sale last Friday, February 6th and sold about 5-10 shirts. We are planning another sale on March 20<sup>th</sup>, the Friday before Tiger Trot, hoping to sell shirts to families who have not yet purchased a shirt to use for the race.

I. Volunteering – Karthika

Nothing to report.

VII. Special Committee Reports

A. 5th grade Committee report

Nothing to report

B. Annual Raffle Fundraiser

Thank you to Nesra and Sandra for running the program and to all the other volunteers.

Thank you to Sandra for getting raffle prizes from local businesses. Thank you to teachers and staff for donating prizes and experiences!

We raised \$4226.70!

VIII. Old Business

A. Goodwill Fundraiser Opportunity

IX. New Business

A. Tiger Trot Fundraiser

Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the new date for Tiger Trot. It was rescheduled out of respect those celebrating Ramadan. Thank you for everyone's flexibility.

We increased our school wide goal to \$30,000 for the fundraiser.

We will use Fundhub again this year to make participation easy and seamless for our families.

Prizes – similar to last year and grand prize is a virtual reality headset. The top prize will be chosen via a raffle system, allowing the top 20 fundraiser to vie for the prize.

Huge thank you to the Tiger Trot committee, including Mrs. Boezle for their hard work preparing for the fundraiser.

Launch for the Tiger Trot is on March 6<sup>th</sup> during the Tiger Rally.

Mrs. Harris' nephew will DJ on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Maybe ask students to come up with a playlist to be played at the run.

X. Announcements

Sandra - encourage teachers to communicate to students around Feb 19, encouraging students and families to attend family diner night at Panda and then attending Family Art night, arriving at 5:20.

XI. Adjournment 7:26 p.m.

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