

Fort Zeller PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 10/1/2025, Started at 6:30 pm

Attendees: Anna Shanaman, Haley Wanner, Jessica Bankus, Kelly Ulrich, Mrs. Houck, Mrs. McDonnell, Jazmine Yiengst, Shelby Stauffer, Callie Salem, Mrs. Davis, Mackenzie Leahy, Mrs. Wallace, Lindsay Hoffman

Principal's Report: Mrs. Houck

- Thank you – Holly Serio!
- Collaboration Schedule – once a month (90 min) – Continuing from last year
- Family Groups – first meeting was on 9/11, and the next one is on 10/9
- Safety Drills – Interior Threat Drill – Held on 9/25
- First Raider Readers - 10/1
 - They read Rapunzel today!
- Fire Prevention and Safety - 10/7 (No Head Start since it is on a Tuesday)
 - There will not be an assembly, each teacher will sign up for a 30 minute class where the children will see fire trucks and talk with fire department
- No School - 10/13
- Rising Raiders - 10/15 from 5-6:30 pm
 - We discussed posting it at local business' as well as on the PTO page
- First Grade Field Trip – Corn Cob Acres 10/16
- Conferences – PTCFast to sign up for date/time: Link will be in the November newsletter
- End of First Marking Period 10/29
- Inservice – 10/31
- PBIS Report:
- Bee Cards! 853 as of 10/1/2025
- Think Sheets: there have been a total of 4!
- Character Trait: Self Control
- REACH Lessons - Lessons this month were all about getting to know each other and talking about what a school counselor does (Kdgn.) 1st and 2nd grades reviewed what I do here at school and ways I can help students. 2nd grade also learned about the job program. Applications are due by next Friday, October 3rd!

Title 1 Report: Mrs. Houck

- On September 19th, we celebrated the students who completed the Summer Reading Challenge with an ice cream party. Students also got to choose a brand-new book to keep. We had 57 students complete the challenge.
- On Tuesday, October 21st, the ELCO Reading Department will be hosting a webinar, via Zoom, that will address the following literacy topics: assessments that we use, ELCO Federal Title I program, how we meet the needs of all students, the Simple View of Reading, and our Schoology Course that contains resources and activities for parents and family members. A flyer will be sent home early next week.
- Our first Raiders Read event for the year will be on Wednesday (10/01). We are looking forward to our friends from high school visiting and reading to our young readers!

Teacher's Report:

Thank you for the Holly Serio assembly! The first graders are looking forward to the field trip to corn cob acres.

Secretary's Report: Jessica Bankus

- Motion for adoption of September meeting minutes
 - Anna Shanaman motioned, Haley Wanner second to approve

Treasurer's Report: Haley Wanner

- Motion for adoption of the treasurer's report for September
 - Lindsey Hoffman motioned, Jessica Bankus second to approve

Committee Reports:

Assemblies: Committee Chair, Trisha Rabold

- Holly Serio was 9/19/25
- Mobile Ag Lab 4/8 - 4/10 2026
- To be scheduled
 - Author - by Reading Teachers in November
 - The NED show (yo-yo program) in February
 - Local Wildlife Conservation

Book Fair: Committee Chair, Sabrina Tracey

- We discussed a preview day 11/20
- 11/21 as a shopping day as well as keeping it open for conference week
- Facility form should be completed this week
- Child & teacher wishlist form need to printed for Trifold

Rewards Program: Committee Chair, Kirsten Wenger

- We earned \$5.50 from Box Tops in August

Fundraising: Committee Chair, Anna Shanaman

- Will be working on Justino's subs/pizza for October
- We will be doing Union House again in November

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

- Business donations have reached \$13,050 (before splitting)
- Joint expenses \$4,351.15 (student/staff shirts & sponsor posters)
- Student donations: \$7,015 as of today
- Students and staff were given "Fort Zeller Rocks" pencils for reaching first goal of \$2,500
- Students have earned extra recess for reaching second goal of \$5,000
- Popsicles have been purchased in anticipation of reaching third goal of \$7,500
- Swiss drinks and Dieffenbach chips have been donated by companies for the final goal of \$10k
- Boyer's donated gift card paid for a toppings bar for 3 ice cream parties. Ice cream to be ordered from ELCO cafeteria once winners are announced
- Glow sticks have been purchased for the overall winning class in FZ
- T-shirts were produced by Modern Gent Customs, have arrived and working on sorting them out this week
- Water bottles and labels are ready and will be filled here in FZ faculty room by RFE committee and Kelsey Thorley's class on 10/9
- Certificates and thank you letters have been prepared and will be emailed/delivered to businesses
- Poster with all business sponsor logos was purchased through JDM and ready to display at race and then in the office
- Taurus Fitness will again be setting up obstacles for race day
- LE's Cupcakes will be set up on race day for volunteers, parents, and staff
- Volunteers: if possible, please bring bubble machines/wands for your shift on race day!
- More volunteers are still needed to make the day successful

- Donations taken through end of day 10/10 (website shuts down at 11:59 pm)

Hospitality: Committee Chair, Lydia Eberly

- No updates

Gingerbread Shop: Co-Chairs, Kirsten Wenger & Becky Rizzo

- We are scheduled for December 10th and 11th in the gym.
- I have started to buy some items at Dollar Tree, but will also begin evaluating leftovers from last year and updating anything that needs to be replaced.
- If anyone knows of local businesses that would be willing to donate, donations are greatly appreciated.

Memory Book: Committee Chair Jazmine Yiengst

- I am in contact with our new advisor (Julie), deciding on a theme and will have a flyer to get approved for 2nd graders to design the cover.
- Will be making flyers for the kids to begin the cover design process
 - Will make sure the school name is on the flyer so they are not sent back

Fun in the Sun: Committee Chair Erin Horning

- No updates this month

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting: November 5th 2025 at 6:30

Meeting Adjourned at 6:51 pm