

Family-Faculty Connection (FFC)

Notes for General Monthly Meeting: October 9, 2024

Agenda

I. Call to Order: 6:30pm

In attendance – Grace Lin, Ivy Lam, Nesra Senol, Katarina Mansir, Jessica Craig-Huynh, Christina Liu, Michelle Becker, Becca Ung, Dora Rowe, Dusty Pedrotti, Linnea Miller, Rola Elkadi, Claudine Riancor Kollmeyer, Amy Boelzle, Mayumi Caalaman, Sandra Atkinson, Blaine Sheppard, Angela Sheppard

II. Approval and/or Correction of September 11, 2024 Draft Minutes

Motion to approve by Katarina Mansir, Second motion by Michelle Becker. Motion passed.

III. Administration Reports

IV. Staff Reports

- **Admin -From Mr. Pedrotti:** New intercom system is in use at school, all classes have working speakers and the new system is effective and also used for emergency drills. Proposition money account to be spent on school improvements, requested new outdoor and indoor lunch tables, as well as box lights and smaller SmartBoards in classrooms, and remodel of Tiger Art room. Have approval for these funds, plan to have everything completed by December. 3-5 and 4-5 registered for Noetic Math and Math Olympiad, 2nd grade will get Math Olympiad. 5th Grade students will be off to Biztown next week. All 5th graders interviewed for their positions and it was a lot of work by our 5th grade teaching staff. Recognize Steam, Volunteer Fair, EAR, Cultural Representation group, Fall Festival, Tier Art Academy...So much goes into running those and we're thankful for everyone's efforts to make these things possible for our students.
- **Admin - From Ms. Miller:** Proud to be a Tiger!
- **Staff - From Ms. Becker:** Our 5th grade trip to Biztown (which you so generously fund) is Monday, October 14 from 10am-2pm. If you are interested in seeing Biztown (in Mission Valley) in action, please let me know. Your name must be added to the Visitor list. Best time to visit is 10am-Noon.
- **Staff - From Ms. Boelzle:** First Tiger Art class was today and it was great. Her class will perform at Fall Festival and hoping another class will perform as well.
- **Staff – From Ms. Becker –** Also had first Tiger Art Class today. Kids did great, instruction and materials were strong. All 33 kids felt successful for the hour program. Thank you from 5th grade classes to FFC/Parent Volunteers

V. Officer Reports

President - Christina

- **Member-at-Large Appointment:** Officially Appoint Dora Rowe for our final vacant Member at Large position on the FFC Board. Motion to ratify Dora Rowe as Member at Large made by Amy Boelzle. Second by Katarina Mansir. Motion approved.
- **Enrichment: Level Up**
The new session starts October 28 through January 24. FFC gets a portion of enrollment, so please encourage families to sign up. Many fun classes for kids to participate in. Morning enrichment opportunity with See and Sing Spanish, offering a younger and older grade class. Thursday mornings 7:25am-8:25am, Oct 17-May22. Working with Soccer Shots for Thursday afternoon sessions that are Oct 10 - Dec12, starting just after school until 1:25pm.
 - o Skip dates: 11/11, 11/18-11/22, 11/25-11/29, 12/23-12/27, 12/30-1/3, 1/6
 - o Level Up Enrichment offers: Chess Club, Tiny Tinkerers, Escape Room Experience, Lego Video, Mini Tennis, Science, Sports & more!
 - o To enroll your student, please visit levelupenrichment.com/des.
 - o A portion of all of the proceeds is donated back to Dingeman!
 - o Questions? Contact info@levelupenrichment.com or 858-461-8616.
- **Sing and Speak Spanish:** Sing and Speak Spanish offers students a multi-level curriculum and makes learning conversational Spanish easy and fun!
 - o Thursday mornings from 7:25-8:25 am, October 17 - May 22nd!
 - o See attached flyer for more info: [Dingeman Elementary Flyer \(1\).pdf](#)
 - o <https://singandspeakspanish.com/>
- **Soccer Shots:** FFC is excited to offer this special opportunity for our students with Soccer Shots from 10/10-12/12 directly after school until 1:25 with the only skip date on 11/28, during Fall Break.
 - o This program is open to students in grades TK-5th.
 - o A percentage of the proceeds will be donated back to Dingeman! **[Enroll here](#)**
 - o **[Soccer Shots Fall 2024 Flyer](#)**
- **Tiger Rally:** This Friday, Oct 11 on white top just after drop off. Committee chairs, please email me any announcement you would like relayed.

