

**Jerabek Family Faculty Organization Board Meeting Minutes**  
December 12, 2025 | In-Person and Zoom Meeting

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**Present:** T. Ailes, S. Chapman (Virtually), C. Gray, H. Hanks, J. Hayden (Virtually), S. Horton, M. Nuon, L. Smyres, M. Wu, Amy Buntin, Anneliese Keil **Staff:** J. McDade, M. Peace, K. Berger, A. Del Pego, V. Hawk, H. Huss, D. Stutz, A. Romo, M. Basinger.

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 8:03 by C. GRAY A quorum was present. Alma Del Pego motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting. Emily Caballero seconded the motion. All approved.

**1. TEACHER'S REPORT: SEE ATTACHED**

**2. BUDGET REQUEST: CLARISSE GRAY**

- a. Budget Approved at the beginning of the year.
- b. 5 new requests brought forward that will be approved through Google Form after the meeting, which we are able to consider due to the upcoming renovation:
  1. School Branding Poster and Banners (\$5,500): School wide positive behaviors and Koala Way posters/banners around public areas for reminders through Mascot Junction. Possibly on sale for the holidays.
  2. Lighthouse Leaders T-Shirts \$450 + tax (previously approved 2025/2026 budget)
  3. Playful Foundations TK Professional Learning (\$2500): One day learning opportunity to keep up with the latest in the field
  4. Occupational Therapy (\$787): Help with art and skills to develop for her classroom
  5. Sky Dome Request: (\$2300): within budget as of now

**3. SFG: TINA AILES**

- a. Fund-A-Need: Decodable Books & High Interest/Low Readability Books

**4. SQUARE 1 ART: HOLLY HANKS**

- a. Just under \$11,000 in sales, 35% participation- lower than past years
- b. Increased handling fee took us by surprise
- c. \$4,100 will be brought in due to their mistake

**5. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: JONATHAN MCDADE**

- a. Many Glows for all of the great work of our teachers, the new math program, how to support kids with IEPs, and the new adaptive program. Will reach out to parents to see if we want to keep the adaptive program moving forward and how to simplify programs moving forward.
- b. Looking at the funding of education moving forward from a larger perspective. Our general fund is being encroached by specialized programs. IDEA has been

put in jeopardy by the Federal Government by the current status. All bargaining members are asking to be more aware regarding political happenings in terms of how it impacts education.

- c. Budget will be tight. This year the focus is on having teachers in front of children. Priority is staffing, not supplies. McDade will be sending out a parent interest form for priorities. Focused on equity to make sure we have coverage for our needs based on our enrollment.
- d. Returning to School Forms: Will be coming up and is an urgent need to help shape the budget and needs for next year. Needs to be complete by January 15th. Staffing for next year needs to be set by March 15th.
- e. Crossing Guard: Can the FFO fund? Feelers have been put out by Mr. McDade, however our ordinances are different from Poway due to being City versus County. Safety needs to be considered at all levels.
- f. We are on-track for modernization. They were out recently to finalize the structural elements and will hopefully have a bid in April. Most likely have a start around the beginning of the next school year.
- g. Level-Up: Not satisfied regarding the coverage/complaints in the community. Looking at the contract to see if it is just for one year. Seeing if we would have a parent volunteer to navigate afterschool enrichments moving forward.
- h. Primetime: Growing. 270 currently and frozen. 6 teachers will be providing afterschool support after the holiday break for academic support.
- i. Core Program for a Saturday school experience for 4 hours that is run like an exploration camp to also look at recovering attendance.

## **6. ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN: CLARISSE GRAY**

- a. Currently \$55,000 and will keep it open.
- b. Will be re-evaluating the goal based on the other fundraisers happening throughout the year. Discussion continues regarding fundraising and distributing information.

## **7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CLARISSE GRAY**

- a. Koala Heroes:
  - 1. Mana Barari & Sharon Camarillo for the Roots & Journeys, KoalaKind Collective Kick-off Event
  - 2. Katie Cummins & Sharon Camarillo for the AGC \$55K!
  - 3. Tina Ailes & Anneiliese Kiel for the SFG Innovative Planning
- b. "Around the World Holiday Celebrations Food Fair"
  - 1. Jan/Feb 2026
  - 2. Information Booths regarding other FFO events

## **8. OPEN TOPICS**

- a. Class Shirts for Jogathon coming up

- b. Business Sponsorships banner will be going up soon as well
- c. January 9th will be the next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m. by C. GRAY

Respectfully Submitted,

Tine Ailes for Sharon Camarillo  
Secretary

## Grade Level Reports: March 2026

### Jerabek Elementary Family Faculty Organization

Grade Level	Teacher Representative	Report
UTK	Barefield	<p>First, TK would like to give a big shout-out to everyone who helped make JAT possible. Our TK students had an amazing time exploring all of the interactive stations. Thank you for helping create such a fun and engaging experience for our students! Here's a look at what's happening in TK this month:<b>Math</b> Our TK students are doing an incredible job learning how to decompose numbers. They are practicing how two smaller numbers can come together to make a larger number, and they are showing great progress with this important early math skill. <b>Literacy</b> We have started introducing sight words, and our TK students have already learned 8 sight words! They get so excited when they recognize and read words on their own. We are also almost finished with the alphabet, with only four letters left to learn. In addition, we have begun introducing writing, and students are starting to form simple sentences using the sight words they've learned. <b>Science</b> We are wrapping up our unit on Arctic animals and beginning a new unit where we will explore different animals and their life cycles. <b>History / Social Studies</b> In honor of International Women's Day, we will be learning about influential and powerful women in history. We will also learn about the traditions and history of St. Patrick's Day. <b>Something Exciting</b> TK will be hatching chicks again this year! We will receive our eggs at the end of the month, and if all goes well, we are hoping to welcome baby chicks by the end of April. The students always love watching this amazing life cycle happen right in our classroom!</p>
Kindergarten	Berger	<p>Kindergarteners have been learning so many fun things in the month of February. <b>Reading:</b> We have been learning about non-fiction text and finding the main idea. <b>Writing:</b> We are</p>

		<p>learning how to write “How to Books”, phonics we are learning the ck rule, digraphs and blends. Math we just finished Unit 4 Composition and Decomposition and are moving into Unit 5 Part Part Total. Science we are starting our unit Game On! Learning about forces and motion. In health we are learning about healthy foods and taking care of our bodies We enjoyed a field trip to the Birch Aquarium earlier this month. Kinders are thought the jogathon was the best ever!</p>
First	Lew	<p>PHEW! February was so full of excitement with all the holidays, Read Across America, and Jog-a-Thon as the finishing day of fun! Looking ahead to March our First Graders are starting their Research Reports, Place Value with larger numbers, Scratch Jr. and learning about vowel teams and suffix endings.</p> <p>Special events in March: St. Patrick’s Day assembly (thank you FFO), and Spring Break! Yippee!</p>
Second	Romo	<p>Second grade did a wonderful job performing in front of family, friends and the entire school on Tuesday! We held our first annual “Living Museum” event where the students were asked to research a historical figure of their choosing. They spent all of February working hard on the project. Many of the students came dressed up or brought a prop for their presentation. We look forward to hosting again next year!</p> <p>We really enjoyed our time at the Jog-a-thon this year! Students were very happy that they were able to stop at the designated stations if they needed a break.</p> <p>We look forward to our next field trip to the USS Midway! We will head out in two weeks!</p> <p>We are wrapping Math Module #4 over the next week. Students have done well adding/subtracting within 1,000. We look forward to our money and measurement unit next!</p>
Third	Hawk	<p>Third grade had representatives join Jerabek’s 2nd Spelling Bee, and they had a great time! We also had a fantastic time at our Jog-a-thon, and the teachers were very impressed by the parent turnout and the awesome stations and wristbands! We are continuing learning more about music, instruments, and sound through the program “Beat and Groove” sponsored by the San Diego Symphony. We will be attending our field trip to see them play live later this month! For our Benchmark literacy, we have finished our “Making Decisions” unit, focusing on character traits, development, and lessons learned. We are now moving forward into poetry, weather, and non-fiction texts. We will continue learning about weather in STEAM Lab, and within the next Mystery Science unit. For writing, we have finished our</p>

		<p>Informational writing unit through Mystery Writing, where students were focused on writing about step-by-step instructions and how-to manuals using transition words. For mathematics, we have recently finished Module 4 (Multiplication and Division) and we are now on fractions!</p>
Fourth	Huss	<p>This week, Jerabek held its second Spelling Bee, with third, fourth, and fifth grade participants. Micah, Antonella, and Wesley will compete against other top spellers from our district cluster in a few weeks. Congratulations, and good luck! Fourth grade recently wrapped up a social studies unit on explorers, and we are beginning a new unit about the California missions paired with a focus on informational writing. Students are also preparing to teach their classmates how to do something with their "How-To" speeches during Speech Masters this month. Finally, 4th and 5th graders would like to thank Mrs. Yoon for discovering, booking and bringing the science themed assembly, "What's the Matter?" to Jerabek. Students said it was the best assembly they had ever participated in!</p>
Fifth	Del Pego	<p>Can't believe we just ended the 2nd reporting period for grades. Time sure moves fast in 5th grade. In Writing we are finishing up our letters to the Principal regarding chocolate milk. They took a stand and have decided whether to keep or ban it from our school lunches. This letter was part of having an opinion with resources to back up their thoughts and ideas.</p> <p>We just finished Module 4 in math, learning to add/subtract and multiply/divide decimals was not easy but they are up to the challenge. We began this week with geometry and are learning all about quadrilaterals.</p> <p>In Science We are working on ecosystems and understanding the way energy is transferred. Our focus is food webs and food chains. We are also learning about producers, consumers and decomposers.</p> <p>In Literacy and Social Studies-</p>