

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

Attendance: Jodi Houck, Diane Booth & Kristi McDonnell (teacher reps, Sara Derr, Ashley Anspach, Bethany Snyder, Ashley Weiler, Jodi Horst, Amora Cook, Kelly Newswanger, Allison Ebersole, Scott Paradise, and Kristen Martin.

Meeting called to order by Kristen Martin at 6:30 p.m.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. Houck

- Yearbook Cover Contest winner: Anderson Bord from Mrs. Jackson's Class
- Picture Day-2/7/23 Thank you to all the volunteers, although Lifetouch had a lot of people that helped yesterday.
- Conferences: Students will be having an early dismissal @11:30 a.m. Conferences are by teacher invitation only.
- Snow Make-Up Day on Friday, February 17th.
- No school Monday, February 20th due to President's Day.
- PBIS
 - **Bee Cards!** Total: 2,867 January: 637
 - **Character Trait: Honesty**
 - 1. R.E.A.C.H. Lessons:
 - K: A Little Spot of Sadness
 - 1: A Little Spot of Empathy
 - 2: A Little Spot of Honesty (matches character trait for Feb)

TITLE 1 REPORT: Mrs. Houck

- World Read Aloud Day
 - Last Wednesday, we celebrated World Read Aloud Day with our Raider Reader friends from the high school. They made "reading crowns" with the students and read aloud the story Knight Owl, which recently won the Caldecott Honor.
- Battle of the Books
 - The children's author we are recognizing for Battle of the Books is Ame Dyckman. She has agreed to doing a virtual visit with the students to reveal the winning book. Date TBD! Probably late March or early April.
- Mid-year benchmark assessments
 - Wrapped up mid-year benchmark assessments. We encourage families to reach out to classroom teachers to learn about child's performance. School wide, we will be starting a "Family Reading Program". Books, such as decodable readers and/or grade level texts (chosen by child) will be coming home for families to use to help their child develop essential literacy skills. We used Title 1 funds to purchase Geodes (high-interest and engaging decodable readers) for each grade level.

TEACHER'S REPORT:

- No report at this time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kelly Newswanger

- Motion for Adoption of the January Meeting Minutes: Sara Derr
- Second: Ashley Anspach

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sara Derr

- Motion for adoption of the January Treasurer's report: Amora Cook
- Second: Kristen Martin

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Assemblies:** Committee Chair, Jodi Horst

- Friday, February 17th assembly
 - Mrs. Houck will send the teachers a link to the assembly preview and resources.
 - Free Assembly, but the families can purchase the yo-yos. They vary in price.
 - Jodi will put up posters to get the kids excited.
 - Students can turn in their orders to their teacher and will be given their yo-yos at the end of the day. Sale Tuesday-Thursday until possibly the following Monday.
- Middlecreek March 24: @ 9:30 a.m.
 - The afternoon kindergarteners are allowed to attend to see the assembly.
 - Donation to Middlecreek: We agreed as a group to donate \$300.
- Mobile Ag Lab: April 4-6. Need two volunteers a day. Next meeting we will have a schedule ready to advertise for volunteers.
- Looking into anyone to take over assemblies next year.

Book Fair: Committee Chair, Amora Cook

- Student preview day - Monday, March 27th
- Student buying day - Tuesday, March 28th
- Beginning of March materials will start being distributed to students and a sign-up genius for volunteers for the day.
- Mrs. Houck requested the information prior to the Fort Zeller Smore to be emailed to families.

Rewards Programs: Committee Chair, *Unfilled*

- **Box Tops** - \$109 July-January, January to present \$39.
- **Amazon Smile** - is no longer offering donations to organizations starting in March.
- **Coca Cola Gives:** no update at this time

Kristen would like anyone to share any rewards programs offered we could begin using as a school. Possibly look into Kohls Cares program.

Fundraising: Committee Chair, Kristen Martin

- Dutchway Sub Sale-due back Wednesday, February 15th
 - Tickets will go home with students on March 1.
- Coin Wars: March 6th
 - Johnny Appleseed Day- we will grow trees from stumps for kindergarten-second grade to show their progress.
- Art to Remember
 - Samples were shown to attending PTO members.
- Punchcard: ice cream and pretzels will come later in the spring.

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

- No updates

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

- Treat scheduled for conference day, Thursday, February 16th
- Counselor's week: We will celebrate our counselor this week.
- Celebrate Paraprofessional day: Monday, April 3
 - Agree to celebrate this day for them and reach out for parent donations towards gifts
 - We will make a decision for the exact items needed once we connect with Danielle about the teacher appreciation week ideas.

Gingerbread Shop: Committee Chair, Allison Ebersole

- No updates

Memory Book: Committee Chair, Kelly Mohn

- A Yearbook Cover Contest winner was decided by faculty vote. Anderson was recognized and given a certificate. The rest of the entries will be used in the yearbook spread.
- Cover has been submitted and we met the first deadline met!
- Sales flyers were reprinted with correct prices and sent home. A reminder flyer will be sent home in mid-March.
- Upload link for photos was sent out to the teachers
- Kelly plans to provide teachers with class pages for approval to make sure all students are listed where they belong.
- If there are accomplishments by other students, maybe would could recognize those as well throughout the yearbook. The suggestion of adding the "students of the month" would be a great addition.

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

- Date: Friday, May 19th (Wednesday, May 31st will be the official rain date)
- Review inflatable prices
 - Obstacle course, two bounce houses and two generators \$1,316.16

- Ice Shack-350 people 5 ½ buckets of ice=\$231 plus tax. Bowls and spoons can be offered for an additional cost of \$63 plus tax.
- The Richland Library will also be attending
- Next meeting, we can select the flavors
- Ask Mrs. Zurick to borrow the speaker for this event.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ideas about Title 1 Family Night
- Fun in the Sun ideas

NEW BUSINESS:

- Roller Skating Party Review-217 skaters (who rented skates) attended this event

*****NEXT MEETING: March 8, 2023 @ 6:30PM**

Kristen adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.