

Family-Faculty Connection (FFC)
General Monthly Meeting: April 9, 2025
Agenda

I. Call to Order: Katarina Mansir

Date: April 9, 2025

Time: 6:31 p.m.

Attendees: Katarina Mansir, Ely Exner, Amy Boelzele, Blaine Sheppard, Dora Rowe, Eunice Manzano, Eydie Strouse, Nesra Senol, Ivy Lam, Karthika Arunachalam, Kelly Cortese, Kimberly Kennelly, Linnea Miller, N. Martinez, Dusty Pedrotti, Pulkit, Rukmini Bedi, Sandra Atkinson, Sun Hee Lee, Fatih Senol

Approval and/or Correction of March 5, 2025 Draft Minutes:

Corrections - none

Motion to Approve – Kelly Cortese

Second - Sandra Atkinson

Motion passes unanimously

II. 2025-2026 FFC Board Elections via Google Form

A. Review of Final Board Nominations for the 2025-2026 FFC Executive Board

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 2025-26 FFC Executive Board:

President - Christina Liu

Vice President - Nesra Senol

VP of Fundraising (2 positions) - Sandra Atkinson and Chris Kollmeyer

Secretary - Ely Exner

Treasurer - Rukmini Bedi

Auditor - Katarina Mansir and Sinead Scott

Deposits Secretary - Dolly Zhu and Sinead Scott

B. Members at Large (up to three positions) * to be appointed by the President at our next FFC meeting

C. Counsel* to be appointed by the President at our next FFC meeting

D. Faculty Representatives* to be appointed by the president at our next FFC meeting

Katarina adds the link for the Google Form to vote for the 2025-2026 FFC Board in the chat.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVq90-Nc0YJf5J9UTste8Bxo_IAMw1bnP8mJ72x4V43SEjPA/viewform?usp=sharing

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

- - 6:46 p.m. – Announcement from Mrs. Miller that the results are in.

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

President - Christina Liu

Vice-President – Nesra Senol

Two Vice-Presidents of Fundraising: Sandra Atkinson and Chris Kollmeyer

Secretary - Ely Exner

Treasurer – Rukmini Bedi

Auditor – Katarina Mansir

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IV. Administration & Staff Reports

A. Ms. Miller/Mr. Pedrotti –

Welcome back from Spring Break! It was a busy week prior to Spring Break – Open House, Cultural Events and Art Show.

New Scripps Mesa Steam Lab's opening was today, 4/9/25. Center Director, Judy Garcia, invited several members of a Dingeman 5th grade class to the opening day. The STEAM Lab will open to the other Scripps Ranch schools soon.

New tables have been purchased for the lunch arbor; also new shelving and tables in the Tiger Art Academy room. The B19 Tiger Art room will be made available for parent led projects and lessons in the future.

Tiger Trot is coming up next week. We've raised over \$20K so far. All of our goals have been met and associated reward events have been earned including sliming the principal/vice principal, a DJ at Tiger Trot, a BMX show, movie night, etc.

Mr. Saguil was nominated for a SDU Love Note from a former student; today he was presented with the love note and a gift basket from the SDUSD acting Superintendent, our board member, and other district representatives. Congratulations.

Ms. Miller and Mr. Pedrotti took their raffle winners to lunch and had a good time.

B. Faculty Representatives

1. Ms. Becker – not present

2. Ms. Boelzle – looking forward to last day of school; she is getting the last of her reimbursement requests filled in and turned into the FFFC.

3. Mr. Joe – not present

V. FFC Board Officer Reports

A. Treasurer – Katarina

Financial Overview for March 2025				
Starting Balance as of March 1 (checking)				\$245,913.71
Ending Balance as of March 31 (checking)				\$240,898.52
Savings account as of March 31 (savings)				\$30,574.57
		Total assets		\$276,488.28
March Deposits				
3/3/2025	ACH	Level Up	After School	\$365.00
3/3/2025	ACH	PayPal	Yearbook Presale	\$97.02
3/4/2025	ACH	Venmo	Staff Raffle and Family Art	\$1,370.26
3/21/2025	Deposit	Soccer Shots	After School	\$1,420.00
2/6/2025	Deposit	Corporate Match	Pledge Drive/Corporate Match	\$1,000.22
2/6/2025	Deposit	Panda Express	Family Dinner Night	\$412.37
2/6/2025	Deposit	Surfside	Family Dinner Night	\$400.00
2/6/2025	Deposit	SES Recycling	5th Grade	\$307.58
2/6/2025	Deposit	Playbill Sponsor	4th/5th Grade Musical	\$260.00
2/6/2025	Deposit	Donations	Family Art Night	\$82.00
2/6/2025	Deposit	Venmo	Family Art Night	\$79.27
		Total Deposited		\$5,793.72
March Expenditures				
3/6/2025	GS	Honor Choir and Play	2nd	\$350.15
3/6/2025	JG	Grade Level Grant	UTK	\$71.42
3/6/2025	KC	STEAM	Challenge supplies	\$688.51
3/6/2025	NS	Tiger Art Supplies	Art Nights and Art Show supplies	\$530.78

