

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

Attendance: Miss Ober (teacher rep), Ms. Frederick (teacher rep), Kelly Mohn, Jodi Horst, Erin Horning, Ashley Weiler, Ashley Anspach, Bethany Snyder, Amy Shade, Amora Cook, Scott Paradise, Sara Derr, Allison Ebersole, Kelly Newswanger, and Kristen Martin.

Meeting commenced at 6:32 p.m. by Kristen Martin

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. Houck

- **NED Assembly-** Thank you so much for organizing the NED assembly for our students. They loved the performance and we had quite a few students purchasing yo-yos.
- **Art to Remember-** Mrs. Panza is wrapping up the Art to Remember. She is way ahead of the end of March deadline and will be sending the artwork to the company soon.
- **Conferences-** - Thank you for the "pick me up" treats on our conference day. Everyone LOVED it!
- **March 10th-Act 80 Day**
- **Kindergarten Parent Night-** March 16 from 6:00-7:30 pm
- **Math/STEM Night-** March 30 from 5:00-6:30 pm – Out of the World (theme)
- **Two-hour delay: March 29th**
- **PBIS Report**
 - **Bee Cards!**
 - ○ Total: 3,599
 - ○ February: 732 (Our highest month this year!)
 - ○ January: 637
 - Think Sheets
 - ○ Kindergarten: 0
 - ○ First: 5
 - ○ Second: 2
 - Character Trait: Cooperation
 - ○ R.E.A.C.H. Lessons:
 - K: A Little Spot of Confidence
 - 1st : Teamwork/Support
 - 2nd: Teamwork

TITLE 1 REPORT: Mrs. Houck

- **Raiders Read-** Raiders Read occurred Thursday, March 2nd. The high school students read the story Read the Book, Lemmings! Written by Ame Dyckman. Students created a bookmark that showed their love for reading. Bookmarks will be taken and handed out to our senior citizen friends at Stone Ridge.
- **Battle of the Books-** Ame Dyckman will be revealing and reading the winning book for Battle of the Books on Tuesday, April 4th at 11:10 AM.

- **Read Across America-** Read Across America was a lot of fun for staff and students. Guest readers read aloud a story that won the Theodore Seuss Geisel Award. We also started our reading challenge, which will occur the month of March. Papers were sent home. If students complete the challenge they will get a pencil and bookmark. Also, their name will be entered in a drawing to possibly win an Ame Dyckman book. Finally, we encourage families to send in a picture of their child reading, which will be hung on a school-wide bulletin board display.

TEACHER'S REPORT: Nothing to report at this time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kelly Newswanger

- Motion for Adoption of the February Meeting Minutes: Sara Derr
- Second: Kristen Martin

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sara Derr

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: ****needed new chair for next year**

Assemblies: Committee Chair, Jodi Horst**

- NED Assembly Review: \$1,790 Teachers agreed it was a successful assembly with the message and the students thoroughly enjoyed it.
- Paid it Forward to another school by selling a lot of the yo-yos to allow other schools to host their own.
- Middlecreek March 24: @ 9:30 a.m. PM kindergarten students will be invited with their parents to attend.
- Mobile Ag Lab: April 4-6. 6 volunteers needed. Volunteer times 9-noon- & 12:55-end of school day. Jodi shared the classroom schedules for each of the days to entice parents to volunteer. Look for an email for the \$500 grant that can be used towards the Mobile Ag Lab.

Book Fair: Committee Chair, Amora Cook

- Friday March 24th - Book Fair setup after school in front lobby
- Student preview day - Monday, March 27th
- Student buying day - Tuesday, March 28th
- Sign up genius out and need volunteers

Rewards Programs: Committee Chair, *Unfilled*

- **Box Tops** - \$130 Advertise the bonuses offered on our FB page.
- **Amazon Smile** - \$98.27 (no longer an option for us; ended last month)
- **Coca Cola Gives:** \$35

Fundraising: Committee Chair, Kristen Martin

- Dutchway Sub Sale Review sold over 1,404 tickets=\$2,808 profit Kristen explained the expiration issue with the tickets. The tickets say they expire in May,

but they are good until August. Dutchway was easy going with extending past the printed "expiration date". Dutchway will accept them, but we encourage people to use them sooner than later.

- Coin Wars: March 6th- Kindergarten and 2nd grade are starting off really well. Buckets will be counted over the weekend and an announcement will be made Monday with the leaders. This fundraiser will continue for the next two weeks.
- Art to Remember- Mrs. Houck said the Art to Remember creations are going well. Samples are on the table for everyone to view.
- 50th Anniversary T-shirts - 12 adult sizes and 3 youth sizes are left over. Donate some of them to the school nurse to use for students. Hang the larger sizes in the teacher's lounge and sell them at a discount.

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

- Looking into online fundraising platforms for the fall
 - Go Fund Me- not a great option from last year's event.
 - Fundly- cheapest option so far. Teams can be created making it easier to divy up the classrooms. Easiest for mobile users. Create a video to advertise for the page.
 - GetMovin-students can create their own profiles and invite family/friends to participate.
 - SnapRaise-more of an athletic team fundraiser.
 - Orange Ruler- Jodi suggested looking into this option.
- Ask 3-4 teachers to explain and hype up the Race for Education for next year. Bethany offered to create this for the fundraising page.

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

- Sweet treats at conferences on February 16th. Great parent participation helping with the cookies and treats.
- Celebrate Paraprofessional day: Monday, April 3- Encouraging parents to have their children send notes, thank you cards, etc. to hand out to the paras on their special day. Could we possibly create a list of the paraprofessionals or have the students create them unlabeled and pass them out?
- Teacher Appreciation Week is organized and ready to go.

Gingerbread Shop: Committee Chair, Allison Ebersole**

- No updates

Memory Book: Committee Chair, Kelly Mohn

- Kelly is organizing the portraits and the server was lagging.
- Teachers are doing a great job submitting pictures and ask teachers to continue to submit pictures by the end of March.
- Send something home to advertise the yearbook. Ask teachers to place it in the newsletters being emailed home.
- Could teachers show old yearbooks to the kids to get them excited?

- Kelly asked if she would be ok coming into the school to take pictures for the yearbook.

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

- Date: Friday, May 19th (Wednesday, May 31st will be the official rain date)
- Richland Library attending!
- Pick shaved ice flavors: cherry, raspberry, and cotton candy
- Bounce houses: kids will switch inflatables to give them a reset period.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Looking into other Rewards Programs-bring them to our attention!

NEW BUSINESS:

- Review chairperson for each committee
 - The assemblies & rewards program will need a chairperson next year.
 - Ashley Weiler will take over the Gingerbread Shop next year.
 - Allison Ebersole will be leaving and the officers will offer parents the opportunity to be an officer; voting will take place in May.

*****NEXT MEETING: April 5, 2023 - 6:30PM**

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. by Kristen Martin.