

Jerabek FFO Meeting Minutes

Friday, Dec 2, 2022

In Person and Virtual Meeting

Present: Sharon Camarillo, Dr. Watkins, Megan Blom, Lori Cannon, Valerie Lew, Jennifer Hudspeth, Laura Brizard, Lisa Bologna, Jennifer Clark, Lindsey Smyres, Jan Coppola, Kristin Burer, Gracie Modica, Michelle Berkowitz, Sophia Lesberg, Katie Rich, Stephanie Ward, Vanessa Neville, Carl de Luca, Jessica Sanfelippo, Markissa Hollman, Shannon Ramsinghani, Melissa Miller

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 8:01 by S. Camarillo. A quorum was present. S. Camarillo motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting. Carl de Luca seconded the motion. All approved.

1. Teachers' Report

- a. Lori Cannon (TK/K)- Tickled to have all our parents on campus for parent conferences. Continue to be appreciative of our FFO for funding and supporting our library and Steam Lab. Finishing up our Lucy Calkins narrative writing unit. Working on module 2 in math. Plugging away in Kindergarten.
- b. Valerie Lew (1)- Happy to have started Art Corps; we just had our first lesson. Literacy- in word study we are working with Foundations, an FFO supported program. Busy helping students with their phonics, decoding, etc. We are seeing some gaps, so we are working hard on literacy, it is a challenge but is coming along. Reading- just started our Non-Fiction unit. Writing- Working on "How to" (non-fiction). Math- starting our unit on measurement, using centimeter cubes, etc. Mr. Lucas is helping teach math in some of our classes and is also teaching our science STEAM lessons. We continue to do our rotations in the afternoons. We've scheduled a few field trips for later in the year. Working on all sorts of holiday projects. Response to Intervention (RTI) has resumed with Ms. Nicole.
- c. Laura Brizard (2)- We too enjoyed having parents on campus for parent conferences. We've been working on Non-Fiction writing and currently doing shared research. In math, we are mid-way through module 4. Cultural diversity- learning about different cultures around the world. Started our Art Corps lessons. Working with WeDo robots in the STEAM lab. We are just finishing up our unit on animal habitats in science.
- d. Jennifer Hudspeth (3)- We too have started scheduling our field trips. So far we have the Safari Park scheduled for the Spring and the Scripps Ranch High School Theatre scheduled in February. In the STEAM lab, we are working with the Piper computer kits purchased through FFO funds. This is the first year since the pandemic that we've been able to use and the students are so excited. We are doing it in a two-class rotation. After we're done then the next group will take over. In our next science unit, we will be using Mystery Science as well as our history curriculum around STEAM. In reading, we are working on genre studies, really

working hard to push kids out of their comfort zone to try new genres. Finished up our mystery reading unit as well as our non-fiction. We are utilizing Coach George to supplement our PE curriculum using our grade level enhancement funds. There is a real focus on character building, and we love having his support. He is wonderful with the students and someone definitely worth celebrating. My class had the opportunity to do some artwork for Trader Joe's and it is currently on display at their Scripps Ranch location.

- e. Lisa Bologna (4)- We also loved having parent teacher conferences on campus, it was great to be face to face. We also liked giving parents the option to do zoom conferences, as it made it easier on some parents. We started targeted intervention with Mr. Z (Mrs. Reed has had some prior obligations). Mr. Z has been doing a great job and students look forward to working with him. The fourth-grade team recently attended a computer science (STEAM) training. We started the year off studying computer science and are currently using the Scratch program in the STEAM lab. We are excited about Art Corps. We will be going on our first field trip on Wednesday. Jenny Bramer, Jerabek parent and executive associate athletic director at SDSU, has invited all our fourth and fifth grade classes to SDSU for a tour and to watch the women's basketball game. The buses are being paid for by the FFO with our enhancement money, so thank you all for allowing that to happen. We're also making holiday gifts for our parents with supplies that were purchased using class funds provided by the FFO, so thank you again. It's so wonderful being able to provide these sorts of things for our students.
- f. Jennifer Clark (5)- Fifth grade did 108 parent teacher conferences in the auditorium. The fifth-grade team has been amazing and are wonderful mentors. In writing, we are working on opinion persuasive argument. Students are writing awards for collections (their own personal collections, or collections I brought in). In math- they are working on fractions. In reading, still working on a history novel. Fifth-grade is also going on the SDSU field trip. We have a lot of athletes at Jerabek. One of the fifth-grade writing assignments was a letter to me and almost all of the students' mentioned sports. I am really excited for the students to attend and be on a college campus. Thank you FFO for providing the funds for the buses and classroom enhancement.

