

Fort Zeller Elementary PTO
January Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

Attendance: Jodi Houck, Scott Paradise, Jodi Horst, Kelly Mohn, Erin Horning, Ashley Weiler, Suzanne Lucky & Beth Kane (teacher reps), Ashley Anspach, Bethany Snyder, Amora Cook, Sarah Derr, Kelly Newswanger, and Kristen Martin.

Meeting called to order by Kristen Martin at 6:31 p.m.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. Houck

- Operation Warm-a-Child-- thank you to all the families who donated hats, gloves, coats, scarves. Items were delivered to the Lebanon Rescue Mission/Goodwill on 1/6/23.
- Raider Readers 1/5/23-Focus on fine motor skills
- Rising Raiders Workshop 1/10/23
- Linkit! Assessments and Acadience Testing 1/5/23-1/13/23
- No School on 1/16/23 – MLK Day
- No School on 1/23/23 – Teacher Inservice Day
- Invitations for February conferences will be sent on 1/27/23-only for students that teachers need to see/connect with parents
- PBIS Report:
- **Bee Cards!**
 - Total: 2,230
 - December: 530
 - November: 500
- **Think Sheets**
 - Kindergarten: 0
 - First: 4
 - Second: 3
- **Character Trait: Tolerance**
 - R.E.A.C.H. Lessons:
 - K: A Little Spot of Anxiety
 - 1: A Little Spot of Worry
 - 2: Finding Your Spot in the World: A Story About Diversity

TITLE 1 REPORT: Mrs. Houck

- Mid-year benchmark assessments are being completed.
- Raiders Read was held on January 5th. The HS students read the story Madani's Best Game, which addressed tolerance (January's character trait) and compassion. For the follow-up activity, the students drew and/or wrote about their favorite part.
- Seeking parent feedback for K-5 Title 1 Family Night- Wednesday, May 17th- As of right now, parents will be listening to a presentation from IU13 literacy consultant Terri Lewis. The presentation will focus on the importance of summer reading and providing resources for parents. The Richland and Myerstown

librarians will be present to discuss their summer reading program. The bookmobile will be on-site for families to explore.suggestion of finding out whether dinner would be offered.

TEACHER'S REPORT:

- Thank you for the Christmas books and our allocated budget to purchase fun items for our classrooms.
- Lake Tobias-\$17 per person, PTO paid \$12, parents \$5. Jodi offered to reserve the rest of her budget to the field trip fund if needed to prevent parents to pay for the field trip.
- Sarah will check the budget and report back to Mrs. Kane prior to sending something out to families.
- Teacher Reimbursement forms due by February 28th.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kelly Newswanger

- Motion for Adoption of the December Meeting Minutes: Kristen Martin
- Second: Amora Cook

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sarah Derr

- Motion for adoption of the December Treasurer's report: Kelly Mohn
- Second: Kristen Martin

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Assemblies: Committee Chair, Jodi Horst

- Mission Mindset scheduled using the Pay-It-Forward Fund, Friday, February 17th. 2-2:45 p.m.
- NED-never give up, encourage others, and do your best-a PBIS focused assembly
- Yo-yo performance while also reviewing some social-emotional skills
- 200 free lessons on a website that the counselor may utilize during the school year.
- Check with Intermediate school to see if they want to be a part of it.
- Grant access to the teachers with all of the resources, promote the show, and purchase the yo-yos.
- Print a parent letter and hand out a URL link to purchase the yo-yos. Yo-yos have a variety of cost options for the different yo-yos students can purchase.
- We will offer the AM kindergarten students to bring them in the afternoon to watch the show.
- Middlecreek Assembly in March. How much will we donate to this program? Possibly figure out the cost of the field trip first, before making a decision.
- Mobile Ag Lab is coming April 4th and 5th. 45-50 minute time slots for students to visit. Jodi will ask the teachers their preference for the lesson.

Book Fair: Committee Chair, Amora Cook

- Date: Friday, March 24 set up Preview: Monday, March 27 buying day: March 28th

Rewards Programs: Committee Chair, *Unfilled*

- **Box Tops** - total \$79.60, check recently received \$66.60
- **Amazon Smile** - Kristen will check on how much we have raised.
- **Smile.amazon.com**-use it for all of your shopping needs! (holiday season is upon us)
- **Coca Cola Gives:** \$38.05

Fundraising: Committee Chair, Kristen Martin

- Spirit Wear Update-\$185
- Dutchway Sub Sale- February- order forms will go home January 31st and due back February 15th. \$5 a ticket, profit is \$2 a ticket. Tickets are good for a variety of pre-made subs offered at the Myerstown and Schaefferstown locations.
- Art to Remember- coming up in April to serve as a great Mother's Day/Father's Day gift- All ordering will be done online.
- Pretzel/Ice Cream punch cards coming in the Spring.

Race for Education: Co-Chairs, Amy Shade & Kelly Newswanger

- No updates

Hospitality: Tri-Chairs, Danielle Gingrich, Erin Horning, & Ashley Anspach

- Hospitality set up a pretzel themed holiday treat to keep spirits bright and steer staff away from the KNOTTY list.
- Starting planning for a Valentine's special treat.

Gingerbread Shop: Committee Chair, Allison Ebersole

- No updates

Memory Book: Committee Chair, Kelly Mohn

- Cover contest due Monday, January 9th-provided families a window to still allow students to enter their cover design.
- Post the cover designs on a bulletin board and tally mark the post-it with your vote.
- Send the classroom pictures to Lifetouch dropbox
- Kelly will email Mrs. Houck the QR code where teachers can add pictures to the site.

Fun in the Sun: Co-Chairs, Erin Horning & Amora Cook

- Possible dates: Mrs. Houck will check with teachers about a possible date.
- Inflatables, italian ice station, yard games/chalk station
 - 20 minute stations, 3 classes outside at a time.

- Suggestion: Perhaps have the Richland Library visit again while the students are eating their shaved ice.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Roller Skating Party- Saturday, January 28th 9-12 p.m. PTO will cover the cost of renting the rink, but there will be a \$3 rental for skates. The concession stand will be open to purchase refreshments.
- Spring Book Fair- March 27-31st- Possibly coordinate with another school-wide event for a successful outcome.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ideas about Title 1 Family Night-see above
- Fun in the Sun ideas-see above
- Need volunteers for upcoming Picture Day- a sign-up genius will be sent by Kristen
- Donation amount to Middlecreek??? (decide at February meeting)

*****NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 - 6:30PM**

Kristen adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m. (a new record!!!)