

Jerabek FFO Meeting Minutes

Friday, Mar 3, 2023

In Person and Zoom Meeting

Present: Sharon Camarillo, Dr. Watkins, Megan Blom, Lori Cannon, Valerie Lew, Jennifer Hudspeth, Beth Kay, Kathy Jones, Jessica Yoon, Jennifer Clark, Lindsey Smyres, Kari Fields, Alison Binetti, Sophia Lesberg, Katie Rich, Clarisse Gray, Jessica Sanfelippo, Kelly Osentowski, Gracie Modica, Caroline Han, Jan Coppola, Kristin Burer, Denise Cooper, Michelle Berkowitz

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

1. Teacher's Report: SEE ATTACHED

2. Spring Fling: K. Fields

- a. 214 guests, 17 of which are staff members.
- b. This year there will be a vintage car photo opportunity before entering starting at 5:45pm (close at 630pm).
- c. Cocktail hour will open at 6pm and will go until 6:55pm. A drink ticket has been added so you can take it to the bar and get whatever type of drink you want. Appetizers will be passed, so look for those as they are often easy to miss.
- d. Once you get inside bottles of wine can be purchased through Venmo. They will be corked at your table, not during cocktail hour. We will have fedoras for sale if you want to add to your attire. If you purchase a fedora, you are automatically entered into a raffle to win some rum. We are also doing a "first timer" raffle for either wine or rum.
- e. Doors to the dinner portion open at 6:55pm, salad will be already plated. We want to get everyone seated quickly so we can get through the program and get everyone dancing/socializing.
- f. We will be playing the "Heads or Tails" game again this year. It was a big hit last year and got everyone excited. Volunteers will be selling necklaces for the game for a chance to win up to \$250.
- g. Awesome program-
 1. Venmo QR included, as well as on the website.
 2. Everyone needs to be registered as a bidder if you want to bid on anything. If you purchased a ticket, you are already registered. However, if your guest wants to bid, then they will need to also be registered as a bidder which can be done on the website. There will be people there who can help with that.
 3. QR codes will be provided for live auction items such as vacation home stays, where one might want to go to the site to see if the home meets their needs.
 4. Sponsors are included on the program.

5. We are going to keep the Fund a Need open until Monday.
- h. Ticket transfers- we have already had someone reach out looking for tickets. We are done with ticket sales as the hotel already has our numbers, etc. However, things come up (illness, etc) and people occasionally want to sell their ticket. This is typically done on Jerabek news. We as a committee don't handle the ticket transfer but we do need to know who bought the ticket so we can change the name associated with it.
 - i. We are very, very excited. The décor is beautiful again this year. We have a lot of new, exciting auction items.
 - j. Attire- Havana Nights theme, can be as casual or as fancy you'd like (i.e. cocktail dress, long formal, sun dress). Whatever you feel good in you will look good in.
 - k. Greg Camarillo is going to be the auctioneer.
 - l. V. Lew- are there payment options other than Venmo? K. Fields- no, but friends can Venmo on your behalf if you bring cash, I'd suggest increments of \$5 not a big \$100 bill.

3. Jogathon: K. Rich

- a. We are currently almost at \$34,000 which is amazing. Mrs. Yoon's class is currently in the lead. Winner will get a class pizza party with the principal and vice principal.
- b. We will have the typical setup, with a table setup for each class manned by two class parent volunteers. It is an open campus event; however, parents need to go through the office to sign in/out. The back gate will be closed.
- c. Coach George will be here DJing the event.
- d. We will have one middle gate to the field open. Each grade level will have an hour out there, but that includes coming and going so students will have about 45 minutes to run.
- e. TK/K will have a smaller track in the middle of the field. We do not want them doing the whole track. We may need more than two volunteers for TK/K.
- f. 99 pledges will be kept open through Saturday.
- g. J. Hudspeth- when you setup the loudspeakers can you direct them out away from the 3rd grade classrooms? K. Rich- yes, we can have Coach George with his back to the classrooms and the speakers directed east over the field.
- h. Please remind students to please bring their filled reusable water bottles. We will have classroom tables to store their water bottles. We will also have few large 5-gallon coolers with disposable paper cups if there is a need. The nurse will also be out there if there are any issues.
- i. Teachers- goodie bags and certificates will be dropped off to your room so they can be handed out after the run. We are not providing popsicles this year. If you have a room parent that would like to supply those for the class, please keep it in classroom.
- j. Please remind parents that they are to only stay for their students run time.
- k. J. Sanfelippo- do parents need to have volunteer clearance in order to come onto campus to see their student run? Dr. W- No, no volunteer clearance needed but parents do need to sign in. TB test (volunteer clearance) is required if you are volunteering.
- l. M. Berkowitz will be there all day to take pictures.

