

Fort Zeller PTO Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 12/3/2025
Started at 6:30 pm

Principal's Report: Mrs Houck

- Thank you – Conference Meal
- Raider Readers - 12/4
- Gingerbread Shop 12/10-12/11 - Volunteers
- Family Groups 12/12 @ 2:45 pm
- PBIS Assembly & Sing Along @ 2:30 pm – 12/19
- Winter Break 12/22-1/2 (Return to school on 1/5)
- Kindergarten and 2nd grade playground areas have been roped off due to safety concerns after recent inspection
 - We would like to find additional pieces so they can be replaced
 - Donations of soccer nets, bean bag toss, or other outdoor equipment. Flyers to be made

PBIS Report: Mrs. Houck

- Bee Cards:
 - November – 544
 - Total – 2,109
- Think Sheets: 37 (total)
 - We had 81 at this time last year.

Character Trait: Cooperation

- R.E.A.C.H. Lessons:

K - A Little Peaceful Spot - In Kindergarten, we met our new friend, A Little Peaceful Spot. Students shared things they do to feel relaxed and calm when big emotions show up!

1 - First grade students learned about coping skills. Just like plants need things to grow and stay healthy, so do we! We read The Good Egg by Jory John and talked about tons of different ways to take care of our bodies and minds!

2 - Second graders practiced the self-control we talked about last month by working on center activities while Mrs. Brosius completed interviews with students who applied for the 2nd grade job program!

PTO Title 1 Report-November:

- Raiders Read on Thursday. Reading a fun and colorful story titled “Don’t Eat Eustace”. Kindness will be the topic for the event because it’s evident in the story.

- Our annual Title I, Parent & Family Engagement Committee meeting is this Thursday (12/04) at 5pm. We will discuss ELCO's Title I documents and program. We will also discuss parent and family engagement activities and support for families.

Secretary's Report: Jessica Bankus

- Motion for adoption of November meeting minutes.
 - Anna Shanaman motioned, Becky Rizzo second to approve

Treasurer's Report: Haley Wanner

- Motion for adoption of the treasurer's report for November.
 - Jessica Bankus was first to Motion, Anna Shanaman was second to approve

Committee Reports:

Assemblies: Committee Chair, Trisha Rabold

- Ned Yo-yo in February, will finalize a date
- Jim Basketball Jones in March
- Ag Lab in April
- Utilizing the planetarium for 1st grade field trip

Book Fair: Committee Chair: Sabrina Tracey

- Gross sales \$7,097.58.
- We selected the cash profit so that is \$1,652.65 that we get to keep.

Rewards Program: Committee Chair, Kirsten Wenger

- We earned \$10.80 for November.

Fundraising: Committee Chair, Anna Shanaman

- Justino's Pizza and Sub cards
 - Mrs. Zurick's class won the pizza party
 - Will be scheduled soon
 - Sold a total of 574 tickets
 - Profit earned = \$1,722 (last year was \$2,100)
- Union House Day
 - Raised \$400 (same as last year)
- Texas Roadhouse (Wyomissing location)
 - Gift cards
 - Sold a total of 162 gift card
 - Raised \$691.50 (last year was over \$800)
 - Planning to send home with students the week of Dec 8th
 - Dine to donate, including to-go orders

- Will be January 22nd, 2026
 - Family has to present flyer that will be sent home
 - PTO receives 10% of food sales
 - Raised over \$170 last year
- Coin Wars - February
 - “Snow Day” theme for winning grade
- Perfect Candy - Mar/April
- Dutchway Punch Cards - May

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

- No updates

Hospitality: Committee Chair, Lydia Eberly

- No updates

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

- Promoting the sign up genius on facebook and email this week.
- Will be sending home flyers and gift tags on Friday of this week.
- Have emailed the teachers to please include details for their shopping day and reminders in their newsletters this week.
- Have everything sorted by dollar amounts and for each class, as best we can at this point.
- Set up will be directly after school on Tuesday 12/9
- Shopping days will be full days on Wednesday 12/10 and Thursday 12/11.
- Tear down will be directly after school on Thursday 12/11.
- Will be reaching out to Mrs. Thorley for HS volunteers

Memory Book: Committee Chair Jazmine Yiengst

- No new updates
- Reminder for 2nd grade teachers: any student who submitted a cover design, it is due December 15th to the teachers who will turn in to Lori

Fun in the Sun: Committee Chair Erin Horning

- Discuss upcoming fun in the sun in January

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting: January 7th, 2026 held at K-Ville at 6:30 pm, will send out RSVP's
Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

