**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
	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.