

Jerabek Family Faculty Organization Board Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2025 | In-Person and Zoom Meeting

Present: C. Gray, S. Lesberg, J. Sanfelippo, K. Khayat, T. Nicholl, A. Flakes, M. Nuon, L. Smyres, T. Ailes, L. Kaplan-Nieto, E. Caballero **Zoom:** K. Cummins, R. Meyer, J. Wood, C. Han
Staff: M. Blom, S. Jones, A. Del Pego, D. Marquardt (ZOOM), F. T. Cuellar, A. Romo, V. Lew, L. Curry, B. McCormick

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 8:03 a.m. by S. Lesberg. A quorum was present. A. DEL PEGO motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting. T. AILES seconded the motion. All approved.

1. TEACHER'S REPORT: SEE ATTACHED

2. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: MEGAN BLOM & STACY JONES

INTERIM PRINCIPAL: Stacy Jones introduces herself. She has lived in Scripps Ranch for 40 years and her children attended Jerabek. She has been retired for about 8 years and shares her gratitude for the opportunity to join Jerabek. M. Blom: J. McDade will have surgery Monday.

OTHER: The district says information regarding the budget will be available in mid March. The modernization team has a meeting today.

3. CANINE COMPANIONS: SOPHIA LESBERG

Canine Companions are part of our on campus experiences this year. Amy Buntin found the organization. The dog went into a few classrooms. Teachers, if you would like the dog to visit your classroom, the dog will be here twice a month. Amy Buntin will reach out to teachers with a form to schedule visits.

4. 5GP: ABBY FLAKES

- a. GLOW PARTY: Event is on Friday, March 14. A. Del Pego: Would you like teachers to attend to help out? A. Flakes: We would love it. We would love to have as much help as possible. The team has sent a Sign Up Genius out. The greatest need is for event set up and clean up.
- b. FUNDRAISING: 5GP will be doing Lucky Grams around St. Patrick's Day. Costs have gone up significantly for promotion expenses so the team has to adjust its fundraising strategy.
- c. CLASS T SHIRTS: Students will get them on class photo day on February 28th.

5. RUNNING CLUB: KIRSTEN KHAYAT

- a. Participation is up thanks to the dry weather. We have a 100 mile shirt and a 25 mile award. The team will likely be giving out 200 mile shirts. There are no double ticket days. The last day of running is Friday May 2nd. The team is planning on starting the Running Club Ambassador Program next year. We have generated \$44 in lost lanyard fees. Jog-A-Thon laps will not count toward Running Club.
- b. V. Lew: There is concern and discussion by staff members that all students are not able to participate in Running Club. K. Khayat: Teachers scanning during the day was inconsistent. Students were concerned because of fairness, as some teachers were scanning during the day and some were not. Students really watch the laps closely. There is a

suggestion to scan during the lunch hour. M. Blom hesitates to have scanners during lunch because we don't have the staff. We are already low on noon duty. F.T. Cuellar prefers to keep Running Club in the morning only. Discussion continues about how we can make scanning more equitable. B. McCormick: I understand the fairness concern with only some teachers scanning, but there are children who can't come to school in the morning. It isn't fair for the children that can't come in the morning. Their only chance would be during the day. Possible suggestions shared include providing single sheets with the entire class roster for easy scanning during the day, including P.E. M. Blom: The staff will consider the matter and work together to find a solution that provides access for all students.

- c. E.Caballero: We should think about what the goal is for Run Club, is it for the awards and competition? We want to make sure that the activities are serving Running Club's objective. K. Khayat: The objective includes promoting the social aspects. Not everyone is an athlete and it is a great way to start the day.

6. READ ACROSS AMERICA: BARBARA MCCORMICK

- a. Event date is Thursday, February 27. Readers will arrive between 5:00 to 5:15 p.m. Yanni's is providing a light dinner/snack for readers and teachers who will host readers in their classrooms. The first reading begins at 6 p.m. with four readings total. Last year there was a bonus reading and many rooms stayed open. Interim Superintendent Fabiola Bagula will be attending. So far we have 11 rooms open and are still looking for readers. If anyone knows anyone who would be a good reader, please contact B. McCormick. The team is looking to have live music. Dawn Giancorelli (sp?) will be co-organizing the event.
- b. Brian Tague and Emma Leftkowitz will be reading. B. McCormick asks if they are still sponsoring the event. S. Lesberg responds that sponsorships are different for the current year and will reconnect with the RAA team.
- c. The budget for the event is \$600. B. McCormick believes the event will be underbudget again. Costs include ticket rolls and paper for the programs. Many books will be donated.
- d. B. McCormick announces her retirement after 35 years, all at Jerabek, in response to the "Golden Handshake" offered by the school district. M. Blom adds that, though the school is hopeful, there is no guarantee that K. Berger (current job share partner of McCormick and MacInnes) will be the full time kindergarten teacher.

