

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

Present: T. Ailes, E. Caballero, S. Camarillo, S. Chapman, K. Cummins (Zoom), D. Dubois, C. Gray, Holly Hanks (Zoom), J. Hayden, S. Horton, L. Kaplan-Nieto, S. Lesberg (Zoom), M. Nuon (Zoom), J. Sanfelippo, K. Shiu, L. Smyres, M. Wu **Staff:** J. Barefield (Zoom), K. Berger, A. Del Pego, V. Hawk, H. Huss, V. Lew, J. McDade, A Romo

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 8:03 a.m. by C. GRAY 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. JOGATHON: JESSICA HAYDEN & EMILY CABALLERO

- a. The event was a success and the spirit stations were a big hit! J. Hayden expresses gratitude to E. Caballero for the student-centered ideas. \$44,217 was raised. There was a challenge this year because chairs could not email parents directly. Last year 729 students signed up and 388 donated. This year, 452 signed up and 360 donated. E. Caballero expresses gratitude for all the adult volunteers and big ideas. Fundraising incentive dates are coming up including: Pajama day, Extra recess with a DJ, Student choice dress-up day, Koala Class Bash, and the big BMX Bike Assembly. Teacher feedback on the Jogathon is being gathered through a survey.

3. SPRING FLING GALA: TINA AILES

- a. We've raised \$33K+ and have sold 190 tickets. An announcement will be made for last call ticket sales this weekend. There will be a flamenco guitarist during the cocktail hour in the outdoor garden. The silent auction is opening on March 7th.

4. ART CORPS: LAURA KAPLAN-NIETO

- a. FAMILY ART NIGHT: The third and final Family Art Night was last night and it was well attended. We will likely stick with three per year moving forward.
- b. ART SHOW will be Thursday, April 16th, the same night as Open House. A Sign Up Genius will be sent this week to help set up. Volunteers will attend a matting workshop. Gratitude is expressed to administration for allowing early set up on Sunday, April 12th.

5. KINDNESS WEEK: CLARISSE GRAY for CHRISTINE CHAU

- a. Kindness Week is the week of April 20th. There will be a different theme per day: Mismatched Monday, Kindness Counts, Earth Day, Be Yourself Name Tag Day, Ranch Round Up. Plans are still underway.

6. RANCH ROUND UP: MOLICA NUON

- a. Banners are up around campus advertising the event. There will be a huge push for volunteers. We need someone to shadow the Musical Cakes event because Carlie McVay is promoting out of Jerabek. Other needs include opportunity boxes and a donation of treasures/prizes.

- b. V. Lew asks for clarification regarding teacher dates. M. Nuon explains that two students will be chosen from each class and they will bring a friend (four students per teacher), with the goal to be more inclusive. Concern is expressed from teachers regarding the number of students involved and how that will impact the intimacy and types of activities during the date. E. Caballero suggests limiting winners to two and not allowing them to bring a friend (two students per teacher). The date for teacher dates will be Thursday, April 30th after school on campus.

7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: JONATHAN MCDADE

- a. MODERNIZATION: We are scheduled to modernize the full site beginning next year. TK, K and 1st grade will be moved to the west side of campus where three new facilities will be built, including a playground that is sectioned off from the rest of campus. 3rd, 4th and 5th grade will move to the east side of campus. Space continues to be a challenge as we navigate the transition. By Spring Break 2027, some of the 3rd grade, 4th and 5th bungalows will be moved. The SAY program will not be on Jerabek campus next year due to space limitations. Construction of new buildings is expected in June 2028. Full modernization will be complete in 2030. S. Camarillo: Will there be another parent/community meeting to discuss the plans? J. McDade: Yes, we are working on scheduling that; it has been difficult because we have a new project manager.
- b. OTHER NEWS: The district is moving fully to Powerschool Parent Portal for all forms.

8. 5GP: SABRINA CHAPMAN, JESSICA SANFELIPPO, SHARON CAMARILLO

- a. GLOW PARTY is a week from today. More than 86% of 4th and 5th grade students have RSVP'd. T-Shirts will be individually distributed (labeled and sized) for students. We have a new plan for the event dismissal process: students will be given wrist bands by their last names, with four separate groups. J. Sanfelippo asks about the dismissal requirement for students to be released to parents/guardians. J. McDade: It's a liability issue for an after school event without parent/guardians present.
- b. CITY FUN CENTER EVENT: \$1,600 was raised for the school and the event was a huge success.
- c. LUCKY GRAMS: The sheet went home last week. We will need volunteers to help assemble.
- d. AQUATICS EVENT: Tuesday, May 26th. J. McDade: If any parent volunteers are nurses or other medical professionals , we encourage them to volunteer.
- e. PROMOTION: The team needs to get a permit because the stage is set up the evening prior on a joint-use field.

9. ROOM COORDINATORS: KENDRA SHIU

- a. Please send information by end of day Monday and end of day Thursday, so that we can send to room coordinators Tuesdays and Fridays.

10. BOOK VENDING MACHINE: CLARISSE GRAY for A. Buntin

- a. Research continues regarding products. Questions continue regarding how the machine will be operationalized and if there might be a better, more efficient strategy to promote literacy on campus.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CLARISSE GRAY

- a. BIG IDEAS: Katie Cummins shares an update on Koala Connections, a way for having tenured families on campus to be mentor families for new families. Katie Cummins will set up a table at RRU to gauge interests and is in the process of developing a survey to gather feedback. Questions remain regarding how to communicate the new program to families. Suggestions include sharing it on the "Survival Guide" handout or including it in the teachers' welcome emails.
- b. AGC Donor Dinner was last night with 14 attendees.
- c. FFO ROLES: We still need several roles to be filled including President-Elect, Spirit Wear, and AGC, and 5GP. E. Caballero presents the idea of combining AGC with Jogathon at the start of the year. T. Ailes suggests Jogathon being a kickoff event for AGC. Discussion continues about strategies and challenges to improve fundraising.
- d. YEARBOOK: MC Santos requests more award photos. Sales are down compared to last year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m. by C. GRAY

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Camarillo
Secretary

Grade Level Reports: March 2026

Jerabek Elementary Family Faculty Organization

Grade Level	Teacher Representative	Report
UTK	Barefield	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: Math 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. Literacy 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. Science We are wrapping up our unit on

		Arctic animals and beginning a new unit where we will explore different animals and their life cycles. History / Social Studies 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. Something Exciting 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!
Kindergarten	Berger	Kindergarteners have been learning so many fun things in the month of February. Reading: We have been learning about non-fiction text and finding the main idea. Writing: We are 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 thought the jogathon was the best ever!
First	Lew	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. Special events in March: St. Patrick's Day assembly (thank you FFO), and Spring Break! Yippee!
Second	Romo	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! 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. We look forward to our next field trip to the USS Midway! We will head out in two weeks! 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!

Third	Hawk	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 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!
Fourth	Huss	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!
Fifth	Del Pego	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. 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. 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. We just finished our study of European exploration and are about to start our unit on English colonies in the New World In Literacy and Social Studies-
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