

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

Attendance: Ashley Anspach, Kristen Martin, Sarah Derr, Jodi Houck(principal), Ashley Weiler, Trisha Rabold, Erin Horning, Frederick (teacher rep), Ober (teacher rep), and Pastor Scott Paradise

Meeting commenced at 6:30pm by Kristen Martin.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. Houck

- I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and break!
- Operation Warm-a-Child – thank you to all the families who donated hats, gloves, coats, scarves. Items will be delivered to the Lebanon Rescue Mission.
- Raider Readers 1/12/24
 - Highschool readers are going to be reading Humpty Dumpty.
- Linkit! Assessments and Acadience Testing 1/2/24-1/19/24.
- No School on 1/15/24 – MLK Day
- No School on 1/22/24 – Teacher Inservice Day
- Invitations for February conferences will be sent on 1/19/24.
 - This event is invitation only and not for everyone
- **PBIS Report:**
 - Bee Cards!
 - Total: 2,270
 - December: 544
 - Think Sheets – 5 Total
 - Character Trait: Courage
 - R.E.A.C.H. Lessons:
 - K: A Little Spot of Anxiety – what anxiety means, other feelings under the emotion umbrella of anxiety (fear, nervousness, worry), how to keep our anxiety spot small.
 - 1: Growth Mindset/Power of YET – understanding that just because we can't do something right now, doesn't mean we won't be able to later.
 - 2: Diversity – exploring things that make us unique and understanding that our differences are what make us interesting.

TITLE 1 REPORT: Mrs. Houck

- We are in the midst of completing mid-year benchmark assessments. Data meetings are at the end of January. We are excited to see the progress!
- Raiders Read is this coming Friday (1/12). Our friends from the HS will be reading the story After The Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again. It is written by Dan Santat and it's a beautiful story. It is all about how Humpty Dumpty showed courage and overcame his fear of heights by climbing up the wall again.
- We are in the process of planning special literacy events, such as World Read Aloud Day (February 7th), Read Across America (beginning of March), Battle of

the Books (March), National Poetry Month (April), and Family Literacy Night (mid-May). More details to come!

TEACHER'S REPORT:

- Thank you for the Gingerbread Shop, everyone had a great time.
- Kindergarten's field trip to Zoo America went up another \$4 this year for group admissions and show.
 - About 90 students plus adults and parents
 - One free pass per every 10
 - Planned for April, 9, 2024 with the next day being a late start and they will be the only group at the zoo that day as of right now.
- Second grade to Lake Tobias
 - \$16 per person
 - Chaperones will pay for themselves
 - 90 students and 5 teachers
 - Jackson is not going
- After discussion with Treasurer (Sara Derr) and committee, field trips are approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Ashley Derolf

- Motion for Adoption of the December Meeting Minutes
 - 1st: Ashley Anspach
 - 2nd: Sara Derr

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sara Derr

- Motion for adoption of the December Treasurer's report
 - 1st: Ashley Derolf
 - 2nd: Ashley Weiler

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Assemblies: Committee Chair, Trisha Rabold

- Mobile Ag Lab Update
 - Scheduled for March 25, 26, and 27th
 - Lori has the schedule
- Decide on other Assemblies and usage of remaining \$650
 - Possible boat/game commission or Forgotten Friends

Book Fair: Committee Chair, Amora Cook

- Spring book fair dates:
 - Monday March 25th - student preview day
 - Tuesday March 26th - student buying day

Rewards Programs: Committee Chair, *Unfilled*

- BoxTops - December 2023 - \$13.30
 - Total of \$100 for the quarter
 - Reminder to scan your receipts!

Fundraising: Committee Chair, Kristen Martin

- Coin Wars -
 - Starting Monday, February 5
 - Which Snowman will grow the fastest?
 - Coins will be counted weekly and announced the following Monday
 - Coin wars ends on Friday, March 1
 - Winner announced on Monday, March 4
 - Winning grade level will win a “Snow Day” in school - 30-45 time slot with snow related activities. Pin the nose on the snow man, snowman bowling, bean bag toss, take and make craft - items to be purchased. We will need volunteers for this day. Times, etc. will be announced when we know what grade level is winning.
- Does anyone have any large chip containers, etc? That we can paint to collect coins? We would need 6 of the same. Looking for something bigger than we have used in the past.

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

- 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.

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

- We will be providing a small gift for National School Counseling Week which runs from February 5-9th.
 - Danielle already has something somewhat put together so I will deliver Tuesday (estimated this may change).
 - We will be looking for any volunteers to assist on the committee.

Gingerbread Shop: Committee Chair, Ashley Weiler

- 16 classes shopped
- Approx. 2,000 items were purchased by students/staff
- 30 Hardship students shopped- \$153.50
- \$111 in monetary donations
- \$42.50 PTO went towards Hardship

Thank you so much to all our volunteers and donors!

Thank you to Mrs. Newswanger and Mrs. Houck for all your help!

Sent Thank You Notes with pics.

Mrs. Thorley's class? - Still working on what we want to do for treats and how many we will need.

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

- Yearbook designs were due this week. I'll collect them from the office and hang them up for voting next week. We will announce the winner sometime after that and have reminders to send home about ordering too.
 - Currently working on the layout
 - The deadline to purchase has not passed!

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

- We need to start to discuss dates in late April / May.
- Also, Amora will be moving on next year so if anyone would like to jump on as a co-chair. They can assist this year so they are ready for next school year

OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Reminder for the roller skating party on 2/3/2024
 - Will need to pay for rentals
- Agreed to donate the leftover books from the Christmas books.

***Next meeting:** February 7, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm