

Leopold PFO Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2012

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
1. Community Garden and Rain Garden Updates	<p>Todd Hanson gave an update about the community garden. Raised beds, compost bin, picnic tables and raspberries were recently added to the community garden area. Thanks to the parent volunteers who helped out. There will be another day to finish getting the gardens ready for planting soon. The plots will be determined by lottery and will turn over each year.</p> <p>Plants are being grown in the science lab for the rain garden and now we are discussing how the garden will be maintained after it is built. One of the needs will be to water the garden over the summer. One suggestion was to ask parents to sign up for a week during the summer where they would water the rain garden 1-2 times during their week as needed. Peter Bergquist (UW-Madison student) has a grant and is looking into other options as well. Part of the maintenance may be woven into the summer school program as an educational opportunity. The PFO Board will sign the agreement for the city and MMSD to maintain the rain garden at Leopold.</p>
2. Staff Appreciation Luncheon	<p>The staff appreciation luncheon was today and staff loved it! The library was decorated in a luau theme and there was plenty of food for all. Thanks to the parents for the food donations. There were drawings for prizes for teachers as well. It was a great event that the teachers appreciated.</p>
3. New PFO Secretary	<p>Tanya Lettman-Shue will be the new PFO Board Secretary next school year. Welcome Tanya!</p>
4. Fundraising Updates	<p>Box Tops Contest will go through mid-May. We just got a Box Tops check for \$1400! FunFest netted \$1900 The garage sale netted \$850 Vitense Weekend is next weekend. We have not earned much money from this is the past so may not pursue it again next year. We discussed having a bake sale for the June 5th election- more to come! There is an opportunity to raise money for Leopold by parking cars at the Doyle Building for one of the home UW-Madison football games in the fall. John will let them know we are interested.</p>
5. Fifth Grade Graduation	<p>Wednesday June 6th is the 5th grade graduation. We are asking for 4th grade parents to help. Two family members will be allowed per graduate.</p>

6. Open School House Update	The city of Madison provided a \$10,000 grant to get the program started this spring. Activities include computer lab, library book check out, and gyms. There have been meetings with Fitchburg Rec to expand the options available through open school house on Tuesday nights from 6-8pm. Over time, we will have all school evening events on Tuesdays. We recently got another \$10,000 grant from the Foundation of Madison Public Schools to continue the program through next year.
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