7. BOOK FAIR: EMILY CABALLERO

- a. Planning for a second book fair is underway but the date has not yet been solidified. She is looking at the week before Spring Break or hoping to do it during Open House and the Art Show but acknowledges the limited space on campus. The vendor will be either Scholastic or Literati, but it depends on the final date and incentives offered.
- b. B. McCormick: Appreciates that the event is not tied to RAA as doing so removes the focus from just reading. Many children are focused on going to shop, even though in previous years the book fair was closed during readings. It also puts a strain on volunteers.

8. ART: LAURA KAPLAN NIETO

- a. FAMILY ART NIGHT: We have had $\frac{2}{3}$ of Family Art Nights that were well attended. Everything is going well.
- b. ART SHOW: The event will be Thursday April 17th, which will coincide with Open House for all grades, TK-5. If it coincides with the book fair, that would be great because it would increase attendance. Class tours will be during the second half of the day on the Wednesday before.
 - 1. For set up, it would be ideal to have access the Sunday or Friday before April 17th. We know exactly how long it takes to get the boards up and pin all the artwork and work through other details. M. Blom: Space is very limited, as previously communicated, so it is unlikely for set up to begin the Friday before. There are many after school enrichment programs in the auditorium all week including Prime Time, Scouts and Theatre. Glow Party only has 24 hours to set up. General discussion continues about how to set up with limited time. H. Hanks mentions that in the past, the team was able to get the boards together loosely, pin them with the art and then push against the wall. If art was showing the team would put a large paper over. It is doable to set up in limited time but certainly not ideal. L. Kaplan Nieto will continue to discuss after the meeting.
 - 2. The team would like to have printed photographs on bulletin boards with pictures of volunteers teaching Art Corps lessons. M. Blom appreciates the idea but advises that the team must ensure all children in the photographs have the required clearance/permission. There is a small number of students who have opted to be in “no photography”, published or not.

9. SPRING FLING: TINA AILES

- a. TICKET SALES: There are less than 30 tickets available to sell. Based on donations, the teacher ticket cost will be about \$75. M. Blom will be the admin representative. 13/14 reserved tables have been sold. For those who do not reserve a table, volunteers will help guests find seats. So far, \$30, 870 has been raised so far and based on costs, the team is in the black.
- b. The team requests pictures of events and materials that the FFO funds/provides (e.g. RAA, RRU, Art Corps, Book Fair). Please send to springfling@jerabekffo.org.
- c. FUND A NEED: At the last meeting we discussed the possibility of focusing on classroom/playground supplies. The team would like to move forward. S. Lesberg confirms that everyone is leaning toward playground equipment primarily in addition to classroom supplies. The team is now thinking about language and how to market for Fund A Need. T. Ailes mentions Home Depot's one click option for supplies. J. Sanfelippo: Classroom requests are usually for paper and wipes and other random things. From a teacher perspective, how do you feel about just asking parents when the need arises? Would teachers be interested in setting up an account/one click shop with an outside company? A possible challenge would be managing such a service/program.
- d. B. McCormick underscores the need for playground equipment, particularly sand for the kindergarten playground. However, the modernization plan includes playground updates but that is about two

years away. Classroom needs at the grade level include an early decodable book series and leveled books for libraries. B. McCormick expresses gratitude for the continued support of the parents and believes the direct asks work well at meeting school needs. E. Caballero: How can we get student input? Ideas put forth by those present include having student quotes, videos, and a survey.

- e. H. Hanks: Is there a private company that offers reading support in class? S. Lesberg: There is Everyone A Reader. E. Caballero did research in years past on EAR; however, it never got off the ground. Casual discussion continues about private companies and district requirements and RTI.
- f. ONE CAUSE: T. Ailes: It is time to renew the contract. S. Lesberg does not think it will be approved by the board for next year based on feedback. S. Lesberg will send out a survey to the board and all committees regarding One Cause. The cost to renew is \$2,500. T. Ailes is not sure if everyone was educated on the platform. S. Lesberg responds that A. Lesberg spoke with a One Cause representative and it appears it has not been a worthwhile investment, though it appears to work well for Spring Fling.
- g. Discussion continues about the possibility of having a different format for Spring Fling. Ideas presented include a casual event and eliminating a seated meal. A. Flakes: Maybe we could make more money if people didn't need to pay as much money for the tickets to attend. T. Ailes: It is hard to find a venue that can accommodate 250 people. The minimum cost is \$40k. Last year SF raised \$63,000 that went to our budget. Renting out a different, less fancy space is cheaper but then we need to pay for all the separate vendors which adds up to the same amount. E. Caballero: Do you feel like we need to change the budget for next year to solve the problem? The event has been working well so it seems like the formula is working and we don't necessarily want to do something completely different. L. Smyres asks if we will still have access to the financial records from OneCause.

10. JOG A THON: SOPHIA LESBERG for JESSICA HAYDEN

- a. S. Lesberg: As of Wednesday we've raised approximately \$16,000 but are only at 16% participation. Flyers went out early this week and we've posted on Facebook and Instagram. The event has been mentioned in emails and the newsletter. We think that participation always ramps up as we get closer to the event. Coach George will be at the event to emcee. E. Caballero: Are there still going to be incentives for the classes that raise the most money? S. Lesberg is not sure of all the incentives but will ask the co-chairs.

