

Fort Zeller Elementary School PTO
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 2, 2026; 6:30pm

In attendance: Bobby Jo Arrigo, Haley Wanner, Kirsten Wenger, Anna Shannaman, Jazmin Yiengst, Ashley Weiler, Erin Horning, Amber Krammer, Adam Krammer, Brittany Weaver, Lydia Eberly, Nicole Longenecker, Lineree de Jager, Callie Salem, Amy Shade, Ashley Anspach, Bethany Snyder, Sarah Sechrist, Becky Rizzo, Mrs. Lebo, Mrs. Faust, Mrs. McDonnell, Kelsey Gruber, Lindsay Hoffman, Mrs. Houck

Meeting started at 6:33pm

Kirsten started the meeting with round robin introductions. There were many new faces in attendance.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Houck

****Report given by Mrs. McDonnell**

- Back to School Night on 08/18/26 & 08/19/26 had a wonderful turnout.
- Chalk the Walk – thank you to families!
- Family Groups – we will be starting in October
- Picture Day on 09/14/26 – Barksdale
- Two-Hour Late State – 09/15/26
- Literacy Under the Lights – 09/17/26 (information below)
- Health Screenings – 09/21/26
- Safety Drills throughout the month. (Intruder Drill/Interior Threat - week of 09/21/26)
- Beginning of the Year Assessments (Linkit!, MCLASS, Core Phonics, Spring Math)
- Holy Serio – 09/25/26 – hoping FZ @ 9:30am
- PBIS Report
 - **Character Trait: Respect**

****Students are off to a great start filling bee cards, we already have some in the buckets!**

Title I Report

1. We are currently administering beginning of the year benchmark assessments. The data will be used to provide the appropriate support and interventions for all students. We encourage families to reach out to classroom teachers and reading interventionists to learn about their child's performance.
2. Friday, September 11th, parents should submit the necessary paperwork to show that their child completed a summer reading activity. Our summer reading celebration is on Friday, September 18th. We will have an ice cream party, and each child will receive a book.

3. Literacy Under the Lights – September 17th starting at 5:30pm at the HS stadium. Dinner will be provided along with every child receiving a free book. There will be many fun literacy stations around the stadium. Flyers were sent home and it was posted in September S'more. Please RSVP by next Tuesday, September 8th. We are looking forward to a fun night!

Secretary's Report: Bobby Jo

- Adoption of the May meeting minutes.
 - Anna Shannaman was the first to adopt May's meeting minutes
 - Haley Wanner was the second to adopt May's meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report: Haley Wanner

- Adoption of the August treasurer's report.
 - Brittany Weaver was the first to adopt August treasurer report
 - Lydia Eberly was the second to adopt August treasurer report

Assemblies: Committee Chair, Ashley Weiler

****Update given by Kirsten Wenger**

- Holy Serio Music Assembly – Friday, September 25th, 2026 @ 9:30am – payment needed
- Mobile Ag Lab – March 31st-April 2nd, 2027 – payment needed for first installment and Kirsten to sign contract
- Mrs. Faust provided information on Suzie Shaffer (librarian) coming to the school for an Author visit, more details to come (visits are normally slated for fall)

Fundraising: Committee Chair, Anna Shanaman

- Pizza and Sub cards – after Race for ED – late Oct?
 - Justino's in the past – Josh sells sub tickets =\$5 and pizza tickets = \$9
 - 26/27 school year he will raise to \$5.50 for sub tickets and \$10 for pizza tickets
 - PTO earns \$3/ticket – selling sub tickets for \$8 and pizza tickets for \$12
 - 26/27 school year will need to raise to cover increase, agreed to increase \$1 for sub tickets and \$1 for pizza tickets, charging \$13 for pizza and \$9 for subs
- Union House Day – stick to Nov?
 - PTO earns 10% food sales all day – do not need to show flyer
- Texas Roadhouse – Gift Card only this year
 - Mid Nov to get before Christmas break
- Coin Wars – February
- Perfect Candy – Late Feb-mid March to send home before Easter break
- Ice Shack Punch Cards – May
- Anna was provided with Subway fundraising information – there are 4 different options for fundraising

- Also considering Plum Creek pretzel fundraising as an option

Book Fair: Committee Chair: Unfilled

****Update given by Kirsten Wenger**

- Fall Book Fair – Preview Day 11/19/26, Buy day 11/20/26, may not be open for conferences depending on volunteers
- Spring Book Fair – Preview Day 03/22/27, Buy Day 03/23/27

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

- Race for Education: Friday, October 9th, 2026 (rain date 10/16/2026)
- Taurus Fitness again sponsoring obstacles on race day
- Richland Library again reading books to students after the race
- Bold Accounting is the new sponsor of the water bottles
- Fundraising packets went home with students on Monday, August 31st, 2026
- Schoolwide prizes:
 - \$2,500 – vinyl stickers
 - \$5,000 – extra recess
 - \$7,500 – popsicles
 - \$10,000 – schoolwide movie and snack
- Dieffenbach's and Swiss again sponsoring chips/drinks for schoolwide goal
- Individual class winners by grade level will receive ice cream party with toppings bar sponsored by Boyer's
- Overall winning class in the school will also receive a glowstick dance party
- Business sponsorships (so far) \$4,600
- T-shirts will again be provided for all FZ staff members and students at no charge to them
- Families may purchase additional shirts on website. Cornerstone Business Graphics will donate \$3 per parent shirt purchase to the PTO
- Signup Genius will come out soon for volunteers (snacks, costume runners, bubbles, set-up/tear down)
- LE's is a possibility for this date, dependent on equipment availability

Hospitality: Committee Chair, Lydia Eberly

- "Orange You Glad You Made it Through the First Week of School" – held on September 1st, 2026 – orange theme snacks and drinks provided
- Still working on other ideas to be used throughout the school year
- Homestead Chef will provide meals for teachers during conferences (November 23rd/24th). Will be able to select own item from menu

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

- No updates

Memory Book: Committee Chair Jazmine Yiengst

- No updates

Fun in the Sun: Committee Chair Erin Horning, Lindsay Hoffman

- No updates

Old Business:

- None to discuss

New Business:

- 1st grade field trip to Corn Cob Acres is scheduled for Thursday, October 22nd, 2026
 - Must be paid one week prior to trip

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, 6:30pm, Fort Zeller – School Library.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm