

Jerabek Family Faculty Organization Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 6, 2026 | In-Person and Zoom Meeting

Present: T. Ailes, A. Buntin, E. Caballero, S. Camarillo, S. Chapman, K. Cummins, D. Dubois, J. Dutson, C. Gray, L. Kaplan-Nieto, T. Nicholl, M. Nuon, J. Sanfelippo (Zoom), L. Smyres, M. Wu
Staff: J. Barefield, K. Berger, V. Hawk, H. Huss, V. Lew, J. McDade (Zoom), M. Peace, A Romo

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 8:02 by C. GRAY A quorum was present. S. CAMARILLO motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting. L. KAPLAN-NIETO seconded the motion. All approved.

1. TEACHER'S REPORT: SEE ATTACHED

- a. J. BASELY provides an update on the upcoming one day strike by San Diego Education Association. There are two upcoming community town halls on Feb. 23 and 24. The district is likely to give teachers what they are asking for so there may not be a strike on Feb. 26th. Stand by for more information.

2. BINGO: CLARISSE GRAY (for KIM NOCELLA)

- a. The event was successful and had a great turnout. Nearly \$15k was raised. About 110 people were in attendance. Any feedback or questions please email bingo@jerabekffo.org

3. JOGATHON: EMILY CABALLERO

- a. Jogathon is on Friday, February 27th. Teachers have been emailed all the information. The structure is similar to last year's but there will be additional elements to make it more engaging for students. Along the route there will be a sparkle spot, splash zone, pool noodle station, power-up stations, and others. Volunteers are requested. This year we will be counting laps this year with tiny bracelets.
- b. Fundraising has been challenging because we have not been able to contact families directly. As of today, 128 students have signed up. Teachers are encouraged to send an email/Dojo message to their families. So far, we've raised more than \$5k. All of the incentives are school-wide. BMX assembly is scheduled for April 20th, the first day of Kindness Week.

4. BIG IDEA PROPOSALS: AMY BUNTIN

- a. **BOOK VENDING MACHINE:** A. Buntin has several quotes for machines. The cost will be about \$5k-\$6k. M. NUON asks about maintenance costs. A. BUNTIN: There shouldn't be a large cost of maintenance. Machines may come with a warranty. T. AILES asks about the potential of the book vending machine being a Fund-A-Need item for Spring Fling. Discussion continues about how the machine will be operationalized, the costs of supplying the books, and how to get feedback from teachers.
- b. **BUDDY FAMILY COMMUNITIES:** K. Cummins shares the idea of linking a current family with a new family to Jerabek to help them feel welcome and help orient them to the school community. Discussion continues about how families can elect to be a buddy family and how we can pair families together based on shared interests and identity characteristics.

5. ART CORPS: LAURA KAPLAN-NIETO

- a. Final Family Art Night is Thursday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m. The sign up will go out on Feb. 25th or 26th.
- b. Art Show will be April 16th and we will be recruiting volunteers. C. GRAY: We are starting to build up the volunteer section of the FFO website so that volunteers can go to there for all sign ups for events.

6. SPRING FLING GALA: TINA AILES

- a. Fund-A-Need: The team would like to make a video for the reading enhancement component. If any teachers would like to be a part of the video please contact the committee: springfling@jerabekffo.org.
- b. Teachers should continue to let the committee know if they would like to attend the gala. 154 tickets have been sold, not including the teachers who will attend. Last year 234 tickets were sold. At this point, we are slated to have about 50 attendees less.
- c. The team is still working on adding additional live and silent auction items. Fundraising is at more than \$28k. 10 tables have been sold.

7. KOALA KIND COLLECTIVE:

- a. Holidays Around the World: Ten holidays and 18 families who have signed up.
- b. Kindness Week is coming up in April. M. Peace is continuing to identify students who will be involved.

8. 5GP: SABRINA CHAPMAN

- a. Glow Party is on March 13th. 56% of fourth and fifth graders have signed up. The committee has been working very hard and is in a good place with planning..
- b. Since the Bunco fundraiser had to be rescheduled, we are cancelling the event and refunding those who've signed up. We will be having a City Fun Center fundraiser event on Tuesday, February 24th from 5 to 7 p.m. The center will be closed to the public. The price is \$40/child, which includes a game card, pizza, popcorn and drink.
- c. 5GP/FFO LINK: J. Sanfelippo shares the history of 5GP being separate from FFO. J. DUTSON and S. CAMARILLO share additional insight on past practices of 5GP finances/budget. General discussion continues about the purpose of FFO. J. McDade: The mission of FFO is to support Jerabek students equitably and recommends amending the bylaws to officially include 5GP under the FFO umbrella. T. AILES makes a motion to amend bylaws to include 5GP under the FFO umbrella. K. CUMMINS seconds. 11/11 voting board members present approve.
- d. E. CABALLERO asks about how this change would be reflected in the general budget. S. CAMARILLO explains that fundraising practices would not change and that the budget would reflect the \$3k promotion funding and expected revenue and expenses raised for the respective school year.
- e. NEXT STEPS: Treasurers will meet. J. DUTSON will connect with Kelly Melancon, for bylaws amendment.