11. YEARBOOK: SOPHIA LESBERG for MC SANTOS

- a. We have sold 325 books so far and have earned \$1,127.44. Please tell everyone to submit high quality photos to the yearbook. We could also use more volunteers to come and photograph the events.

12. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: SOPHIA LESBERG

- a. We need to make sure we're using the @jerabekffo.org email addresses for all committees. It helps when transitioning committee chairs and keeps

all the information in one place. We can also keep all the documents in one place in Google Drive. If the FFO were to be sued and people were using personal emails they would all be subpoenaed. A.Flakes: 5GP is trying to get everything changed over to the domain as well. Many times the roles and responsibilities are not clear or easy to find. E. Caballero: Is there any way that admin could have office hours where FFO can go to them to get questions answered.

13. OPEN TOPICS

RANCH ROUNDUP: M. Nuon: What is the budget for Ranch Roundup this year? S. Lesberg: It's \$25,000 for this year. J.Sanfelippo: Make sure that all expenses stay within the \$25,000 budget. You cannot count ticket sales into it. H. Hanks: Can we get better signage for all the different tables and booths at RRU?

Meeting adjourned at 10:13am by S. Lesberg

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Camarillo
Secretary

Grade Level Reports: January 2025
Jerabek Elementary Family Faculty Organization

Grade Level	Teacher Representative	Report
UTK	Barefield	

Kindergarten	Berger	<p>Jan/Feb.</p> <p>Literacy: Studying how a character changes through out a text, continuing story arcing. Word Study: learning digraphs, Long vowels O and E, R controlled vowels ar. Practicing phonemic awareness blending word together, counting sounds.</p> <p>Math: continuing measurement, capacity, volume, weight, more or less.</p> <p>Writing: Writing narratives with transitional words (First, Then, Next).</p> <p>Science: Extreme Weather.</p> <p>We celebrated 100th day, MLK Jr., Groundhog's Day, Lunar New Year and looking forward to Valentine's Day!</p> <p>Kinders enjoyed their field trip to the Birch Aquarium.</p>
First	Lew	<p>January/February</p> <p>Literacy - nonfiction reading, reports and presentations.</p> <p>Math - measurement and data collection/interpretation</p> <p>Science - WeDos in the STEAM Lab</p> <p>Social Studies - Geography and citizenship</p> <p>Health - dental health</p> <p>Special holidays and focus: MLK Jr., 100th Day, Lunar New Year, Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, Presidents, Dr. Seuss.</p> <p>We're looking forward to the special events of Jog-a-Thon and Read Across America.</p>
Second	Romo	<p>Hello! Hope all is well!</p> <p>We have just wrapped up unit 5 in Math (adding/subtracting within 1,000) and are now focused on foundations of multiplication. Our first lesson was today and the students seemed to enjoy learning about equal groups, arrays, and repeated addition. For writing, we are wrapping up our unit on Habitats. Students are putting the finishing touches on a project that focused on research of a particular animal, plant and overall understanding of multiple habitats. We look forward to getting into Poetry by the end of this week! Finally, for Social Studies we have been working on the "Past and Present" by taking a look at where we have come from and how far we have advanced as a society. Currently, we are presenting artifacts that represent the student's culture, family traditions etc.</p>

Third	Cuellar	<p>January/February</p> <p>2025 is going WAY TOOOOO FAST! LOL! Our Third Graders had an AMAZING time on their Mission Trails field trip. They learned about the Kumeyaay Native Americans--how they lived, what they ate, and their culture. The third graders even got to grind acorns on the grinding rocks--it was a fabulous experience! In math, the kiddos are working on fractions, and informational/research writing has taken over! We are gulping down information text! We are also focusing on NOT believing everything we read on the Internet (like saving the Pacific Northwest Tree Octopus). We are all looking forward to the Jog-a-thon and are appreciative of everything you do. THANKS!</p>
Fourth	Marquardt	<p>Math: Fractions unit- comparing fractions, identifying equivalent fractions, using strategies such as area model and number line to show great than/less than, and finding common denominators</p> <p>Writing/Social Studies/Reading: Learning about Spanish explorers and identifying main idea/details to use in an informational writing</p> <p>Science: Finishing up our Mystery Science unit on Animal Adaptations</p> <p>Thank you for all the support!</p>
Fifth	Del Pego	<p>First of all thank you for the chapstick, it came in handy during our Santa Ana days.</p> <p>Writing-We are working diligently on finishing up our argument for chocolate milk. Students have decided on whether they are for or against it being served in school.</p> <p>Math-Still working on fractions, one of the biggest units in 5th grade. They have learned to add and subtract and now they are talking multiplication and division as they get ready for the end of module test the last two days in February</p> <p>Science-</p> <p>ELA/Social Studies- Our students have independently researched an explorer and are now working in groups to prepare a Google Slides presentation for their class.</p> <p>Science-We just finished the first half of Life Science unit. We're focusing on what plants need to survive. We also reviewed what the criteria are for something to be considered matter. We learned that plants DON'T need soil to survive and dove into hydroponics.</p>