

Dingeman Family Faculty Connection General Membership Meeting
March 12, 2024 - Via Zoom

I. Call to Order

Call to order by FFC President, Cathryn McFearin, at 6:32 p.m. on March 12, 2024.

First order of business is to approve the last meeting's minutes from February 13, 2024. Cathryn asks for any corrections. No changes requested.

II. Approval of February meeting's minutes

*Motion to approve the 2/13/24 meeting minutes – Joe Marsella

Second – Amy Boelzle

Motion to approve 2/13/24 meeting minutes passed unanimously.

III. 2024-2025 Board Elections

Per our Bylaws, we have gone through the nomination process and will now go forward with presenting the nominated persons and everyone has a vote as to who will be elected as the new FFC board members for 2024-2025.

Cathryn announces - as of this meeting, the following nominations have been received via google form and the respective nominees have accepted each nomination for the following elected positions and appointed positions for the 2024-25 FFC Executive Board:

Nominations for Elected Positions

- (1) President - Christina Liu
- (1) Vice-President - Kelly Cortese
- (2) Two Vice-Presidents of Fundraising: Claudine Ricanor-Kollmeyer and Sandra Atkinson
- (1) Secretary - Ely Exner
- (1) Treasurer - Katarina Mansir
- (1) Auditor - Kim Kennelly

- (1) Deposits Secretary - Ivy Lam

Nominations for Appointed Positions

- (4) Members At Large
 - o Nesra Senol
 - o Becca Ung
 - o Karthika Ramesh
- (1) Counsel
 - o Blaine Sheppard

Cathryn adds the link for the Google Form to vote for the 2024-2025 FFC Board in the chat.

18:35:43 From Cathryn McFearin To Everyone:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLanPMrTFtp1Uow0QUz6qc660-ImcXqak01XRhOSwAfffQBw/viewform>

- -Board Reports continue while the voting proceeds and votes are tallied. - -

IV. Board Reports

1. President - Cathryn McFearin: Monarch Donation Drive, BizTown Thank You's

Cathryn begins by thanking Mrs. Miller for her help taking all the donations to The Monarch School. The donation drive was a success.

Cathryn also shares that she got wonderful slides and thank you notes from the 5th grade classes for the FFC providing the BizTown field trip.

2. Vice President - Christina Liu: Staff Raffle, March Family Art Night

Christina begins by announcing that the final Family Art Night will be held on March 15. The registration link has been sent out. The event is identical to the ones held previously and families will get to choose between 3 different art lessons.

Christina also shares that we are holding a Staff Experience Raffle. Families will have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets before and after school to win fun experiences for their children to share with teachers and administration. It will conclude on Thursday, March 28 at the Art Show and the winners will be announced the following day. An example of one of the generously donated experiences is bowling with Mrs. Boelzle, which would include transportation. We are seeking help to sell the raffle tickets.

- - 6:43 p.m. – Announcement from Mrs. Miller that the results are in. - -

All nominees for the 2024-2025 Executive Board have been voted in.

President - Christina Liu

Vice-President - Kelly Cortese

Two Vice-Presidents of Fundraising: Claudine Ricanor-Kollmeyer and Sandra Atkinson

Secretary - Ely Exner

Treasurer - Katarina Mansir

Auditor - Kim Kennelly

Deposits Secretary - Ivy Lam

Christina announces, as President Elect, it is my honor to appoint the following Members at Large positions during the 2024-25 school year: Nesra Senol, Becca Ung, Karthika Ramesh.

Christina also appoints Blaine Sheppard as FFC Counsel for the 2024-25 school year.

*Motion to ratify and approve the President-Elect's appointment of the Members at Large – Angie Couvrette

Second - Amy Boelzle

Motion to ratify and approve the President-Elect's appointment of the Members at Large is passed unanimously by the Executive Board.

*Motion to ratify and approve the President-Elect's appointment of the FFC Counsel – Amy Boelzle

Second – Katarina Mansir

Motion to ratify and approve the President-Elect's appointment of the FFC Counsel is passed unanimously by the Executive Board.

3. Treasurer - Katarina Mansir: Budget to date

Katarina shares the financial overview for February 2024.

