

Leopold PFO Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2011

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
1. Welcome, Introductions, and General Announcements	<p>PFO Board Members for 2011-2012: President: Justin Shell Vice President: Jill Arnold Treasurer: Paul Nazario Secretary: Kim McPhee</p> <p>PFO website can be found at: <a href="http://LeopoldPFO.org">LeopoldPFO.org</a> Here you will find a calendar of Leopold events.</p> <p>Our 1<sup>st</sup> big event is the Timberwolf Trample on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will be coming home soon.</p> <p>Orchard Ridge is offering a free adult Spanish class from September 22-December 8<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Please give the PFO your email if you would like to receive email updates about additional events.</p> <p>Red bookmarks list PFO events for the year. Some of the events provide opportunities for Leopold to earn money. For example, if you go to Noodles &amp; Company on our Noodles Night and mention you are with Leopold, the PFO will receive a portion of sales.</p>
2. Volunteer Opportunities at Leopold	<p>The yellow forms describing a variety of volunteer opportunities should have come home recently. Please take a few minutes to let us know what you would be willing to help out with and someone will contact you with additional information.</p> <p>First opportunity to help is with the Timberwolf Trample on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>. This is our big fund raiser for the year. The sponsorship campaign has already brought in about \$4600.</p>
3. Financial Update	<p>The Leopold PFO provides money for a variety of things including: a refrigerator to store some of the fruits/veggies for the Fresh Fruits and Veggie grant, \$2,000 grade level grants for each grade level, \$50 for each teacher (\$100 if new teacher) at the beginning of the year, movie night, staff appreciation events, and funds to support activities for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade safety patrol.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have additional ideas for spending PFO funds at Leopold.</p>

#### 4. Principal Updates

Our new Assistant Principal is Sarah Chaja. She has a masters degree in education and leadership and is currently working on her doctorate at UW-Madison. She is bilingual as well.

Current enrollment is 667 which is below the projection of 700. The enrollment count will be this Friday and allocations might be adjusted based on this official enrollment count. Current 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes are averaging 18 children and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes are averaging 17 students. District averages are typically 25-28 students/teacher.

We will be piloting a video entry system soon at the door by the west parking lot. The doors will be locked after 8:15am and you will have to go to the doors by the west parking lot and buzz to get in. This is being piloted at 3 schools in Madison and the district hopes to expand to all elementary schools in Madison.

MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) test is a computer test for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. There are tests in literacy, math, and a second literacy section. Each portion takes about an hour so a total of 3 hours at the beginning of the year. In December, they will be tested only on reading and then will do all 3 tests again at the end of the year. Unlike WKCE, we will get the results immediately. The hope is that this new computerized testing system will replace WKCE in the next 2 years. All schools in Madison are piloting this new testing strategy.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms are trialing a rotating classroom. Students will still spend 1 hour for math and 30 minutes for reading in their homeroom. They will then be grouped for instruction and ongoing flexible grouping so they can rotate to another room for social studies and science.

Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program will have parent meetings this year as well. Sarah Chaja will be coordinating these meetings.