

Fort Zeller Elementary PTO
November Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

Attendance: Ashley Anspach, Kristen Martin, Sarah Derr, Jodi Houck(principal), Bethany Snyder, Ashley Weiler, Kelly Ulrich, Amora Cook,Danielle Gingrich,, Lindsey Moyer, Ashley Derolf, Amanda Bashore, Katie Jackson (teacher rep), Jan Ogurcak (teacher rep), and Pastor Scott Paradise

Meeting commenced at 6:30pm by Kristen Martin.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Houck

- First Energy Assembly – 10/19
 - Discussed conservation of energy and kids sent home with individual gifts.
- Whole grade movie/popcorn – Thank you!
- Rising Raiders on 10/25
 - Had 3x more participants than last year.
- Discussions continue around planning for full day kindergarten for next year.
- Author Visit – 11/8
 - Went well and the kids enjoyed it.
- Veterans Day Breakfast – 11/10 (42 veterans attending)
- No School 11/20-11/27
 - Conferences are coming up and notices sent home with kids.
- PBIS Report:
 - Bee Cards
 - Teachers are doing a great job hyping the kids up and they continue to show up excited to fill their bee cards.
 - October – 795
 - Total – 1,637
 - Think Sheets: 21 (28 total)
 - Being used more consistently.
 - Character Trait: Digital Citizenship
 - R.E.A.C.H. Lessons:
 - K - A Little Peaceful Spot: What does peaceful/calm mean
 - 1 - A Little Calm Spot: Coping skills to stay calm when big emotions show up
 - 2 - Digital Citizenship

TITLE 1 Report: Mrs. Houck

- For our K-5 Title 1 Family Night
 - Time was moved to 5pm this year and we had close to 150 participants
 - Students enjoyed decorating a pumpkin, building a pumpkin tower with pumpkin gummies, listening to a read aloud, meeting Ace the K-Pets Therapy Dog, and enjoying a yummy pumpkin dessert.
 - Families were able to go from this event to the highschool trick-or-treat.
- Kathy Miller, children's author and photographer, visits our school on Wednesday. We are looking forward to her presentation.
- Raiders Read was last Wednesday.
 - High School students read aloud a story that addressed "self-control". After reading a note from her mom that said not to eat the chocolate cake that was left on the counter, the main character had to resist the temptation.
- Next Wednesday is our annual Title 1 Parent Engagement Committee meeting.
 - Parents who have children receiving services will get the invite.

Teacher's Report:

- Successful 1st grade field trip to Corn Cob Acres and a thank you to everyone that volunteered and made it a great day.

Secretary's Report: Ashley Derolf

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

Treasurer's Report: Sara Derr

- Motion for adoption of the October Treasurer's report
- One change to be made: Credit listed under book fair moved to expense.
1st- Ashley Derolf 2nd- Amora Cook

Committee Report:

Assemblies: Committee Chair, Trisha Rabold

- Ag Lab is in April.
- Ms. Faust will have info on the Author Assembly that is coming up.

Book Fair: Committee Chair, Amora Cook

- Packets went out Friday, November 10th.
- Fall Book Fair Dates:
 - Thursday, November 16th - Preview Day

- Friday November 17th - Student Buying Day
 - Monday & Tuesday, November 20th & 21st - Parent/Family Buying Days
 - Setup - Wednesday November 15th after school @ 3:30 (volunteers welcome!)
 - Volunteers can use Signup Genius to sign up for a time slot.
- Committee voted for scholastic dollars to be used for children that cannot afford a book.
 - Likely looking at around \$5 per child

Rewards Programs: Committee Chair, *Unfilled*

- October: \$7 dollars from box tops

Fundraising: Committee Chair, Kristen Martin

- Justin's Final -
 - 64 Orders
 - Pizza Tickets - 294
 - Sub Tickets - 395
- Winner of pizza party - Yocum/Krause PM - I will be in touch with Mrs Yocum to schedule a date for pizza party
- Costs - \$4639.00
- Profit - \$2049
- Reminder - Union House night - 9AM-8PM - 10% food sales
 - Can any one take time to sit at our table and hand out crayons and coloring sheets?
- Spirit wear - Waiting to hear back from Casey - Goal is to have this so families can order and have the products back before Christmas Break

Race for Education: Tri-Chairs, Amy Shade, Kelly Newswanger, & Bethany Snyder

- Actively looking for two new chairs as this is the last year for Amy and Kelly.
- Fort Zeller student donations brought in \$9,334.97.
- Student donations + business donations total = \$12,989.00.
- Saved expenses by not purchasing staff t-shirts this year was \$885.59.
- Each business received a personalized thank you letter with a Race for Education vinyl sticker.
- Zurick AM, Booth, and Kane all held their ice cream parties.
- Zurick AM had a glow stick party on 10/23 in the Sensory Room. Each child received 4 glow sticks.
- Every class earned a movie with popcorn for reaching our goal of \$10,000.
- Outstanding expenses: popcorn and ice cream from the cafeteria for grade level movies.
- We would appreciate parent and staff feedback for planning the Race for Education for next year.

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

- Angelia Lotz joined the Hospitality committee for this year only.
- Still in need of a co-chair for 2024-2025.
- November conference meal is the next event
 - 3:45pm is a good starting time.

- For our holiday treat, we are considering a “return to school New Year’s treat” instead of a before Christmas treat that falls the same week as the staff luncheon.
 - Plan will be to move this to when everyone returns from the holiday break.

Gingerbread Shop: Committee Chair, Ashley Weiler

- Hardship and opt out option
- Volunteers needed to help set up after school- 12/13
- Letters to go home soon.

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

- We do have an agreement with Lifetouch, same as last year.
- Lindsey Moyer has access to the site and will be helping... Thank you Lindsey.
- I will have a link to upload images for teachers and volunteers.
- If it’s ok with everyone, we will run a cover contest for second graders same as last year with the winner receiving a free yearbook.
- First round of flyers are going home with a Dec. due date, but it will be extended.
- We have not started on any pages yet. We are waiting for portrait images to be uploaded. That should happen shortly after retakes.

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

- No agenda items at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Christmas books
 - Discussed creating a PTO account so that the orders are all together
 - The entire school will receive the same book this year.
 - Kristen to reach out to the Job Training classroom volunteers to assist with wrapping the books
 - Wrapping paper is needed, donations are welcomed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Updates - Tina Ulrey’s meeting - assisting the PTO
- Place for December Meeting -
 - Looking at either Do Goods or Franklin House

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm by Kristen Martin.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 6, 2023