4. Ranch Roundup: C. Han

- a. Working with Mehri Sadri and Leslie Roach. Thank you J. Coppola and J. Sanfelippo for keeping things so organized. It has made things so much easier.
- b. Ranch Roundup is scheduled for June 2nd. Starts as soon as the bell rings at 3:05pm.
- c. We have received quotes from all the vendors and are at the place now where we just need to make deposits.
- d. We need committee chairs and a volunteer coordinator. We have some volunteers for teacher dates and classroom baskets, but we could still use some help with that.
- e. One thing L. Roach is doing a bit differently this year is amplifying the western theme. Incorporating décor, setting up a photo booth, selling cowboy hats and bandanas, etc.
- f. B. Kay- just a thought, could we do a cute Jerabek western theme t-shirt? Maybe a koala with a cowboy hat? C. Gray- we created a new one last year, but I can see what we can do to get a new one going and will come up with some options.
- g. L. Cannon- I plan to organize a teacher talent show act.
- h. C. Han- I also wanted to mention that we did find someone to takeover/lead the talent show portion of the event- Brittany Fuller and maybe someone else (and of course DJ Tim will be there). We will have a new face painting person this year, but so far all others are the same as previous years.
- i. S. Camarillo- I (or MC Santos) can put together a save the date flier announcing that Ranch Roundup is happening and that we need volunteers. We can send out in this week's Jerabek Newsletter.
- j. B. Kay- this year let's make sure volunteers are here first thing in the morning rather than wait until noon. We'd rather be done early than stress at the last minute.
- k. G. Modica- are we going to have campus security walking around like we did last year? Dr. W- at this point probably not. The only reason we had that last year was there was a specific situation/need and this year we don't have that same concern. Staff will still have radios, etc.

5. Principal's Report: Dr. Watkins

- a. This has been a very busy, but exciting week.
- b. Jerabek BBQ-
 - 1. Really excited to find out that Tuesday's BBQ was the first ever at Jerabek.
 - 2. We had 250 people indicate on the survey sheet we sent out that they were coming. A phenomenal 470 people ended up coming!
 - 3. We ran out of items towards the end as we weren't expecting to almost double the amount of people who RSVP'd, but I didn't hear any complaints from parents.
 - 4. UTK/K/1st lunchtime was the most challenging as it had the largest number of parents.
 - 5. We put some of us to work setting up additional cashiers as organizers had thought one would be enough.
 - 6. Overall, it was so nice to see parents eating with their students and out on the field with their students. Thank you to everyone who came out, it was a really nice event, and we are planning to do it every year now.

7. K. Fields- is it set for March every year, or can we do it earlier in the year?
Dr. W- no, we don't know the date yet. We confirm that we want to sign up and then the district sends out the date options.
- c. Read Across America- Barb McCormick is not here today, but we plan on getting her something very special when she comes back on Monday as once again, she went above and beyond for Read Across America/ Literacy week. It was such an exciting event last night.
- d. Book Fair- Emily Caballero is not in the meeting today, but Ms. Blom and I are going to be presenting her with a bouquet of flowers today. We really appreciate all the many hours of hard work she put in (on one foot!) making the book fair happen. There were lines out the door. Thank you to her and her team for making it such a huge success.
- e. Summer School/Summer Level Up- if you are thinking about having your student attend, please reserve your spot now. Even if you are not sure, reserve your spot, because once its full its full.
- f. Registration- UTK registration will happen in April. Registration for all other new enrollees for next year begins mid-March.
- g. Healthy Kids Parent Survey- I sent out my monthly newsletter yesterday and it included the Healthy Kids Parent Survey. We haven't done that in about three years as the district wasn't asking us for that information, but we do want to hear back from parents on how well Jerabek is doing (or not doing) in regard to making you feel involved, the climate, the atmosphere of the school, etc. So parents please, please fill that out for us. For all 5th grade parents, in order for your 5th grader to take that same survey we do need your permission through the google form that was also sent out with my newsletter. If the FFO could also include this information in the upcoming weekly newsletter, that would be appreciated

6. President's Report: S. Camarillo

- a. Start with a big thank you, last night was amazing. The Read Across America event was brought back to its full glory. There was so much community support, with the mayor in attendance, etc. Sincere message of gratitude for all those who volunteer their time to make it events like these at Jerabek possible. I truly appreciate it.
- b. Our FFO website is almost back up. We are paying \$199 for WordPress (Dreamhost) to solve the redirect path. A. Bineti has been leading that charge, so she has been coordinating with them and connecting with Shelly, who apparently oversaw the website years ago and has been really helpful.
- c. Scholastic sales- I checked in with Emily Caballero on Tuesday and as of then we were at \$7,000 in sales. Last year's total was \$11,000 total so were expecting to make that goal. M. Blom- I spoke with Emily last night and she said we were already at \$14,000. S. Camarillo- looks like we've already surpassed it. K. Burer just put in the chat that we were over \$15,000 last night at closing. Just like to reiterate what an awesome job Emily Caballero did organizing and coordinating with teachers.
- d. UTK/K Math/Science night
 - 1) scheduled for next Thursday, March 9.
 - 2) K. Burer- Math/Science night is typically held from 6:30-7:30pm. I feel it's a little late for UTK/K to be out, can we move it back to 6pm-7pm for UTK/K and for the first-grade math/science nights? If so, I'll put the update on the Jerabek Facebook page and send an announcement out through the room coordinators. Dr. W- yes, go ahead.

- 3) M. Blom will update the website with the time change.
- 4) K. Burer- it's getting increasingly busier which is fantastic, but we are going to have to limit it to the first sixty attendees due to space issues. S. Camarillo- Thank you, I know you are dipping into your own personal finances for supplies, and you shouldn't have to. K. Fields- we mentioned that in Fund a Need and people do need to know.
- e. Volunteer breakfast is currently scheduled for Thursday, June 1st. Just giving everyone a heads up that we are going to need to move it to May. Exact date TBD.
- f. Thank you J. Sanfelippo for signing up to be our FFO President Elect. Thank you, that's so huge. You are going to do great next school year and we will be here to help and support you.

7. Open Topics: M. Berkowitz

- a. I need to get messages out to room coordinators/volunteers that we need pictures for the yearbook for the individual class pages. Please, please, please send pictures of events happening within the classroom to thejerabekyearbook@gmail.com and indicate the teacher's name and the grade. Send it in the highest resolution possible. If sending from a phone, select large or actual size.
- b. A. Bineti- the FFO website is up and running, no problems thus far. I will keep working on it to be 100 percent sure. If anyone knows who originally made it, please let me know. Apparently, they have some sort of file that could allow for it to look a little neater. Does John Sutton ring a bell? J. Coppola- I'm good friends with him, I can contact. S. Camarillo- Thanks J. Coppola. A. Bineti will email J. Coppola.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 by S. Camarillo

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Smyres

FFO Secretary

Grade Level Reports - March 2023

Jerabek Family Faculty Organization, Inc.