Checking Account Starting Balance: \$216,602.60

Checking Account Ending Balance: \$205,137.93

Savings Account Balance: \$30,568.04

Total: \$235,705.97

Deposits in the amount of \$9,690.83 include Level Up, 5th grade pledge drive parent donations, corporate matches, Spirit Gear/online apparel profits, Family Art Night donations and 5th grade fundraiser profits.

Expenses in the amount of \$21,155.50 include reading subscriptions, grade level grants and classroom reimbursements.

4. Principal - Dusty Pedrotti

Mr. Pedrotti begins by giving thanks and sharing his gratitude for the FFC and the funds raised so that our students get to do more.

We have had a few new students start, and the choice application process is complete and new families were able to take a tour of the school.

Mr. Pedrotti shares the bad news that the District is in a serious deficit and bit of a mess, so pink slips will be going out. This may affect some of our teachers, so feel free to reach out to him if you have any questions.

On a brighter note, Mr. Pedrotti was happy to be able to pop into BizTown with the 5th graders for a visit and see what a great experience they were having. He was also happy to go on the field trip to Marshall Middle School and even got to see some of his past students.

5. Staff - Mr. Joe Marsella, Ms. Boelzle, Ms. Becker

Nothing new to report. Cathryn thanks all of them for their time and effort helping with the Staff Experience raffle.

V. Committee Reports

1. EAR

We are continuing to work on things and are trying to put together another EAR coffee chat. Also working on admin tasks to see when we want to conclude the reading for the year and hold the end-of-year ceremony. We haven't discussed another training date, but if anyone still wants to volunteer, we will always take you and will figure out the training.

2. Art Corps - Art Show

Sandra is happy to announce that the Art Show posters were printed yesterday. She inquires if it is okay to put them up, and Mr. Pedrotti confirms it is fine for her to put them up. They are still discussing food/refreshment options for the night and are considering food trucks, a cotton candy machine or having the 5th grade committee come in a sell pizza, snacks and drinks.

Mrs. Becker adds that she could try to organize and coordinate having some of the 5th graders help sell stuff to raise money for the 5th grade promotion.

Amber adds that the 5th grade committee is actually in a good place with funds raised, so we don't really need to fundraise anymore.

It is agreed that we can discuss at a later time to finalize the plan for food/refreshments at the Art Show.

Sandra adds that she needs the teachers to sign-up for time-slots to view the artwork in the MPR and is still working on getting enough docents to take the classes around. She is trying to get more parent volunteers. Lisa confirms that we

usually end up with a lot of people to help. Mr. Pedrotti adds that if we end up with a few classes without a docent, please let him know.

3. STEAM - Math Olympiad Noetic Math Update, 3D printer update

Karthika starts by thanking Mr. Pedrotti for taking on Math Olympiad. The final competition is March 14. The Noetic Math official test date is April 17. Karthika is looking into options for coaching.

Kelly and Greg report that STEAM challenges for 1st and 2nd grade are set up and available in the MakerSpace. They will work on getting challenges set up for Kindergarten.

The 3D printers are getting set up and calibrated. There has been a lot of interest so they are working on a schedule and brainstorming how to use them and get them into the classrooms.

4. Yearbook - presales online now through April 19

Presales for the yearbook are going on now. You can purchase them for \$35. Please spread the word to pre-order them. Direct any questions to Anthony.

VI. Old Business

We did not make record of the appointment of the Nominating Committee at the last FFC meeting, so Cathryn confirmed her appointment of the nominating committee via email on March 4, 2024. As president, Cathryn nominated Katarina Mansir, Angie Couvrette and Christina Liu as members of the Nominating Committee. The appointment was approved by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board via email.

VII. New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Attendants:

Cathryn McFearin

Angie Couvrette

Joe Marsella

Michelle Becker

Nesra Senol

Dusty Pedrotti

Blaine Sheppard

Amy Boelzle

Kimberly Kennelly

Christina Liu

Linnea Miller

Eunice Ong

Katarina Mansir

Ivy Lam

Ely Exner

Ashley Nover

Vijay

Amber Fielder

Karthika

Gregory

Sandra Atkinson

Arthur Liu

Kelly Cortese