

3/13/18 PFO General Meeting

Number present: 13

Leopold Recycling/Compost program

Guest Speaker: Chris Jimieson, Fitchburg Resource Conservation Commission

1. Have been doing presentations for 5th graders for the past few years about recycling and composting
2. Working to improve recycling and composting in the Leopold cafeteria
 - a. Working with Community school program & MMSD to implement
 - b. It is difficult to implement and maintain recycling programs
 - c. Will start simple at Leopold with recycling milk containers in the cafeteria
 - d. Another future opportunity is the compostable tray
 - i. These can be recycled if not much residue
 - e. If successful can expand the recycling program
3. Planning to do a waste sort on March 20 & 21 during lunch time
 - a. Looking for volunteers to help out. Contact Chris if you are interested in helping.

Race to Equity Project

Guest speakers: Stephanie Munoz & Christin Calloway

Race to Equity website: <http://racetoequity.net/>

1. What is the Race to Equity Project?
 - a. Initially launched by the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families in 2012 as a Project of Kids Forward
 - b. Purpose is to reduce racial disparities in Dane County through data collection, data analysis, tracking and dissemination, and advocacy
 - c. Dane County is often considered one of the best places to live, however, many reports conflict with this in terms of racial disparities being bigger than the national averages
 - d. This year the project has expanded statewide
2. Many of the slides from the presentation given by Stephanie and Christin can be found on the website in this presentation: <http://racetoequity.net/uploads/Race-to-Equity-Plenary-Session-PDF.pdf>
 - a. There are several other data reports available on the website as well
3. A small group discussion and listening session was conducted.
4. Two books recommended as resources were:
 - a. *Despite the Best Intentions: How Racial Inequality Thrives in Good Schools* by Amanda E. Lewis and John B. Diamond
 - b. *When Middle-Class Parents Choose Urban Schools: Class, Race, and the Challenge of Equity in Public Education* by Linn Posey-Maddox
5. Data was presented about performance at Leopold:
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1aRiek4vuoE32I2bdsYiT0MD9BeL_t5ku

Principal Update

1. Budget allocations for the next school year
 - a. Same number of allocations for classroom teachers
 - b. Specials: no change in allocation (music, gym, art, reach, etc)
 - c. Student services: psych, nursing, PBS, etc - similar, slightly less psych
 - d. Drop in Title 1 Funding because of increased needs at other schools (this is a shared pot of money in the school district) - drop of \$50,000
 - e. There will be a second assistant principal next year

- f. There has been a significant increase in the last year and half in students with needs (academic and social)
- g. Interventionist roles: added an additional 1.0 for Leopold