2. Spring Fling: J. Sanfelippo

- a. Teachers- we've put bundles of save-the-date cards (courtesy of MC Santos) in teacher inboxes to be distributed to the students. Please, if you have not already, send them home with the students today. We will follow-up on the Facebook page with an explanation for parents who may be unfamiliar with the event.
- b. Staff ticket fund- happened last year and we will do again this year.
 - 1) When individuals go to the website to purchase their own ticket, they will have the option to also donate to the staff ticket fund.
 - 2) The lump-sum collected will be divided among all the staff wanting to attend, thereby reducing the staff ticket price.
 - 3) Dr. W recently sent out a teacher/staff survey. If you have any interest at all, mark yes, so we can get an idea of what that reduced price will be. You're not locked in; we just want to get a sense. Dec 16th is the reply by cutoff. Anyone who does not reply by that date, will not go into the pool for a significantly reduced-price ticket.

- 4) \$125 is the early bird price; note that for staff who decide to attend, but did not reply by December 16th deadline, the early bird price of \$125 will be honored up until the day of the event (or until sold out).
 - 5) Jan 9th the price goes up to \$150 for all others.
 - 6) Price includes cocktail hour hors d'oeuvres and plated dinner. Drinks not included (cash bar).
 - 7) So far, we've collected seventeen staff responses, fourteen indicating they'd like to attend. Last year fourteen staff members attended at a cost of only \$25 per ticket.
- c. G. Modica- can I also suggest sending something out to the room coordinator? I've noticed parents tend to be more comfortable asking the room coordinator questions. J. Sanfilippo- yes, there will be several forms of communication: the hard copy, Facebook message, room coordinator message (next week), Sunday newsletter, etc. After we've given it some time to sink, we'll send out an additional message about donating to the staff fund.
 - d. Three main sponsors- Title sponsor: Scripps Poway Orthodontics. Silver: Dana; Amy Ryan. We are hoping for more, two more asks are out.
 - e. Auction items- we also need help getting the word out that we need big-ticket items such as: concert tickets, sporting events, vacation rentals, hotel stays, etc.
 - f. S. Ward- Not a big sponsorship, but it sounds like Orange Theory Fitness will donate.

3. Principal's Report: Dr. Watkins

- a. HUGE thank you to Kelly Osentowski's brother, who generously donated his time and hung the STEAM Lab sign up for us.
- b. Many may not be aware that our district is struggling to get new para-educators for support in our classrooms. We recently hired some of our noon duty staff and have trained them into that role. As a result, we have hired some additional parents to do noon duty. S. Lesburg is now going to be supporting us a para-educator.
- c. Targeted intervention is up and running again. Thanks to FFO funding, Rene Lamb, one of our parents, will be supporting us with targeted intervention. Mr. Perry is filling in until Ms. Reed returns. In addition, our resident visiting teacher (RVT), Nicole will be supporting K/1st.
- d. I'm encouraging parents to attend the Principals Chat on January 11th (will be announced in my January newsletter). Every year there's the possibility of changing our prep time focus. Currently at Jerabek our prep time focus is full time (5 days/week) music and part-time (2 days a week) PE. Every year our staff have the right, per their contract, to decide whether we would like to change that focus or not. We have started that process. We have our first prep time committee meeting next week. Prep time focus tends to be a hot topic here at Jerabek; I want to make sure parents are aware that this is happening so they can share their input with me. Parents can do so by email or show up to the principal's chat where I can answer questions about the process. Parents have SGT representatives on the committee. The SGT will be the body that votes on this change, so your SGT reps need to hear thoughts on either side of that change. The final decision/vote will be made during the SGT meeting on January 26th at 1:30pm. Teachers on the prep committee vote first on the configuration. That decision is then brought to the SGT committee for a vote.

- e. Reminder: the Friday before Winter break is a minimum day. This has not been the case in years past, so please take note. M. Blum- it's also Pajama Day, my favorite Spirit Day.
- f. We have a Jerabek Family that would like to support our Ukranian Refugees. We will have a box out in front of the office gate December 12th-16th. S. Camarillo- there is an Amazon wish list associated so we will get a flyer with that information (possibly a QR code) sent out.
- g. We have some funds that were donated for students to be able to participate in the Holiday market. Please email me privately today if you know of a family/student that might need these funds to shop at the market.

4. President's Report: S. Camarillo

- a. Ranch Roundup changed to June 2nd. The date previously listed was May 19th. Teacher dates are June 8th.
- b. Tk/K Math and Science has been changed to March 9th
- c. Family Art Night- Marianna Hecht has agreed to teach a fourth Family Art Night (but much smaller).
- d. Library Used Book Sale- Dec 13th-16th. D. Cooper waiting on confirmation on whether parents will be allowed before or after school to shop.
- e. School Directory- looking to drum up a committee for next year.
- f. Minimum days 12/16/2022 and 01/10/2023; G. Modica- enrichment? S. Camarillo- I'll ask about that.

5. Jerabek Jubilee: M. Holman/S. Ramsinghani (attending via zoom)

- a. One guest per student (note every child needs to have a chaperone).
- b. M. Miller also part of the planning committee.
- c. Event scheduled for April 14th; the theme is New York New York. Jamboree name change to Jubilee.
- d. Responsibilities: M. Miller-decorations, S. Ramsinghani- activities, and M. Holman-Food.
 - 1) Decorations- nighttime theme with skyscrapers, picture backdrop, lots of lights, signs, balloon arch, and disco ball.
 - 2) Food- food trucks, a little easier and provides a variety of food (i.e. fancy grilled cheese). Drinks provided and possibly a dessert truck (or have desserts sponsored). M. Holman will be working with S. Ward on sponsorships.
 - 3) Activities- possibly go karts and/or laser tag and a DJ. If anyone has recommendations, please let us know.
- e. We do have some questions regarding lighting.
- f. \$50-60 for the price of two people, how does that sound to you guys?
- g. V. Neville- As long as it can cover the expenses. This is not a fundraiser, just an amount that can cover the cost to run the event. If food trucks are included in the fee than possibly providing a voucher to keep the event equitable and prevent repeat food truck visits.
- h. Entry and exit into the school? S. Camarillo- we want to keep the event contained, food trucks would enter through the fifth-grade gate and setup right near the classrooms. The cafeteria/lunch court area would be where students/guests would eat, activities at Tk/K playground.
- i. S. Camarillo, Dr. W, and Jubilee committee will setup a meeting to iron out further details.

- j. Looking to send out a save the date for this event.
- k. No cap on the number of tickets. S. Camarillo- can anyone share how many typically attend events when there isn't a cap on tickets? Dr. W- the largest attended event since I've been here was the STEAM Lab grand opening which had at least 1,000 people on campus. S. Camarillo- since it's restricted to Jerabek students and their one guest, that should help control numbers a bit. M. Holman- At most, double the number of Jerabek students.
- l. V. Neville- the budget is \$10,000. It's a benchmark, but up for discussion.
- m. G. Modica- what if it's a family with three students? S. Camarillo- a plus one option, won't be the same price as.
- n. M. Berkowitz suggested The Habit has good food trucks.

6. Open Topics

- a. Fifth-grade promotion committee: J. Coppola- Next week Holiday Market hours: Tues/Wed 7:45-8:30 (students must be parent chaperoned until 8:15). Parents/students can enter through the staff lounge back door but can't go on campus until 8:15; open again from 10:45-12:15 for students during their non-eating lunch time; and then again from 2:45-4 for students/parents. Open all day Thursday from 7:45 until 2:30 if teachers would like to bring their class. We are still looking for additional volunteers. We will do another push for signups. Used book sale will be held the following week.
- b. Square 1 Art is done. ~\$12,500 sales (38% comes back) so the FFO will be getting a check for \$4,766.73. Thank you for your support.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 by S. Camarillo

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Smyres

FFO Secretary