Treasurer – Katarina

- **September financials:** Checking 9/1/24 - \$173,018.27, Checking 9/30/24 - \$221,763.02,
- About \$30,000 in savings. \$252,334 total assets. \$3,500 from Level Up this month, they will be sending money monthly.
 - o Family Dinner nights, T-Shirt sales, Entourage from last year's Yearbook, 5th Grade fundraiser. Almost \$53,000 from Pledge Drive.

- **Paid out:** \$3,910 for Biztown, Annual Insurance premium, Classroom Reimbursements, Instructional Supplies, 5th Grade and FFC Supplies, Art Supplies, Steam Supplies, Square terminal for payments. Website 5 year domain renewal. About \$8,000 expenditures.

VP of Fundraising: Claudine & Sandra

- **Fall Festival - Claudine:** Friday 10/18 6-8:30pm. Fall Festival is a more appropriate label for event, as hosting earlier this year. Will continue to communicate the need for donations, bins will be placed in the office for people to donate treats or goodies to hand out for Trick-or-Treating our or the Treat Walk. Event will have Music, DJ, Magician, Face Painters, Food Trucks. 6-7pm will be Trick-or-Treating hour. Ask other parents to check FAQ details shared via room parents and school email that has more information about parking, what to expect, guidelines, etc. for the event. Trick-or-Treating hour: Plan to limit this to one hour only, the line will be cut off at 6:30pm as it will be very long by that time and will be enforced to ensure everyone (including volunteers) can have a chance to hang out at the event. Encourage others to volunteer, even students who would like volunteer hours. Sign up on Volunteer Form. Also looking for people to be at tables to hand out goodies. Organizations, community groups and teachers are welcome to attend and volunteer at a station. Event is free to attend, there are paid options, such as face painting and balloon art, also asking for donations.
- **Fall Festival Volunteers needed:** <https://forms.gle/LVDZv7xDzPNE9ssL8>
- **FAI festival FAQ:**
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HD--v6dQDezflH3e0kdXb3dSJMYhJVj6jQUUfXCP2II/edit?tab=t.0>

FFC Sponsorships – Sandra

Flyer going out for corporate and small business sponsorships, with Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum sponsorship levels. Will be an annual sponsorship. Lowest level is highlight on social media, acknowledgement on school website, logo inclusion on promotional materials, optional booth display at Tier 1 or Tier 2 event.

- Tier 1 event is something like Fall Festival, Tiger Trot, Fall Carnival.
- Tier 2 events are Art Nights, Tiger Art Show Week, Open House, etc. We will plug their business based on what tier they want to be involved in.
- Informational flyer will be going out with details. Targeting San Diego-based sponsors, and they are most interested in Social Media connections. If you are aware of businesses or companies that may be interested, please share.
- Social Media post about our first Parent Social Night at Tacos & Tequilla this Friday evening. Using this social night to solicit sponsors from parents who own businesses and helping to spread the word.

VI.Standing Committee Reports

Tiger Art Academy-Sandra & Dora

- Three teachers still remain to have a lesson scheduled for October. In the works of getting those classes covered.
- Curriculum has had small changes for Lesson 1, mostly in 4th grade lesson. Welcome all feedback this year to make sure our program is as great as it can be.

STEAM-Greg/Kelly

- From Greg: STEAM orientation went well and provided all links to lessons and had bots out for volunteers to see. Lots of interest and volunteers attending. Lots of volunteers already coordinating dates for STEAM challenges. Lessons and materials for STEAM challenges are available. Incorporating a 3D printing element to include in the challenges. Ms. Harris is using Mouse Kits to incorporate in her classroom to use the 3D printer and her parent volunteers have started experimenting. Wednesday morning Open Hours in Maker Space has been popular with volunteers coming to play with devices, talk and collaborate. Organizing Maker Space to get computers and robots organized.

EAR-Jessica

- Great core team that's working hard and it's been helpful to get everything moving. Focused on 1st and 2nd grade with assigned volunteers. Some started this week and more will start next week. Trained new volunteers on the 20th who got to observe and will start next week. Working on scheduling with 5th grade classes. Had 14 volunteers scheduled so far – some are community volunteers, and some are Dingeman parents. Will plan another training and outreach soon. UTK and Kinder discussions with teachers on what would work for them.

Yearbook - Eydie (not in attendance, but sent notes)

- **Online Yearbook Pre-Sale** goes live on dingeman.net starting Monday, 10/21. Eydie will also coordinate with Cat after Pledge Drive ends to compile a list of those who receive a yearbook as a “thank you” gift for Pledge Drive

Spirit Gear - Ely (not in attendance but sent notes)

- We have done 3 rounds of in-person t-shirt sales to Dingeman families and 3 rounds of staff t-shirt sales + delivery.
- Our last in-person sale of this year will likely be Fall Festival if we can get enough volunteers to assist with sales. Volunteers needed:
<https://forms.gle/LVDZv7xDzPNE9ssL8>

- Will begin pushing traffic to Dingeman online store to get customized swag. All orders will be shipped directly to your home and the Dingeman FFC will receive 10% of all orders. Website: [Dingeman Online Store](#)
- Questions? Email spirit@dingeman.net

Family Dinner Night – Anne

- \$855 from The Kebab Shop. Woohoo!
- Rubio's and The Habit set for Oct & Nov respectively
- Will hopefully do Mendocino Farms for Dec, but the new location is not yet an option on their website as far as for a fundraiser.
- Anne is working on Panda Express for late January to coincide with Lunar New Year.

Cultural Committee – Rola

- Cultural Celebrations form: <https://forms.gle/3d5Qz22ntJCkZpEu5>
- First meeting was Monday. So many creative ideas, still working on list of Holidays. Events Spring Carnival and possible Cultural Potluck event. Goal this year is to focus on kids learning how to greet each other for each Holiday. Give teachers option to represent holidays but will also work with Library to have information available there. Monthly committee meeting.

Box Tops – Mayumi

- *Box Tops Fundraiser: Earn cash for Dingeman by using the Box Tops app!*
- Such an easy way to help Dingeman earn \$ with **no money** out of your pocket!
 - o All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products (like Cheerios!) and scan your grocery receipt.
 - o Box Tops are worth \$.10 each and they add up fast!
- Four people signed up and we get a \$10 per sign up bonus in the month of October. Paper flyer will be going out to homes soon with posters on school gates with the QR code.
- \$134 raised so far. Goal is to raise \$1,000 this year.
- Use this **referral code: AJN90FPM** when you sign up for Box Tops and Dingeman will get \$5 when you scan your first receipt!
- Download the Box Tops for Education app here: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/get-the-app>

VII.Special Committee Reports

Pledge - Cat (not in attendance, but sent notes)

- Our 2024 Goal: 60K + 15K corporate match
- We have raised about \$55,000 from the Pledge Drive.

- Last day for students to return their pledge envelopes for a Tiger Token and for families donate to be eligible for Thank You gifts is Fri 10/11 but donations are always appreciated at any time.
- Pledge Thank You gifts will be distributed as soon as the accounting is wrapped up and magnets ordered etc. If anyone does not receive a gift they are owed, please email pledge@dingeman.net.
- HUGE thank you to all our families for their generosity. The participation is overwhelming and the money raised will do wonderful things for our Dingeman students and community.
- Please direct any questions or concerns to pledge@dingeman.net

Family Science Nights-Divya (not in attendance, but sent notes)

- Over 200 families RSVP'd for the 2 nights
- 15-25 volunteers each night
- Needs at least 2 volunteers for each activity station. (Maybe a UCSD option Divya is looking into it.)

VIII.Old Business - None

IX.New Business

FFC Monthly Social-Sandra

Friday, 10/11 Tacos & Tequila 5-6pm

X.Announcements

From Scripps Ranch Schools Committee: The Scripps Ranch Schools Committee wants to gather community input regarding proposed topics or goals for the Scripps Ranch School Committee to tackle this school year by asking for feedback here: <https://forms.gle/tVQDM7YW4P8UJ8fi6>. The survey will close on Tuesday, October 15. Participant feedback will be compiled and discussed at the October 16 Schools Committee meeting. This list will help us develop a set of priorities to drive our agenda for this school year.

-Scripps Ranch Schools Committee: Srschoolscommittee@gmail.com

XI.Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm

*Next FFC meeting: November 13, 2024 at 6:30p, Online