

Fort Zeller Elementary PTO
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 @ 6:30PM

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Lin

- **Family Literacy Night:** Last Thursday, the elementary schools hosted the Family Literacy Night. Thank you to teachers and staff from Fort Zeller, Jackson, and the Intermediate School who came out and assisted in making the evening an enjoyable and meaningful celebration of reading at the middle school (thank you to Mr. Deane and Ms. Lutz for their willingness to host the event). We had about 219 people attend the event last week, but we were prepared to host up to 400. That meant that we needed A LOT of help setting up. Special shout out to Michelle Longenecker and Sara Faust, as well as the reading teams at Jackson and Intermediate school for spearheading this project. Also, I want to give a special recognition to Tyler Gruber from the Maintenance Department for really going above and beyond with his assistance with the set up, as well as Kim Wilson and Lucy Hollinger from the food services department for prepping all the food. ELCO softball players were also on hand to help out! We were also glad to have K-Pets, Myerstown and Richland Community Library, the "Wild About Books" Mobile, and a slew of other activities for the children (including a bumper car activity, various make and takes, and three story walks). Finally our keynote guests were nationally acclaimed children's book author Jonathan Stutzman and illustrator Heather Fox. Jonathan and Heather spoke about their journey towards becoming a children's book duo, which included an animated read aloud by Mr. Stutzman of one of their books and a drawing demo by Ms. Fox. We had a great time! And based on feedback from families, it appears that they did as well!
- **Mobile Ag Lab:** Thank you to our amazing PTO for supporting the annual visit of the Mobile Ag Lab. This year, we were happy to be back in the trailer. No surprise, it was a hit with our students and staff! This coincided with visits from ELCO's FFA students the week before as they promoted Ag Literacy Week. Many students were able to make connections between their presentation and key elements in the Ag Lab lessons (e.g. soy bean). Special shout out to our parents who came out and volunteered as assistants in the trailer!
- **Successful Review of PBIS Tier 1 Fidelity:** This annual review, based on school safety surveys of staff and a walk-through, was conducted by representatives of PAPBS, which oversees the PBIS model in all schools in Pennsylvania. This review reaffirmed that we continue to maintain fidelity to the Tier 1 schoolwide model of positive behavioral supports as well as the structures in place to build a Tier 2 framework. As always, there were places for growth, which we plan to discuss and tackle, but overall, we continue to be pleased with the direction of our school culture in reference to positive supports.

TITLE 1 REPORT: Mr. Lin

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TEACHER'S REPORT:

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SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kelly Newswanger

- Motion for Adoption of the April Meeting Minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sara Derr

- Motion for adoption of the April Treasurer's Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS: * *indicates those committee chairs interested in their position next year.*

Assemblies: Committee Chair, Jodi Horst*

- Ag Lab again next year?
- Holly Serio Musical Program - Cost \$300 (Date still to be determined: Fall 2022?)

Book Fair: Committee Chair,, Amora Cook*

- Alternate Location: We have to pick an alternate location in the school for the book fair and let Scholastic know ASAP. Stages are no longer allowed as locations for book fairs due to liability concerns about the book cases potentially falling over.
- If we choose not to pick an alternate location, all books for the fair will be shipped in boxes instead of bookcases. We will have to provide enough tables to set up and display all the books from the boxes. Scholastic does not prefer this type of fair, but they will do it if there is no other possible location, besides the stage, to hold the book fair.

Rewards Programs: Committee Chair, *unfilled*

- Amazon Smile: \$
- Coca Cola Give:

Fundraising: Committee Chair, Kristen Martin*

- Review Reading Phillies Tickets
- Dutchway Punch Cards for soft pretzels and ice cream.
 - Order forms due: Thursday, May 12th
 - Send punch cards home with students: Monday, May 23

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

- Teachers mentioned the shirts could possibly be a different color than Jackson for next year's shirt selection.

Hospitality: Co-Chairs, Kara Shanaman & Danielle Gingrich*

- We had an outstanding parent response for the food donations for teacher appreciation week! We hope the staff felt appreciated, especially on Thursday when the teachers received the student responses to the Cinco things handout on cinco de Mayo.
- Going forward, we would like to budget more money for this week so we don't have to rely on the parents so heavily for three days of signups.
- Any teachers have an idea how we could surprise the teachers next time with the student response handout?

Gingerbread Shop: Committee Chair, Allison Ebersole

- No updates

Memory Book: Committee Chair, Abby Entrekin

- We have extra yearbooks from this year.

FUN in the SUN: Co-Chairs, Erin Horning & Amora Cook

- Coming this Friday, we still need volunteers!

OLD BUSINESS:

- Side-kicks for next year to learn the position?
- 2nd grade send off/gift

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fort Zeller Scholarship winners:
 - Madelynn Strickler - Female College
 - Cole Thomas - Male Trade School
 - Rheece Shuey - Male College
- Also, if we have any one from the PTO that could attend the awards ceremony on 5/25.

*****NEXT MEETING: TENTATIVE DATE: Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 - 6:30PM**