3/27/2025	MJ	Classroom	Sev/Mod	\$500.00
3/27/2025	SL	Classroom Reimburse	3rd Grade	\$498.60
3/27/2025	JJ	Classroom	UTK	\$108.74
3/27/2025	CD	Classroom Reimburse and GLG	3rd grade	\$476.09
3/27/2025	DW	Grade Level Grant	3rd Grade	\$90.87
3/27/2025	GS	4th/5th grade musical	batteries and light bulbs	\$100.00
3/27/2025	KC	STEAM	STEAM	\$183.90
		Total Expenditures		\$3,599.06

VI. Standing Committee Reports

A. Yearbook – Eydie

Final order deadline is 4/18. Final product will be turned to us on 4/20.

Purchase price for yearbooks is \$50/each.

Over 300 yearbooks ordered to date.

Researching new vendors for next year. Will shop around for a service with more creative resources.

Tree Ring is a potential vendor that we are looking into for next year – more resources and can be customizable, allowing parents to buy pages, insert their student's pictures. More information to come.

Cat will provide final number of yearbooks sold once orders are closed on 4/19.

B. STEAM-Greg/Kelly

Nothing new to report

Try to hold a meeting next Wednesday on Zoom to get any feedback on the budgeting for next year.

Also feedback to be requested from the STEAM volunteers for next year.

C. EAR-Jessica

Not present but provided a report:

Ceremonial wrap-up for students planned on 5/9. She is requesting any gently used books for prizes.

Per Mr. Pedrotti, there may be enough in the budget to purchase new books for the prizes.

D. Family Dinner Nights

Anne absent but sent a report:

Yogurt Haven fundraiser scheduled for after Tiger Trot

Kabob Shop family dinner night is schedule for 4/30

French Oven is scheduled for 5/2

E. Cultural Committee -Rola

Thank you to everyone for their help with the paper dolls, which was a huge success- creative and diverse submissions.

There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow to plan for cultural booths at the Spring Festival. Rola hopes to get more parent volunteers involved for the cultural booths.

Planning for next year – events, banners, etc. is underway.

Good feedbacks from the community so far on the program, including parents from other schools.

Focus on including all holidays next year.

F. Box Tops-Mayumi

Not present but submitted a report.

We have earned \$836.10

G. Tiger Art Academy – Sandra/Dora

Dora – Tiger Art Academy raffle winner for the bonus art lessons is scheduled for next Monday in Ms. Becker's class. Samantha, the raffle winner, will also get some brushes and a water color set.

Sandra – The Tiger Art Show was a rousing success with more than 1000 people attending. Well received by the community. We made \$315 from the proceeds from the food trucks during the event, along with donations towards the FFC programs.

Thank you, volunteers!

VII. Special Committee Reports

A. Tiger Trot

Working out the details around donations received through the Fund Hub.

Sent home envelopes and received about \$1200 to add on to the on-line pledges so far.

Looking for volunteers to help during the run for the two tracks, to help with the pop ups; and to volunteer with the classrooms; to mark laps, etc.. A DJ will be present to play music during the run.

Fitness Quest will help with the stretch; Kick Force will have a booth.

Dora volunteers to be the MC for the event.

April 18 is the closing date for donations.

B. Staff Appreciation Week

Scheduled for the week of April 28. Detailed information of each day's theme will be sent to room parents to circulate to their families.

All Staff Luncheon scheduled for Thursday of the week with raffle prizes donated from local businesses.

C. Bylaw Review

Every two years, we need to review the Bylaws for FFC, and Kelly is taking the lead in the current review. Let Kelly know if there are any suggestions for changes to the Bylaws. Looking to review prior to the next FFC meeting and making recommendations. Send in recommendations to share at the next FFC meeting.

D. Spring Carnival

Claudine not present.

No report

VIII. Old Business - none

IX. New Business

Fifth grade promotion events will begin soon. Our annual school play scheduled in April.

Question from Mr. Connely – how much does the new administration’s anti DEI stance affect us?

Principal Pedrotti – very nerve wracking times, but, our district stands behind all of our families, especially those experiencing hardships; long road and lots of hardships; at Dingeman, we stand on the side of what is right for children; our Board of Education and interim Superintendent stand behind our children; we will continue to do what we can; scary time but we are coming together to make sure our families are all welcome.

X. Announcements

None

XI. Adjournment:7:29 p.m.

*Next FFC meeting: May General FFC Monthly Meeting & FFC Preliminary Budget Approval: 5/14/2025 at 6:30pm on Microsoft Teams

