**PFO Meeting Minutes 5/9/2017**

Number parents present: 4

Teachers present: 1

Board present: 5

1. **PFO Budget Update**
   1. Fundraisers
      * Fall Fiesta
        + Raised $3839
        + Next Fall Fiesta is scheduled for September 23
      * Box Tops
        + So far $1422 has been raised, with one more collection this year
        + Goal is $1500
      * Amazon
        + Remember to navigate to the Amazon website through the Leopold PFO Fundraisers web page. Leopold earns a percentage of money spent at Amazon.
      * Timber Wolf Trample – this weekend
        + Largest fundraiser for PFO.
        + Typically raises around $12,000
      * Restaurant Nights
   2. Notable expenses
   * Staff gift cards at the beginning of the school year - $3525
   * All school T-shirts - $2163
   * Safety Patrol - $1107
     + Sponsor activities such as the student trip to Washington, D.C.
   * Scooters for Gym class - $888
   * Other events
     + Kindergarten Picnic
     + Multiculteral Night
     + Black History Month
   * Other staff requests
     + Field trip support for several classes
     + New Keureg machine
   1. Please let the PFO know if you have ideas for ways to support Leopold staff and families
2. **Volunteer request – June 9th**

Teachers will be at Leopold on June 9th for staff development. There is a request for help with child care for teachers during their meetings/workshop (2 hours) so they can invite their whole families to the lunch that will occur after the workshops. If you are available please let a PFO board member know.

1. **Board positions**
   1. President position is still open. If you are interested in learning more about this position please contact Emily Royalty at [leopoldpfo@gmail.com](mailto:leopoldpfo@gmail.com)
   2. Lee Hayes will be taking over the treasurer position
   3. Member at Large, Kari Trapskin, is also transitioning off after 3 years.
2. **Principal Update - Karine Sloan**
   1. Budget

* No major cuts because of the referendum passing this year
* Slightly higher class sizes in some classes, but not a large difference
  + acceptable class size increases are smaller for K-3 than for 4-5
* Title 1 Funding
  + Leopold continues to receive Title 1 funding because of the large number of kids at Leopold who qualify for free lunch
  + However, Title 1 funds are decreased this year compared to last year because of increased allocation to middle schools & high schools. Previously middle & high schools have not received as much of the funding as they probably should have.
  + Not as much money available for staff positions this year compared to last year so have had to make some staffing cuts, e.g. REACH literacy class
* Technology
  + As other schools implement the new technology plan (Leopold is still a few years away) we are able to acquire their old devices (chrome books, etc). Therefore, there is only a small portion of funds dedicated to new devices.
  + Most of the money budgeted for technology is for repairs.
  1. Staffing changes
     + REACH literacy will no longer be a separate stand alone class. Most Madison schools incorporate Lexia into the classroom rather than have a separate specials class. Lexia may be included into parts of the computer science class in addition to the classroom.
     + Additional personal are being hired for behavior response
     + Sue Robinson is retiring
     + Mr. Beaman (science) is moving to another school. A previous student teacher under Mr. Beamon may be taking his position.
     + Ms. Smith (computer science) is leaving to pursue a PhD course
     + Ms. Nagel moving to Missouri for a special grant program
     + Ms. Evenson is moving to another school
  2. Behavior response
     + More incidents reported this year, however, reporting is also improved and increased compared to last year.
  3. Security for the school in the spring and summer
     + Some recent vandalism & damage
     + Working closely with police; & head custodian to quickly clean things up and repair
     + Adding additional outside security cameras
     + Working with Fitchburg to see if they would fund a parks person to help at school as well
     + Many programs at the school this summer so hopefully the activity will deter some incidents
  4. Grounds improvement
     + The dumpster is being relocated away from the main entrance
     + The parking lot will also be reworked. Will be adding some additional visitor parking spots.
     + Garden areas will be reworked and maintained by Community Groundworks as part of the Community School program. The after school gardening club is working with this group also.
     + 1000 friends of Wisconsin is also involved with improving Leopold grounds starting in the fall.