

Fort Zeller Elementary School PTO

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 @ 6:30PM

**Attendance:** Kristen Martin, Haley Wanner, Trisha Rabold, Chelsea Lutz, Kelly Ulrich, Bethany Snyder, Lindsay Hoffman, Ashley Weiler, Erin Horning, Jazmin Yiengst, Lydia Eberly, Rachel Totani-Brown, Mrs. Jodi Houck, Michelle Zurick (teacher representative), Ashley Withrow (teacher representative)

**Principal's Report:** Mrs. Houck

- I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and break!
- Family Groups – 1/10/25
- Raider Readers 1/16/25
- Linkit! Assessments and Acadience Testing 1/7/25-1/23/25.
- End of 2 nd Marking Period – 1/17/25
- Invitations for February conferences will be sent on 1/17/25.
- No School on 1/20/25 – MLK Day
- School Board Meeting – 1/21/25
- First and Second Grade Compass Mark Lessons start this month
- PBIS Report:
  - Bee Cards!
    - Total: 2,893 (623 more than last year at this time)
    - December: 535
  - Think Sheets – 102 Total (20 in December)
  - Character Trait: Tolerance
- R.E.A.C.H. Lessons:
  - K: A Little Spot of Anxiety – what anxiety means, other feeling 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.
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**Title 1 Report:** Mrs. Houck

- We are in the midst of completing mid-year benchmark assessments. Data meetings are in the middle of January. We are excited to see the progress!
- Family Literacy Night is scheduled for Monday, April 28th from 5-7:30 PM. Award winning, non-fiction children's author, Patricia Newman will be our guest speaker. Since she is from the West coast, she wants to meet and present to as many kids, as possible, on the East coast. So, as a part of her honorarium fee, she will be presenting to our K-2

friends at JA and FZ. Title 1 funds will be used to pay for her presentations. Our theme for the night is ocean because her award winning non-fiction book is titled Sea Otter Heroes: The Predators that Saved an Ecosystem. Once again, every child will leave with one of her books for free.

### **Teacher's Report:**

- Thank you for the hot cocoa bar and LE's Cupcakes cinnamon rolls for week back to school after Winter break
- Thank you for Gingerbread Shop in December

### **Secretary's Report:** Ashley Derolf

- Motion for adoption of the December meeting minutes.
  - 1st: Kristen Martin
  - 2nd: Haley Wanner

### **Treasurer's Report:** Haley Wanner

- Bussing prices for field trips have increased this year. Be aware and possibly increase the budget for bussing to field trips next school year.
- 17 teachers still need to submit for reimbursement.
- Motion for adoption of the December treasurer's report.
  - 1st: Ashley Weiler
  - 2nd: Erin Horning

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Assemblies:** Committee Chair: Trisha Rabold

- New booking for February: Gretna Theater- Rylie's Rotten Day - Feb 21st, 10am show & 1:30pm show Cost- \$450
- Ag Lab- April 2, 3, 4th - \$600 left to pay (plus diesel?)
- Typically the PTO arranges 3 assemblies, and helps subsidize the Author Visit arranged by the Reading Specialists
- Holly Serio, and Mobile Ag Lab have occurred every year. The following has changed over the past few years...
- 19-20- Forgotten Friends
- 20-21 - Magician Brian Curry (?)
- 21-22 Forgotten Friends
- 22-23- Ned- Yo-yos & Middle Creek Wildlife

- 23-24- Forgotten Friends (& Barn Hill Preserve- not PTO booked)
- 24-25- Gretna Theater

**Book Fair:** Committee Chair: *Unfilled*

- Fall Book Fair profit: \$1,754
- Kelly Mohn looked into BAM! as a possible replacement for Scholastic in the future, but is concerned that profit would be less than what we make with Scholastic.
- Spring Book Fair tentative dates:
  - Monday, March 24: Preview day
  - Tuesday, March 25: Purchase day
  - Wednesday, March 26: Purchase day for absent students
- The group agreed to continue to set aside fun accessory items from students (not on sale display) during book fair

**Rewards Program:** Committee Chair: *Unfilled*

- Box Tops Rewards
  - July 2024-June 2025- \$86.20
  - December check - \$104.50
- Monthly specials:
  - Earn 5 when you buy 2 participating Cheerios products in a single transaction
  - Earn 6 when you buy 2 participating Pillsbury Rolls in a single transaction
  - Earn 5 when you buy any 2 participating Nature Valley Products in a single transaction
  - Earn 6 when you buy any 2 participating Annies snacks in a single transaction
- Payment to the school- \$104.50

**Fundraising:** Committee Chair: Kristen Martin

- Perfect Candy
  - A great fundraiser for November - they were a very easy company to work with for this fundraiser and if it is done next year. Def pay for the shipping and sorting!

- Note for next year - if they send “extra” candy - there may be mistakes in sorting. We had one family not receive something from their order - but I had it to give to them.
- Texas Roadhouse
  - 44 student orders for a total of 208 gift cards
  - Profit - \$822
  - Another easy fundraiser
  - Note for next year - do not make due date so close to the Christmas break. Add area for student/teacher name on order form.
- What date for dine-in Texas Roadhouse
  - January 23<sup>rd</sup>
    - will announce on FB and email
    - Flyers made up and ready to send home
    - PTO members to stand outside restaurant and hand out flyers to public:
      1. Trisha Rabold
      2. Haley Wanner
- Coin wars – Feb
  - Is everyone okay with sticking to the Snowman theme?
  - Which grade level can build the largest snowman?
  - We can reuse some of the “snow” activities from last year; and add maybe a snack?
  - Start - Monday, February 3
  - Count Coins –
    - Friday, February 7
    - Friday, 2/14
    - Friday, 2/21
    - Friday, 2/28
  - Leaders will be announced the following Mondays.
  - Winning class to be announced on Monday, March 3
  - Snow day - Scheduled - Need to be able to use the gym
- Punch Cards - End of year

- Depending how we do with the 3 remaining fundraisers for 2024, we will see if another one is needed in the springtime.
- Review finances in January/Feb
- Lydia Eberly suggested adding in a “Food Truck Night” ...food trucks give 10% profit to PTO
- A movie night along with food truck night was discussed.
  - To be held in gym?

**Race for Education:** Tri-Chairs: Bethany Snyder, Amanda Bashore, Kelly Ulrich

- Tentative date: October 10, 2025 with a rain date of 10/17

**Hospitality:** Tri-Chairs: Chelsea Lutz

- Looking for feedback on the back from break hot cocoa bar
  - Teachers were very appreciative for the sweet treats the week coming back from Winter Break
- Valentine’s Day Conference snack bar: 2/14 in the afternoon.
  - Sweet treats (cookies, cupcakes, Box o’ Joe coffee)
- National Counselors Day in February
  - Gift Card to Baked Sweet

**Gingerbread Shop:** Committee Chair: Ashley Weiler

- Another fun and successful event again this year!
- A big shout out to all the people who volunteered their time and holiday cheer with set up- shopping days- and clean up!
- Total of 2,008 items were sold
- 31, no \$ students / \$197.50 cost to PTO
- \$303 change donated
- Mrs. Thorley’s class will get their thank you treats next week

**Memory Book:** Committee Co-Chairs: Jazmin Yiengst & *Unfilled*

- Theme has been picked and designing the pages/importing pictures has begun!
- Jazmin asked if she could get a list of the teachers’ preferred surnames

**Fun in the Sun:** Co-Chairs: Erin Horning

- Date of event: May 9
- Rain date: May 15
- Erin will begin to book inflatables, obstacle course, and Ice Shaak.

**Old Business:**

- Mt. Gretna Roller Skating Party
  - Saturday, January 11 from 10am-1pm
  - \$100/hr for total of \$300 (up from \$225 last year)
  - Each student received a “voucher” for skate rentals.

**New Business:**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30pm