

Leopold PFO Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2012

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
1.General Updates	<p>Leopold will have a spirit week the week before Fun Fest (March 19-23). Each day will have a different theme. More information will be in the next Leopold newsletter.</p> <p>Kim McPhee will be stepping down as the Leopold PFO secretary at the end of this school year. If you would like to get more involved with Leopold, you can consider being the Leopold PFO Board secretary next school year. Contact any PFO board member with questions or interest.</p> <p>Target Red Card: If you use a Target Red card and indicate Leopold as the recipient, the school gets 1% of your purchase expenses. We earned \$1300 last year from Target Red Cards. Please consider getting one to help support Leopold.</p> <p>Giving Tree: The Giving Tree was very successful last month. Several wishes were granted that included cameras, other items, and volunteer time. We will continue to keep a list on the PFO webpage (LeopoldPFO.org) so you know how you can help out.</p> <p>Box Tops: Pump it Up is sponsoring a competition for schools to see which classrooms can collect the most box tops and earn money for their schools. Ms. Vinje's class won the November competition and collected 871 box tops (\$87.10 for Leopold!). They won a pizza party, certificates for Papa John's pizzas, and Pump It Up passes. Overall, Leopold students collected over \$900 in box tops during the month. So far this school year, we have earned \$1800 for Leopold through the Box Tops program! The PFO has used all of this money to grant Giving Tree wishes for our teachers. We will continue to do this throughout the year. The next collection period ends Feb 24th. Winning class will receive an ice cream party and Pump It Up passes. The last competition for the year will be to determine which class collected the most Box Tops throughout the year. The winning class will receive a Pump It Up party!</p> <p>Book Fair: Leopold will have the annual book fair Jan 30-Feb 2. Several volunteers are needed. Please contact Jenny (JAlbrecht@gmail.com) or Steve (SRCorsi@gmail.com) if you can help out. Hours will be Monday 8:00am-1:00pm, Tuesday 8:00am-7:00pm, Wednesday 8:00am-7:00pm, and Thursday morning.</p> <p>Fun Fest: We will need lots of volunteers to help with Fun Fest March 24th. Please contact Tiffany Sebranek to volunteer.</p>

<p>2. Principal Updates</p>	<p>The Giving Tree was a great experience last month and the teachers have been very appreciative of all the wishes that were granted. Thanks to all!</p> <p>Report cards will go home Feb 10th. The reading level rubric has changed so it will be harder to score a “4”.</p> <p>4K enrollment day is Feb 6th 1:00pm-6:00pm at Leopold.</p> <p>There will be 2 enrollment dates for Leopold students next school year. August 22nd 8:00am-12:00pm will be for students who are new to Leopold. August 24th 11:00am-6:00pm will be for returning students.</p> <p>The Martin Luther King program went well last Friday.</p> <p>The installation of the new TV in the front lobby will be done very soon. We can’t wait to see pictures of students and announcements!</p> <p>We have been reviewing value added data about student performance. This data is used to compare students at various schools. Leopold scored 3rd highest for elementary reading and 8th for elementary math.</p> <p>Leopold has a SIP (school improvement plan). All schools must have a plan to outline their plans for the year. One of our goals has involved groups of teachers working together to impact groups of students. For example, the 5th grade teachers have been rotating kids for 2 hours/day for literacy, science and social studies.</p> <p>PBS (positive behavior support)- this program helps kids develop social competencies so we can teach them how we want them to behave. One example of this is our morning meetings each day for 5-30 minutes.</p>
<p>3. Dave Watkins from Cherokee Middle School- how to help prepare your child for the transition to middle school</p>	<p>Cherokee averages 530 students in grades 6-8. In 6th grade, students will have 2 teachers for their 5 core classes. Each year students will have exposure to more teachers so by the time they are in 8th grade, they have a different teacher for each subject so they are ready to go to high school. There is a unified arts foundation program to prepare students for the electives in high school. Classes in this program include computers, art, wellness, and study skills. Students will also have physical education, music and a choice of language (Spanish or French). For students who excel in math, there is an accelerated math option. MSCR offers several options for after school activities at Cherokee. There are 3 social dances for Cherokee students. They occur at the end of the day (not in the evening) and there is a different theme for each dance. Parents of 5th graders at Leopold will receive additional information in the next month or so to help those students better prepare for the transition to middle school.</p>