9. RANCH ROUND UP: MOLICA NUON & DEVON DUBOIS

- a. Planning continues for the April 24th event. Current needs are opportunity boxes/raffle, ideas for teacher participation, and additional events that reflect the western theme.

10. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: JONATHAN MCDADE

- a. MODERNIZATION: Plans have been sent to the state, but the phasing is the current issue. Communication has been a challenge since the project manager changed, which has made it difficult to plan. Construction is expected to begin in November of 2026.
- b. AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT: Level Up has not gone as well as anticipated so next year we will likely not use them.

11. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: CLARISSE GRAY

- a. KOALA HEROES: Gratitude and recognition to the Bingo Event crew and the Running Club crew.
- b. We are trying to set up several Restaurant Nights for the last four months of the school year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m. by C. GRAY

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Camarillo
Secretary

Grade Level Reports: February 2026

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Grade Level	Teacher Representative	Report
UTK	Barefield	A look into TK this month... Literacy- We are exploring nursery rhymes and learning how to sequence them. Social Studies- Tk is learning about Washington and Lincoln in honor of presidents day, Lunar new year, and valentines day. Math- We just wrapped up shapes and are getting into decomposing numbers 1-10 and patterns. Science- We are done with our weather unit and are moving on to our animal life cycle unit. Fun- We are so excited for our long awaited on campus critter encounter. We are also hosting our annual TK Valentines VIP brunch and of course Read Across America ☺ .
Kindergarten	Berger	To be added

First	Lew	<p>January/February -</p> <p>Our Koala First Graders have been learning about cvce words, glued sounds and sight words. The holidays left us with integrated studies on New Year's Resolutions, snowmen, snow, winter, Martin Luther King Jr., and groundhogs. The 100th Day of School was celebrated in a variety of ways: counting, PE activities, reading poems with 100 words, sharing a 100-item collection, writing what we would wish for with \$100. The school library kick off of their Reading Program also gave us reason to practice our ever advancing reading skills as we read across the magical dragon world.</p> <p>Our STEAM Lab lessons with Ms. Joelle Chaplin have taught us how to write code, build a lego robot, and watch our robots move, make noise, and show pictures on the iPad.</p> <p>We had our second field trip to the live performance of "Frozen" at the Jr. Theatre in Balboa Park. What a fantastic winter we have had...all while losing teeth and growing ever stronger and smarter.</p> <p>We look forward to learning about the Lunar New Year, Ramadan, and other winter holidays. Our new studies will be on research, reading and writing nonfiction, and learning about animals.</p>
Second	Romo	<p>Second grade is starting a new biography unit! Each student will research a historical figure, write a report and then create a "Living Museum." Students will present their report and dress up (optional) as their figure. We look forward to sharing with the parents and staff/students of Jerabek. In math, we are rolling into our Module 4 add/subtract within 1,000. Students are becoming more comfortable with showing their thought process through a variety of strategies. The goal is to have them ready for the traditional algorithm for addition and subtraction. Shout out to our wonderful second grade student teachers who collaborated to plan our last science unit on plants! Students had a fun time planting their own cherry seeds!</p>
Third	Hawk	<p>Third grade is finishing up learning about the Kumeyaay in conjunction with their field trip to Mission Trails. We have been taking notes on the Kumeyaay's way of life and creating a portfolio project in class, and a hands-on ewaa in the STEAM lab. We are also finishing up our Benchmark unit on technology, learning about the evolution of the lightbulb, telephone, audio player, and camera. After, we will begin our final fiction Benchmark unit on folktales. Ragus's class is creating a technology project on applications in the STEAM lab. For math, we are all in the middle of Module 4, focusing on area & perimeter with a re-introduction to geometry. We are continuing to write informative style texts, working with the curriculum from Mystery Writing and learning about various non-fiction topics and learning to take notes and continue research. Students will complete a final project either on Yosemite National Park's "Firefall" or Bolivia's "Sky Mirror." We are excited to see their results!</p>

Fourth	Huss	4th graders are focused on adding and subtracting fractions; working with mixed numbers is next! Students are sharing their favorite book, author, or series in our third round of Speech Masters. Most classes are wrapping up the Mystery Science unit "Waves of Sound," and are preparing for our Explorers social studies unit. We have started our Opinion Writing unit, have written at least one piece, and are beginning our final piece. Finally, we are looking forward to the "What's the Matter?" assembly in early March- thank you Mrs. Yoon for setting this up for upper grades!
Fifth	Del Pego	To be added