Grade Level	Teacher Representative	Report
TK/K	Cannon	<p>Kindergarten enjoyed celebrating the 100th Day of School on Feb. 9th. Little kids love BIG numbers! We are working on reading comprehension, writing how to books and learning to use a variety of tools like number bonds, number lines, etc with our current math lessons (using math books paid for by the ffo!). Kudos to everyone that attended the BBQ Lunch. Also students were really excited about the Book Fair and Read Across America. Thanks to the FFO for your continued support to help make all these programs happen!</p>
First	Lew	<p>Literacy: Dr. Seuss/Read Across America, nonfiction research projects, word work with long vowel patterns and sight words; Math: place value and word problems; Science: "One with Nature" unit and Spheros in the STEAM Lab. Field Trips to the Children's Museum. Art Corps. St. Patrick's Day assembly funded by the FFO grade level funds. Possible 1st Grade Science night?</p> <p>We appreciate the FFO's support and fun activities in February: Groundhog's Day, 100th Day, Art Corps, President's Holidays, Jog-a-Thon.</p>
Second	Brizard	<p>Second grade started Unit 7 Benchmark "Investigating the Past." We just finished our Coding unit and are almost done with Maps and Continents. We will start Unit 1: Families, Now and Long Ago. Students will have a project to bring in a family artifact. We are writing and learning about different types of poetry. In math, we started Module 6 (multiplication and division). We finished our Class Mission statement and are drafting personal ones. We bought small flashlights for students to use for reading. We are having a St. Patrick's day assembly using grade level funds. We also booked a trip to Sea World in May and we will use grade level funds to pay for tickets and buses.</p>
Third	Hudspeth	<p>Third Grade has been expanding our love of reading by intensely diving into biographies! Students are enjoying the <i>Who Was</i> series and many celebrated our Favorite Character Literacy Day by dressing up as heroes that have inspired them through the reading. We are having a writing celebration around Informational books students have written with other classes. (Moving into Opinion Writing next.) In Math we are midway through Fractions, a critical concept introduced in 3rd grade. Engage NY, our FFO funded math program has been a pivotal resource in building conceptual understanding with number bonds, number line work</p>

		<p>and models that help develop strong math practices related to fractions.</p> <p>In Social Studies we are learning about the Kuymeyaay Nation, and in Steam our next group of students are getting ready to explore the Pipers in the Steam Lab.</p> <p>We have recently all welcomed new students, and class sizes are at 27 and 28 students. Students have been displaying a strong sense of teambuilding and leadership as we work collaboratively as leaders. We've written personal and class mission statements, and have also been lucky to have our school counselor, Ms. Fischel in to learn Social Emotional lessons.</p> <p>Finally, we plan to use a portion of our FFO Class Enhancement monies to fund a St. Patrick's Day assembly. We are also excited that we will be attending our first field trip to SR High School to see the musical production of <i>Anastasia</i> performed by the theater group.</p>
Fourth	Bologna	<p>The fourth graders are all working hard on opinion writing. We are using the essay format with a thesis and supporting details. This is similar to our Speech Masters format so it has been fun for the students to see the connections.</p> <p>We are in the middle of our fractions unit that will follow us through to the week after spring break. The kids are having fun learning how to add and subtract fractions as well as comparing fractions with different denominators.</p> <p>In social studies we are in research study teams researching the California Missions. The students are using books as well as websites for their research.</p> <p>In the STEAM lab we are learning about gears and using them to create robots with our We-Do sets. Kelly is doing a great job supporting us with this!</p> <p>We have a friendly, healthy competition going on to see which of our 3 classes can have the most students on the board for our Library Reading Program. The race is on!</p>
Fifth	Clark	<p>The fifth-grade writers are finishing up our argumentative writing unit. The authors read multiple sources about the benefits and drawbacks of serving flavored milk in schools and then wrote a letter to Dr. Watkins about whether they think Jerabek should keep flavored kinds of milk. The fifth-grade historians are reading a novel about Jamestown called <i>Blood on the River</i>, and they will then analyze character traits and quotes to write an essay. Our fifth-grade scientists are experimenting to see if plants need soil to survive and how water travels up the plants.</p> <p>All of the students received their personalized Koala pencil boxes courtesy of the STEAM Lab and FFO! The kids are loving them!</p>