

Jerabek FFO Meeting Minutes

Friday, Jan 6, 2023

In Person and Virtual Meeting

Present: Sharon Camarillo, Dr. Watkins, Megan Blom, Lori Cannon, Valerie Lew, Jennifer Hudspeth, Laura Brizard, Lisa Bologna, Jennifer Clark, Ylianna Torres, Lindsey Smyres, Robyn Ise, Kari Fields, Emily Caballero, Sophia Lesberg, Katie Rich, Stephanie Ward, Clarisse Gray, Jessica Sanfelippo, Denise Cooper, Kristin Burer, Carl de Luca, Mika Shuey, Jan Coppola, Vanessa Neville, Kelly Osentowski

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 8:03 by S. Camarillo. A quorum was present. J. Hudspeth motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting. R. Ise seconded the motion. All approved.

1. Teachers' Report

- a. Lori Cannon (TK/K)- Our two new UTK teachers and co-teachers recently attended a district training. Parents aren't always on campus, so those who are, please help spread the word that they are doing a fabulous job. Students are not always doing worksheets, that is just how they start their day so the teachers can address individual student needs. The UTK students are rocking it and were super excited about their holiday party. Kindergarten figured out a way to do a quick 10-minute holiday performance for parents. Encouraging parents who would like to volunteer to get cleared because we welcome you to the classroom. Parents are reaching out through email to thank us for teaching in a multicultural way about many different holidays.
- b. Valerie Lew (1)- Start out with a big, heartfelt THANK YOU for everything the FFO does. Coming back from break we are working on Non-fiction, using the previously purchased FFO seminars in critical literacy (Just Think). Then also doing the writing that goes along with that. In math, finishing up module 3, then we will be jumping back to module 2, discussing place value. In science (STEAM Lab), we will be using the Spheros and Ozobots a lot more. Mr. Luke is also supporting that. Going into the "one with nature" unit. All is tying back in with non-fiction. Field Trips- Seaworld scheduled for the end of the year and another to the Carlsbad flower fields.
- c. Laura Brizard (2)- Finishing up their non-fiction animal reports (done together) and then students will start in on their individual research reports. In science, working on coding. Finishing up module 4 in math. About to start our toiletries collection for the Monarch school, flyer will be sent out on Monday. Donations turned in by the 20th.
- d. Jennifer Hudspeth (3)- Our first field trip is scheduled for March 15th, we will be going to see the play Anastasia at SRHS. We did this last year, and it was really nice for the students to see what the high school experience feels like. Last year we were able to go behind the scenes to see how the sets are built, speak with the actors and managers. Holiday parties- we had lots of parent support, which was wonderful. In science, were studying forces in physics, which is also aligning with

their STEAM lab projects in Pipers. Reading- were talking about points of view (from different perspectives of characters in stories). In writing, we are working on non-fiction. Learning all the different structures of nonfiction writing (cause and effect, etc.). Reviewing their pre-assessments from last year (where they were coming from in second grade) and really nice to see the skills they have in place; it speaks to our strength in writing as a team. We have a PLC day coming up soon. They are super helpful for our teams to align, to plan, and ensure we are paced correctly. We use FFO funds for that which is very helpful. We are starting our FAST assessment this week. It's nice to check in and assess, making sure our students are on track in reading. Figuring out what we need to do to support them and helps with who we recommend for RTI, something that is also supported by FFO funds.

- e. Lisa Bologna (4)- We loved our field trip to SDSU, thank you FFO for supplying the buses for us to go. It was a great day. Several students who want to go to SDSU now, want to be an athlete (cheerleaders and basketball players) and play in that arena. Starting our second Art Corps lesson this week and next. We had our second PLC day our first day back from break. Great way for us to ease back in and plan our curriculum for the next few months. Our holiday party was wonderful. In math, we are starting module 4 which is geometry, angle measures using protractors, etc. In writing, working on opinion writing. We are in the last week of our bench mark, "how characters reveal themselves to others". In the STEAM lab, we are working on computer science.
- f. Jennifer Clark (5)- In December we were able to go to SDSU with our students and it was outstanding. We met with several different athletes (soccer, softball, football, and basketball) and then we watched the women's basketball game. Thanks, FFO for providing funds for us to attend, the students had an amazing time. In math, they've started on Module 4, working on multiplying and dividing fractions. In science, learning about physical changes (states of matter) and were able to do a neat experiment where they watched salt create crystals. In reading/history, about to start a new explorers project. In writing, working on persuasive writing. Writing letters to Dr. Watkins, trying to persuade her to make changes to the school. Students were able to make cute holiday gifts for their parents using funds provided by FFO. We are going to Marshall Middle School in a few weeks for a tour. Valentine's Day parties coming up in February.

2. Principal's Report: Dr. Watkins

- a. Principal's chat- coming up on January 11th.
 - 1. We will discuss prep time focus, which can be an energized topic. Asking parents to please join via zoom. Also asking SGT members to be in attendance so they can hear parent input, as they will be the ones voting on the final decision (on parents' behalf).
 - 2. Next year's enrollment options for UTK will also be discussed. Pre-enrollment period will be February 1st– 28th. The district will be offering some informational/Q&A sessions for parents this month. If you know of UTK families, please forward them the informational flyer that is going out today. Currently I'm being told Jerabek will have two classes again next year. After pre-enrollment the district will assess the need and decide whether an additional classroom is needed.

- b. Jerabek's current enrollment is going up, just this morning we were at 677. We enrolled six new students just this week alone- one fifth grader, three third graders, and two kindergartners. Our school cluster demographer has an enrollment projection for next year of 670.
- c. Fifth graders will be going to Marshall Middle School on January 31st. Marshall will be handling the buses for us.
- d. The district had a major security breach. All staff members had to change their passwords right away. January 31st is the day set for student password changes. Parents will be receiving more information from your student's teachers. There isn't much you will need to do (the district will send the passwords to the teachers) other than possibly practice with your student/s when they get home, especially our younger students.
- e. We need a president elect. S. Camarillo has been asking several different individuals to take on this position, but now I am asking. There is so much that you guys do for this community. The president's role is a direct line of communication to me and the staff. We talk often and meet twice a month. There is so much that is discussed that is then disseminated to the community by the president, I cannot do this by myself. There are functions that happen on our school campus that would not happen if it wasn't for the president and president elect. If there is no president, those events will fall short as we simply cannot do it as a site. We need someone to step-up into that role and we would love for someone to start in that role now so they can sit and learn alongside the current president. We are not sure what is going to happen.
 - 1. R. Ise- I feel like it's a reluctant position to take on sometimes as some people may not like the thought of being in the spotlight or in this leadership position, but in actuality, it's not that. The president is the glue that keeps it all together. The presidency is what you make it. If you like to manage, there's multiple projects/events going on or rather if you like to communicate then that can be your strength. Everybody brings their individual strength to the presidency and there is no right answer or perfect way, it's just whatever you can offer. If you are even remotely considering another role such Art Corps, etc., move on to the presidency, you can still have a piece in that other area. Take one for the team.
 - 2. S. Camarillo- I'd like to add, you will not be alone. There is a text group with several previous presidents that as questions come up, I lean on. I am learning as I go. We have to remember that this is a volunteer position. So much gratitude and grace has been extended to me. It's very rewarding to have such an active role in my kid's education. You will not be alone.
 - 3. Dr. W- and you get a parking spot.

3. President's Report: S. Camarillo

- a. Ranch Roundup- we do not have a chair. Rita Gaskill just does not have the time. We put out a request in the newsletter and we have about five names. Last year J. Coppola and J. Sanfelippo, started relatively late compared to previous years. We still have time, but there is some urgency. Next week in the evening we will be having a zoom meeting to discuss.
- b. Jog-a-thon has a date change, K. Rich will address.

4. Spring Fling: K. Fields/J. Sanfelippo

- a. We have 85 tickets sold and 22 interested staff members. The goal is to get staff members reduced priced tickets. Currently just trying to get people aware of what Spring Fling is. We will do a push later for the staff fund. Currently we have \$25 along with two full ticket price (\$125) donations. Price increase happens on Monday. Our goal for staff price is \$75 or under. Staff members are allowed to back out if the price is still too high for them.
- b. We have a meeting Monday night. Amy has her own décor team.
- c. Still working on getting donations for the baskets/auction.
- d. Are all these new students/families being added to the room coordinator email distribution lists? S. Camarillo- I will handle that. I will have Gracie Modica email the room coordinators of those classes (Hudspeth, Ragus, Chell, Holly, Clark, White). Dr. W- when we have classroom events, can we please have the room coordinators send out messages to parents that if they plan to attend, they need to be cleared by the office. We will have to turn away parents if they are not TB tested.

5. Jogathon: K. Rich

- a. New date- February 24, 2023. We will follow the same format as last year, it will be an all-day event. Each grade will have an hour window to come out and run/walk. We will begin at 8:45am and will work the schedule according to recess/lunch times.
- b. We will limit the number of volunteers; it gets too chaotic with too many parents. We will have 2-3 parent volunteers per class. We will need parents to monitor the tables.
- c. We will not supply water bottles. Kids need to bring their own water bottles out. Volunteers can walk the students over to fill their water bottles should they run out.
- d. We will do a smaller course in the middle of the field for the UTK kids with some sort of fence around it.
- e. Keeping the Superhero theme. We will have class incentives as well as individual incentives.
- f. We do need a volunteer to shadow for future years.
- g. Banners, flags, balloons, and confetti.
- h. We will not be counting laps (again) this year. Found the bracelets cause congestion in certain spots of the track. Flat sum donations.
- i. Jog-a-thon kickoff will be on January 26th during the awards ceremony.
- j. Put banners and signage up on campus.
- k. S. Camarillo- Jerry Koala will show up.

6. Glow Party: K. Rich

- a. Will be held on Friday, Feb 10th from 6-8pm in the auditorium and the courtyard.
- b. Save the dates have been sent out. Information and signups going out next week.
- c. Volunteer signups through signup genius has already gone out. Decorating will start at 9am the day of. Luckily, we can have more parents this year. Volunteers must have TB clearance.

7. Book Fair/Literacy Week: E. Caballero

- a. Bookfair was moved out a week, February 27th to March 3rd in the teachers' lounge. We are just starting the planning process. Meeting next week with scholastic coordinator. Open to any ideas. Possibly bringing back the "shop with a special person day" to include more parents on campus.
- b. Read Across America will run in conjunction with that week (on Thursday).

- c. Dr. W- please help E. Caballero get parent volunteers. We are always short in this area. I am going to block off my calendar as much as possible to help.
- d. E. Caballero will push out a signup genius for volunteer recruitment.

8. Open Topics

- a. S. Camarillo will drop off a box of the green Jerabek folders to the office for teachers to get for new students and/or those who are need of a replacement.
- b. M. Torres- the garden use to be an amazing place. I'm still willing to oversee it, but we need parent volunteers to take it on. We will need someone who knows how to amend soil and we have a couple irrigation lines that need to be flushed. We have \$500 budgeted per year. If you are interested, pop into my classroom or email me. S. Camarillo- we can put out an announcement in the newsletter and provide your contact info.
- c. E. Caballero- how do we cast a wider net and get more FFO volunteers? Do we change it up to make it more inviting? S. Camarillo will print out and laminate a 11x17 FFO informational flyer and Venmo (QR) sign, to be displayed during upcoming events. As well as on the front office bulletin board. Proposed a yearly, condensed FFO meeting in the auditorium with bagels, donuts, and coffee. S. Ward- suggested an early running club for students whose parents are in attendance. Dr. W suggested periodically having a manned FFO information table out during events and/or in front of school.
- d. K. Fields- any word on GATE testing? Dr. W- fifth graders will be tested earlier than normal so their scores are ready for middle school. We will not test every fifth grader. We will test any fifth-grade student new to the district/Jerabek that has not been tested at another site. Any fifth grader that has never been tested and any fifth grader whose parent has appealed to be re-tested (we will consider teacher input, grades, etc.). We will also be testing some fourth graders who were not tested over the summer. Between now and March (when we typically start testing students) we will be testing. Fifth will test first, then our fourth graders, and then our second graders.
- e. D. Cooper suggested an open school enrollment day verses enrollment packets being sent home. Dr. W- we start enrollment in March and then have Kindergarten orientation in April. We can do open school enrollment during both of those times.
- f. K. Burer proposed looking back at the calendar and in the future, scheduling community building events (like Movie Night) earlier in the year. This would help get more people on campus and build community before we start fundraising events and asking for money.
- g. Dr. W- the parent/student BBQ lunch event will be happening in February, still waiting to hear back from the district on the finalized date.
- h. K. Fields- a lot of the events take months of planning, for example Jerabek Jubilee. That would be a wonderful Fall event, but events like those take months of planning.
- i. S. Camarillo- we are in a transition year. The natural tendency has been to take a step back so hopefully we are just slowly working our way back. S. Ward- I think it's also a mindset. The last three years have been different for every family. Some families may feel disconnected from the school after Covid for one reason or another.
- j. K. Fields- one of the things we have discussed for Spring Fling auction items, are experiences set up and paid for by a particular family. For example, cornhole and

- burgers, family speed UNO night, etc. These are small and more intimate events that help build community.
- k. Dr. W suggested a family play day out on the field (giant Jenga, cornhole, field games) that don't cost a dime, but build community. The teachers have done this in the past and had a blast.
 - l. J. Sanfelippo suggested ongoing, weekly casual park meetups.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 by S. Camarillo

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Smyres

FFO Secretary