

Fort Zeller Elementary PTO
February Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 7, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

Attendance: Kristin Martin, Ashley Anspach, Kelly Ulrich, Pastor Scott Paradise, Erin Horning, Ashley Weiler, Kelly Mohn, Ashley Derolf, Kolovani (teacher rep), Stuart (teacher rep), Yocum (teacher rep), Jodi Houck

Meeting commenced at 6:30pm by Kristin Martin

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. Houck

- Winter Benchmark Testing – Completed Acadience and Linkit! Held data meetings adjust groupings.
- Spring Math Winter Screener – February 5-9
- World Read Aloud Day – Feb. 7
 - Reader raiders from high school
- February Conferences on Feb. 15 (Early Dismissal) – Invitation only
- No School on Feb. 16-19 (Act 80 Day & President's Day)
- Math/STEM Night – Feb. 27 - 5:00-6:30 pm
 - Sent home in S'more- families must sign up.
 - Will have food for the families.
- FID- packets sent home with 4 days' worth of activities- do not need to do unless a day is called.
 - Link that you need to click before 12pm on that day.
 - Complete that packet (labeled day 1-4)
 - Should be a review.
 - Need to sign kids in by that link.
- Board approved full time kindergarten.
- **PBIS Report:**
 - **Bee Cards!**
 - Total: 3,495
 - January: 681- more than last year
 - **Think Sheets – 10 Total** (1/K, First/3, Second/6)
 - Tier 2 program here for students needing additional support.
 - **Character Trait: Courage**
 - R.E.A.C.H. Lessons:
 - K: A Little Spot of Sadness
 - Meeting our new little spot and discussing sadness, what makes us feel sad, and that it's ok to feel sad. Coping skills for shrinking our sadness spot.
 - 1: Empathy
 - Talking about what empathy is and how we can show empathy to others.
 - 2: Smart Futures

- Starting Smart Futures, our new online Career platform, to explore and learn more about careers. Students will use their iPads for Smart Futures lessons.

Title I Report: Mrs. Houck

- Wednesday, February 7th is World Read Aloud Day, and we have a few fun events to celebrate this very important day.
- We will be holding our monthly Raiders Read event. Students will listen to a story be read aloud by one of our friends from the high school and then make reading crowns with the big kids.
- Finally, thanks to Mrs. Davis, we will have a school-wide “Zoom” read aloud with children’s author and illustrator Anna Raff. Some of Anna’s stories include the following: *The Day the Universe Exploded in My Head*, *You Make Me Sneeze*, *You Are Not a Cat*, *The Ups and Downs of Gravity* and many more! Anna will be reading aloud her newest story, which will be released mid-February, *You Make Me Sneeze*. She will also be answering questions from our students. Finally, Anna will be visiting us in May and present at our annual elementary Family Literacy Night. If you would like to learn more about Anna, check-out her website, <http://www.annaraff.com/illustration>.

TEACHER’S REPORT:

- Machine that pre-cuts
- Pumpkin- not available
- Cutting pads \$13.99 per pair, two pairs for \$28
- Mrs. Houk to handle this

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Ashley Derolf

- Motion for Adoption of the January Meeting Minutes
 - 1st - Kelly Mohn
 - 2nd -Sara Derr

TREASURER’S REPORT: Sara Derr

- Motion for adoption of the January Treasurer’s report
- Missing around 13 teacher reimbursement- due by February 28th
- Skating party was only \$225, price for rentals will go up to \$5 instead of \$3, 132 skaters this year (down from 200 last year).
 - 1st- Ashley Anspach
 - 2nd- Ashley Derolf

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Assemblies: Committee Chair, Trisha Rabold

- Mobile Ag- March 25,26,27th
 - All programs and schedule made- already sent over
- Forgotten Friends- April TBD, Decide on times/prices
 - April 5th tentatively

- Price is \$700 for 2 or \$500 for 1 show (if within 2 hours, goes up to \$700, anything more than that is \$1000)
- 1030-1130p then 1-2p
- If we are over, Mrs. Houk will cover the difference.
- Will need to be in the gym, or change the date

Book Fair: Committee Chair, Amora Cook

- Student Preview Day - Monday, March 25th
- Student Buying Day - Tuesday, March 26th

Rewards Programs: Committee Chair, *Unfilled*

- Box Tops: \$16.50
- Please scan your receipts!

Fundraising: Committee Chair, Kristen Martin

- Review coin wars
 - Kindergarten is in the lead.
 - Hoping to collect twice per week.
 - Counting once per week
- Should we do sub sale end of March at Dutchway? Or look at R&K subs - beginning of April? Thoughts? I haven't reached out to Dutchway yet to see updated costs, etc
 - Will likely forego the sub in April and do the punch cards in May.
- Punch cards - should I reach out to see if Dutchway would be interested again- same timeline end of school year to be good for June July August

Race for Education: Tri-Chairs, Bethany Snyder, *Unfilled, Unfilled*

- The committee is currently looking for one or more members to work with Bethany for the 2024 Race for Education.
- Planning typically begins over the summer break and Fall.
- Meet with Jackson at end of the year.

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

- Cookie Buffet sign-up has gone out. Spaces are being filled up.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10
 - I will need some volunteers to help with set up during the week. Will keep everyone updated.
 - April meeting will introduce the theme / what we are doing each day.

Gingerbread Shop: Committee Chair, Ashley Weiler

- No items to add at this time.

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

- We have a cover winner, and I will be submitting that to Lifetouch in time to meet our first deadline.
- The pages are due April 8. I can come to school to photograph new students the last week of March.
- The cutoff for a new student to appear in the yearbook will probably be around March 27.
- We have 77 orders already, contracted for 176, sold 131 last year. I will be working on making sure more sales flyers go out.
- Give teachers left-over year books to show the kindergarten classes.
- Deadline to order: beginning of April- will be sent out in a reminder.
- 2/23 yearbook cover will be announced.

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

- Richland Library will be attending.
- Two bounce houses and obstacle course are booked for May 10 and 30th (rain date).
- We will need volunteers for that event.
- Very little price variation
- Ice Shack was contacted but waiting until they're back in

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Review open committees/positions / creating flyer for kindergarten registration and to send home with K and 1st grade students - start advertising on fb and weekly emails end of March.
 - Committees listed, who we are, what the committees are about and inviting them to the last few meetings.
- Kindergarten orientation is March 12th.
- Discuss getting Head Start involved in school wide activities.
 - Head start is not involved with other activities.
 - They are welcome.
 - Head Start schedule is a little different.
 - Cannot be involved in anything that requires financial involvement.
 - Invite to fun in the sun

NEXT MEETING: March 6, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm