

**Fort Zeller Elementary School PTO
May Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 6th, 2026.**

In attendance: Kirsten Wenger, Haley Wanner, Anna Shanaman, Jessica Bankus, Mrs. Houck, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Fitzkee, Bethany Snyder, Jazmin Yiengst, Lydia Eberly, Ashley Anspach, Ashley Weiler, Bobby-Jo Arrigo, Kelsey Gruber, Callie Salem, Amy Shade, Erin Horning, Shelby Stauffer, Becky Rizzo, Lindsay Hoffman, Emily Santos.

Meeting started at 6:31 pm

Kirsten started the meeting with introductions as there were many new faces.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Houck

1. Donuts for Grown-Ups – Our students LOVED it!!
2. Family Literacy Night (April 23) – Thank you to everyone on the committee for an amazing night!
3. Career Day (May 1) – Thank you so much to all the parents who spent time with our students to tell them about their careers!
4. Teacher Appreciation Week – THANK YOU!!!!
5. Kindergarten Registration/Screening (May 6-7) We about 78 total students registered for kindergarten.
6. End of the Year Assessments: Spring Math Spring Screener, Linkit! Testing, Acadience Testing the first few weeks in May.
7. Field Day – May 19 – ½ Day of Activities & ½ Day Craft/Movie & Ice Cream Truck (Thank You!!!)
8. Second Grade Field Trip – May 29 to Lake Tobias
9. Second Grade Ceremony/Historical Figure Projects (June 3) @ 2:00 - 3:00 pm
10. Second Grade Move-up (June 3) – in the morning, invitations will be sent home soon
11. Kindergarten/First Move-up (June 2)
12. Student Last Day – June 4 – 11:30 dismissal (No Lunch)
13. School board approved the playground
 - a. Kindergarten will have new pieces and 2nd grade will have new equipment for the next school year, as they will start working in July.

PBIS Report

1. Bee Cards!
 - Total: 5,110
 - April: 798
2. Think Sheets
 - Total for the year so far – 96 (184 last year)

Title I Report

1. Family Literacy Night was a huge success. We had over 320 people attend!
2. The Elementary Poetry Challenge has also been a success so far! Lots of positive feedback from families and businesses.
3. Save the date-Family Literacy Night will occur in the Fall. It will be called Literacy Under the Lights. It will occur Thursday, September 17th & the rain date is Wednesday, September 23rd. The Fall athletic teams and various student groups, such as FAA, The National Honor Society, The Interact Club, and Raiders Read, will be a part of this fun night. More details to come!
4. Summer reading packets will be sent home the last day of school. Students can choose to visit the Bookmobile, complete a local library summer reading program, or the summer reading calendar. Students who complete one of the challenges will be a part of our summer reading celebration, which will occur in the Fall.

Teacher's Report:

- Thank you PTO for all you have done for our students and us all year.

Secretary's Report: Jessica Bankus

- Adoption of April's meeting minutes.
 - Anna Shanaman was the first to adopt April's meeting minutes
 - Becky Rizzo was the second to adopt April's meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report: Haley Wanner

- Adoption of April's treasurer's report
 - Jessica Bankus was the first to adopt April's report
 - Anna Shanaman was the second to adopt April's report

Assemblies: Committee Chair, Unfilled Seat

- No updates

Rewards Program: Committee Chair, Kirsten Wenger

- \$8.70 earned for Boxtops in March

Fundraising: Committee Chair, Anna Shanaman

1. Ice Shack ice cream punch cards
 - a. Flyers and order forms went home 4/24 and due back 5/6
 - b. Punch cards will be sent home the last week of May

Book Fair: Committee Chair: Unfilled

- No updates

Race for Education: Tri-Chairs, Bethany Snyder, Unfilled, Unfilled

- RFE scheduled for 10/9 (district approved facility use)
- Fort Zeller and Jackson will no longer be teaming together for business donations
- Taurus Fitness will again be lending obstacle course items for race day
- Richland Library will read books to students after race times
- RFE Committee would love more helpers! We plan to meet in early June to begin planning

Hospitality: Committee Chair, Lydia Eberly

- Teacher appreciation week started 5/4/2026
- Discussion of retirement gifts for Lori, Mrs. Booth & Mrs. Binkley

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

- No Updates

Memory Book: Committee Chair Jazmine Yiengst

- We have 14 left to sell
 - An email will go out to parents who could still be in need of one
 - Lifetouch will not be used going forward

Fun in the Sun: Committee Chair Erin Horning

- Bounce houses will be delivered and set up at 5:30 am Friday May 8th.
- Ice shack will be dropped off at 8 am

Old Business:

- None to discuss

New Business:

- Re-Elect Haley Wanner as Treasurer

- First to motion was Bethany Snyder
 - Second to motion was Anna Shanaman
- Bobby Jo Arrigo voted in for Secretary position for the 2026-2027 school year
 - Haley Wanner was first to motion
 - Jessica Bankus was second to motion
- Need an Assemblies Chair and Bookfair Chair for the 2026-2027 school year
 - Please reach out to Kirsten for any interests.

Next Meeting: Will be in September, date to be determined

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.