

Dingeman Elementary Family-Faculty Connection (FFC) Special Meeting to Approve the 2025-2026 Budget

August 20, 2025

Attendees: Arthur Liu, Christina Liu, Laura Chaidez, Angela Sheppard, Blaine Sheppard, Karthika Arunachalam, Nesra Senol, Dora Rowe, I. Martinez, N. Martinez, Kris Lee, Joe Marsella, Adrienna Asdal, Linnea Miller, Sinead Scott, Rukmini Bedi, Antonette Harris, Chrstine Daleo-Wong, Janelle Deyerle, Doilly Zhu, Katarina Mansir, Amy Boelzle, Sandra Atkinson, Jessica Craig-Huynh, Dusty Pedrotti, Mayumi Caalaman, Jessica Belmorez, Kelly Cortese, Ely Exner

I. Call to Order

Call to order by Christina Liu on August 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

II. FFC Board Introductions

Christina welcomes everyone to the FFC Annual Meeting followed by introduction of this year's Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Deposit Secretary, Auditor, VPs of Fundraising, Members at Large, Counsel and Staff, chairs and parent attendees.

III. Annual Report

A. President – Christina Liu

Christina reviewed the mission statement of the FFC of Dingeman:

The Family-Faculty Connection (FFC) of Dingeman Elementary School is a non-profit 501 (3) c organization comprised of volunteer parents and faculty/staff. All parents/guardians of Dingeman students are considered members of the FFC. The organization's mission is to provide funding, services, support, and enrichment opportunities through field trips, parent-led Art and STEAM lessons in the classroom, Family Science and Art Nights, educational assemblies, classroom supplies, and more.

Highlights from 2024-2025

Christina reviewed some of the accomplishments of the FFC in 2024-2025.

- Rolled out new Tiger Logo into new spirit gear
- Completed the inaugural Tiger Art Academy
- Officially formulated the Cultural Committee
- Extended our STEAM Challenges to all grades and purchased enough iPads for 2 classrooms to use simultaneously

- Rolled out a 3D printing program for our STEAM LAB
- Organized and funded school-wide family events (two movie nights, Science Nights, Fall Festival, Winter Book Fair Night, Spring Carnival & World's Fair)

Successful Initiatives and Changes in 2024-2025

- Funds raised during Tiger Trot fundraiser more than doubled using online fundraising platform: FundHub
- Revitalized BoxTops efforts raised over \$800.00
- Expanded Raffle Fundraiser to include other donated experiences such as personalized 3D printing, Art Lesson, Robotics Competition participation
- Celebrated Dingeman's cultural diversity through our cultural doll project, banners, and social media presence
- Expanded quarterly STEAM Challenges with 3D printing component for all grade levels
- Rolled out Corporate Sponsorship program and established community partnerships to help honor our hardworking staff during Appreciation Week
- Reviewed FFC Bylaws & proposed amendments

Financial Highlights

- over \$61,000.00 raised by families for Pledge Drive
- over \$15,800.00 raised in corporate matches
- \$50,000 raised for our Annual Tiger Trot
- Total Revenue
 - o \$220,000 with an anticipated revenue of \$161,000

B. Auditor – Katarina Mansir

Katarina, as last year's Treasurer presented the Financial Summary for 2024-205:

- Total Revenue: \$220,306
- Total Expenditures: \$152,165
- \$14,023 spent on classroom reimbursement
- \$6,920 spent on Grade-Level Grant support
- \$2,430 spent on staff reimbursement
- \$5,975 spent on Tiger Art Academy programming and Family Art Nights
- \$13,245 spent on STEAM programs and Family Science Nights
- \$33,700 spent supporting Dingeman through VAPA, reading subscriptions, PE equipment, library books, and school supplies
- \$59,635 spent on community events and spirit gear

- \$4,565 spent on Hospitality (welcomes, staff appreciation, staff coffee cart)
- \$2,409 spent on FFC operations (website, quickbooks, etc)

Statement of Financial Position as of August 1, 2025:

Total Checking - \$262,918.57

Total Savings - \$30,576.59

**See the Annual Report:

<https://dingeman.net/Doc/FFC%20Documents/FFC%20Annual%20Report%202025-2026.pdf>

IV. 2025-2026 Budget Vote

Katarina Mansir presented the proposed 2025-2026 Budget Overview, with hard copies distributed to those attending the in-person meeting. Once passed, the final budget will be posted on line on Dingeman.net.

Attendees are asked to cast their vote by raising their hands for those attending in-person, and via e-form dropped in the chat function for those attending on-line.

- Anticipated revenue of \$200,000
- Expenditures \$219,370
- Net Operating Revenue: -\$19,370

Goals for 2025-2026

The following goals for the 2025-2026 school year were noted:

- Execute the transition to a mobile-friendly FFC website
- Streamline the FFC procedures to provide guidance for upcoming years in a digital age
 - o Work on google drives and documents to outline FFC policies and procedures as well as discuss duties of various committees.
- Continue to build upon the efforts of the Cultural committee and Tiger Art Academy
- Continue to build committees to distribute volunteer efforts to cover additional activities
- Start planning for an additional family dance community event

Christina Liu opened a motion to approve the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion to approve the proposed 2024-2025 FFC budget is made by Mrs. Asdal

Motion Second by Sandra Atkinson

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget passed unanimously

V. Bylaws Review – Kelly Cortese

Kelly Cortese presented the proposed changes and rationale for the changes to the FFC Bylaws, which are required within the Bylaws to be reviewed and proposed changes made.

The recommended changes were to the following sections:

Page 2. Section 2: General Meeting of the FFC and Executive Board
Change to 5 day notice for consistency across Bylaws.

Page 2. Article V-Meetings. Section 1: Meetings of the Entire Membership.
Change the required meeting of the entire membership to March to allow FFC to begin planning the preliminary budget in April and present to the Board by the May FFC meeting.

Page 9. Article VIII-Election of Officers. Section 2: Nominating Procedures.
Move appointment of the Nominating Committee and approval by a majority of the Executive Board to February 1st, allowing for elections to occur March. This allows the FFC to begin planning the preliminary budget in April and present to the Board by the May FFC meeting.

Page 9. Article VIII-Election of Officers. Section 2: Nominating Procedures.
Change the due date for the nominating committee to submit their report to the membership from the April Board meeting to the March Board meeting.

A. Proposed Bylaws Revisions/Amendments Vote

Christina Liu opened a motion to approve the proposed changes to the FFC ByLaws.

Motion to approve the proposed changes to the FFC ByLaws Revisions/Amendments is made by Sinead Scott.

Motion Second by Katarina Mansir

Motion to approve the proposed changes to the FFC ByLaws Revisions/Amendments passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment at 5:54 p.m.