

Fort Zeller PTO Meeting Agenda
Wednesday 1/7/2026 K-Ville Tavern
Started at 6:35 pm

In attendance: Kirsten Wenger, Trisha Rabold, Haley Wanner, Mrs. Houck, Nicole Longenecker, Erin Horning, Bethany Snyder, Lindsey Hoffman, Anna Shanaman, Jessica Bankus, Becky Rizzo, Amanda Martin

Principal's Report: Mrs. Houck

- I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and break! Kids had a great transition back after 16 days off.
- Linkit! Assessments and MCLASS Testing 1/5/26-1/23/26.
 - K is reading words which has not been done before and identifying letters
- Family Groups – 1/14/26
- Raider Readers 1/15/26
- No School on 1/19/26 – MLK Day
- Two-Hour Delay – 1/20/26
- End of 2nd Marking Period – 1/22/26 due to the snow day in December
- Report cards going home on the 30th
- Invitations for February conferences will be sent on 1/23/26 from the teachers
- School Board Meeting – 1/21/26, first official with the new board members

PBIS Report:

- Bee Cards!
 - Total: 2,522
 - December: 413
- Think Sheets
 - 48 Total (10 in December)
 - 102 Total Last Year (20 in December)

- Character Trait: Tolerance

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

K:

- A Little Spot of Anger – Learn what to do when our angry spot gets too big or stays for too long.

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.

Title I 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!
- The results will help us to determine each child's needs and therefore provide the appropriate intervention during our W.I.N. time. The students and teachers have been working so hard with developing essential literacy skills and knowledge.

Secretary's Report: Jessica Bankus

- Motion for adoption of December meeting minutes.
 - Anna Shanamand was first to adopt, Becky Rozzo was second to approve

Treasurer's Report: Haley Wanner

- Motion for adoption of the December treasurer's report
 - Bethany Snyder was first to adopt, Lindsey Hoffman was second to approve

Committee Reports:

Assemblies: Committee Chair, Trisha Rabold

- Ned Yo-yo: 2/20/2026 at 2 pm
 - Assembly info with pre-order yo-yo forms sent home the week before
- Jim Basketball Jones: 3/13/26 at 9:30 - 10:10
 - Will need \$900 check written out to Corey Jones the morning of
 - The only request for the assembly is a table. They do not need basketball hoops for assembly and kids sit on one side.
- Ag Lab in April 8,9 and10th 2026
- Utilizing the planetarium for 1st grade field trip
 - Might be next year

Rewards Program: Committee Chair, Kirsten Wenger

- Rewards Program - \$8.40 earned in December for box tops.

Fundraising: Committee Chair, Anna Shanaman

- Texas Roadhouse (Wyomissing location)
 - Gift cards
 - Were sent home the week of Dec 8th
 - Dine to donate - Thurs, Jan 22nd
 - Flyer is approved, planning to send home Mon, Jan 12th

- Will post on FB and have some extra copies with Lori in the office
- Family has to present flyer, will check on presenting FB post
- PTO receives 10% of food sales
 - Raised over \$170 last year
- Coin Wars - February 2nd, 2026
 - Will work on updating flyer and send home the end of January
 - Last year it started on Feb 3rd. Will start on Feb 2nd this year
 - Count coins every Friday - 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27
 - Announce winners the following Mondays
 - Winning class will be announced Mon, Mar 2nd
 - Will work on scheduling the gym for winning grade with Mrs. Houck
 - PTO members first to volunteer then parents of winning class per grade can volunteer
- Snow Day Theme: will work on decorations and snacks
- Perfect Candy - March/April
 - Start Feb 23rd and collect on March 6th
 - Turn around is 2 weeks and we would like delivery before Spring break
- Dutchway Punch Cards
 - Will start April 27th

Book Fair: Committee Chair: Sabrina Tracey

- Spring book fair dates (If they work with schedule)
 - Preview day March 23
 - Shopping day March 24
 - Absent students March 25th
- Will be looking for someone to take over at the end of the year as Sabrina will be moving up to the Intermediate School

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

- Proposed date for 2026 Race for Education: 10/9 with a rain date of 10/16

Hospitality: Committee Chair, Lydia Eberly

- There was a christmas treat before break
- Planning on something small for conferences

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

- Overall Gingerbread Shop was a success.
- If possible for next year, more volunteers, but we made it work. We also had some help from Mrs. Thorley's students which helped.

- The 2/\$1 was a great idea (Thanks Haley!). This helped us push more inventory that had been sitting from many years prior, and also helped students who didn't bring money get "more" for their families and were happy and proud.
- One of my favorite things about Gingerbread Shop is hearing students' "why" behind their gift selections for everyone on their list.
- Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make this day possible, and to Haley and Becky - so grateful to work with you on this project.

Per Haley's email we sold:

- 191 \$5 items
- 191 \$4 items
- 249 \$3 items
- 575 \$2 items
- 725 \$1 items
- 240 2 for \$1 items
- 2,171 Total sold items
- \$4,461 in sales
- (\$84) in "free" items (26 kids total)
- \$162 "keep the change" from 34 families who donated
- \$.10 - 2 random nickels we found
- NET - \$4,539.10 from sales at GBS
- We spent \$5,353.50 (this included \$147.75 of supplies - bags, staplers, green paper).
- Overall we "lost" \$814.40 but we have more than that in inventory in the basement for next year.

Memory Book: Committee Chair Jazmine Yiengst

- Yearbook cover was picked and submitted to Lifetouch
- Mrs. Houck would like to announce at next PBIS assembly

Fun in the Sun: Committee Chair Erin Horning

- Will be held May 8th with a rain date of May 15th
 - There will be 3 stations: obstacle course, bounce house, ice shack.
 - Library will read to kids after their timed run
- Erin's last year will be the 2026-2027 school year. She is looking for someone to join her for a smooth transition following her departure.
 - Amanda Martin is interested in joining

Old Business:

- Mrs. Zurick's class won the pizza party for selling the most Justino's coupons. Beth and I took pizzas in on December 17th and it was a fun celebration right before break!
- FZ Roller Skating party is this Saturday 10am - 1 pm
 - Will need the coupon for free admission

New Business:

- 2nd Grade Field Trip is May 29th to Lake Tobias
- Kindergarten Field Trip is April 29th to Oregon Dairy

Next Meeting: Feb 4th, 2026 in the Fort Zeller Library

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm