

Fort Zeller Elementary School PTO
April Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 10, 2024 @ 6:30PM

Attendance: Kristen Martin, Ashley Derolf, Ashley Weiler, Ashley Ansphach, Trisha Rabold, Bethany Snyder, Jodi Houck, Lauren Panza, Suzanne Lucky, and Beth Kane.

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm by Kristen Martin.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Houck

- Thank you for another year of the Mobile Ag. Lab and for the Forgotten Friends Assemblies. Our students loved them both!
- Helping Hearts (1,478 food donations for the Lebanon County and ELCO Food Banks – Glow Bowling)
- Kindergarten Zoo America
- Raider Readers – April 11.
- Family Groups – April 12 @ 2:00
- Battle of the Books – April 12 @ 2:45
- Rising Raiders – Incoming Kindergarteners – April 17 @ 5:00 pm
- SPARC – Round 2 Science Program and Research Coach-free program-nervous system during round one. Second round will be with microscopes.
- PBIS Assembly – April 26 @ 10:00
- EOY Assessments – Linkit! 4/29-5/17 (Language Arts/Math), Acadience 5/14-5/15, Spring Math 5/20-5/23
- ADDED – Barn Hill Preserve Assembly – Wednesday, May 1 (free assembly, permission slips being sent home next Friday)
- PBIS Report:
 - **Bee Cards!**
 - Total: 4,167 (About 600 more than last year at this time)
 - February: 637
 - **Think Sheets**
 - Kindergarten: 2
 - First: 11
 - Second: 9
 - **Character Trait: Cooperation**
 - R.E.A.C.H. Lessons:
 - K: A Little Spot of Happiness
 - 1: Careers
 - 2: Careers

Title 1 Report: Mrs. Houck

March Reading Challenge:

- We had 106 students complete the reading challenge. Each student received a fun Dr. Seuss pencil and magnetic bookmark. Also, their names will be entered into a drawing to possibly win one of the Zachariah OHora's books that were read for Battle of the Books.
- The class who read the most will receive an ice cream party. Shhhhhh, don't tell the students, but Miss Crandall and Mrs. Zurick's PM class read the most.

Battle of the Books:

- Friday, April 12th we will have an assembly revealing the book that won the Battle of the Books. We have a surprise reader coming to reveal the book to the students and read aloud the book. Shhhhhh, don't tell the kids, but Niblet & Ralph won!

Family Poetry Scavenger Hunt:

- Posters are hanging in the businesses. 12 businesses agreed to participate in the challenge.
- Students should have brought home the flyer for the challenge.
- If students get one or more signature/stamp, they will get to choose a poetry book.
- If students complete the full challenge, they will get to choose a \$10 gift card to Smith Candies, or Sugar Shaker.
- The challenge ends April 30th

Family Literacy Night:

- Flyers for this event went home with every student.
- May 8th
- Planetarium, therapy dogs
- RSVP by Friday, April 29th. There is a QR code and a link on the flyer.

Bookmobile:

- Flyer for the apparel fundraiser went home with every student.

* The store ends May 3rd and apparel should arrive towards the end of May, or early June. *

Teacher's Report:

- Thank you for all you do for everyone and appreciate everything we do for them.

Secretary's Report: Ashley Derolf

- Motion for adoption of the March meeting minutes.
 - 1st: Kristen Martin
 - 2nd: Ashley Anspach

Treasurer's Report: Sara Derr

- Motion for adoption of the March treasurer's report.
- "Teachers gifts" changed to hospitality.
- Underbudget or profited.
 - 1st: Ashley Derolf
 - 2nd: Kristen Martin

Committee Reports:

Assemblies: Committee Chair, Trisha Rabold

- Ag Lab and Forgotten Friends went very well and great timing around the holidays.
 - Ag Lab in 2025: April 2nd, 3rd, and 4th -confirmed booking
 - Approved for scholarship but does not have cost.
 - Required to pay for one diesel tank- \$22.00.
 - Still need to pay second half of Ag Lab- waiting on final invoice.

Book Fair: Committee Chair, *Unfilled (Amora Cook)*

- Spring Book Fair
 - Total Sales - \$5,399.38
 - This total excludes the sales tax and Scholastic Dollars that were redeemed.
 - Scholastic Dollars Redeemed - \$266.59
 - These were used to ensure that every student was able to get a book.
 - Scholastic Dollars Earned from the spring fair - \$2,699.69.
 - Scholastic News paid for by scholastic dollars.
 - 10% Multiple Fairs Scholastic Dollars Bonus - \$539.94
 - Current Scholastic Dollars Balance - \$6,797.97

Rewards Program: Committee Chair, *Unfilled*

- Box Tops Rewards: \$9

Fundraising: Committee Chair, Kristen Martin

- Snow day was super fun! We were able to have it outside and the kids and teachers had a blast. It was nice to provide an experience for the students as a reward vs. just stuff.
- Punch Cards
 - Order forms are going to go home 5/3
 - Due back - 5/15
 - Punch Cards go home with students - 5/31
 - Punch cards are \$10 and have 4 punches.

Race for Education: Tri-Chairs, Bethany Snyder, Amanda Bashore, Kelly Ulrich

- Fort Zeller and Jackson PTO members are finalizing the new business sponsorship letter to be mailed/hand delivered over the summer months.
- 99 Pledges for donations
- Amounts for sponsorship and perks for donations were changed.
- Race for Education dates: October 11th (rain date of October 18th).
- The committee will meet in early summer to plan more.
- Invite businesses.

Hospitality: Tri-Chairs, Erin Horning, *Unfilled*, and *Unfilled*

- Review the tentative schedule for Teacher Appreciation Week.
 - Gratitude filled Friday (send papers home Friday before- Primary teacher/secondary teacher)
 - Breakfast
 - Lunch
 - District treat
 - Gifts
- Volunteers for the two days, we need to set up /take down that would be great.
- Bonus day “popcorn bar”
 - Preference for dates: TBD

Gingerbread Shop: Committee Chair, Ashley Weiler

- No agenda items this month.

Memory Book: Committee Co-Chairs, Kelly Mohn & Lindsey Moyer

- Spring photos for missing (fall portrait) students were provided by Lifetouch if they were available. The rest were taken this week.
- Seeing if we can have about another week to submit the final edits and maybe we can include some kindergarten field trip photos that way.
- We sold 120 yearbooks so far. Price breaks are every 25 yearbooks. I’m working with Kristen to see how many extra we will order. We will at least order enough to get to 126, which is the next price break.
- 10 extra

Fun in the Sun: Co-Chairs, Erin Horning & *Unfilled*

- We are ready!

Old Business:

- 2nd grade gifts?
 - Poster?
- Volunteers-Kindergarten orientation 3/12

New Business:

- Would anyone be available to take pics of 2nd grade classes for poster? Ideas? Or should we try to get one on Fun in the Sun Day?
 - Bring kids out a few minutes early for picture
 - Bring Autistic Support class for pictures

- Next meeting, our last meeting of the year is voting for the Treasurer and Vice President positions.
- Various committee positions will be available this coming fall, we are currently advertising these openings.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM