

Leopold PFO Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2011

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
1. Trample Update	<p>Timber Wolf Trample was Sat October 8th. We had a lot of people attend. All but a few classes had at least 1 student who participated in the race. The sponsorship campaign raised about \$4,300 and registration brought in about \$10,200. After expenses, Leopold earned about \$10,000!</p>
2. Box Tops Update	<p>Our new Box Top coordinator is Jessica Kopish. She received a lot of box tops from last year and recently sent in over 9,000 box tops. We will receive a check for \$909 in December. A packet came home with your child this week to explain more about the Box Tops program. Please take a few minutes to learn more about how easy it is to collect them and send them to school with your child so Leopold can earn money.</p> <p>We will be having some classroom competitions to see who can collect the most box tops. The first challenge is in November. The classroom that collects the most box tops will win a pizza party from Pump It Up. In January and February, we will start the 2nd challenge and the winning classroom will win an ice cream party. The 3rd challenge will take place in April and the classroom with the most box tops for the entire year will win a Pump It Up party! You can get extra forms to collect box tops on the Leopold PFO website: LeopoldPFO.org</p> <p>You can also earn money for Leopold by going to the box tops for education webpage and doing your regular shopping. If you indicate Leopold is the recipient of your box tops, we can earn free money! Our goal this year is to raise \$1,900 through the box tops program.</p> <p>We are also collecting Labels for Learning through Campbells. These labels give us points to buy things. We just sent in over 18,000 points from last year.</p> <p>We also collect certain milk caps- Nickels for schools (Kemps).</p>

<p>3. Update from Steven Arnold about the Parent Council</p>	<p>Steven represents Leopold families on the Parent Council. Each school has a representative in this group who meets with the superintendent monthly to discuss school district issues/concerns. The last meeting was in the middle of October. They discussed the school registration process as several families were frustrated with the process this year. Some areas of concern included a need for bilingual support, online bill pay, having teacher assignments ready on registration day, and spreading registration beyond one day. Future topics to be discussed include food, talented and gifted program, and ways to attract and retain talented teachers in MMSD. Please let Steve know if you have topics you want discussed at a future meeting. One parent suggestion was to discuss the safe routes to school resources.</p>
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4. Principal Updates

MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) test is a computer test for grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. This is a new test that is being piloted in Madison in the hopes of replacing WKCE. This test is administered 3 times a year. The first time was on the 3rd day of school. One benefit of this test is that the results are given to the school much more quickly so teachers can take the results and tailor teaching strategies to meet the needs of the children in their classroom. The test assesses math, language usage, and reading.

Parents will receive the first MAP results for their children in November. The range of scores is 100-300. This test allows calculation of school averages. This is also a national test so when the reports come back, there will be a way to look at national grade level comparisons.

In the past, we have used SRI reading levels for students who are above reading level 30. MAP will replace SRI for students in grades 3-5. We will still use SRI for students in grades K-1.

Safe Routes to School Group is looking at the Leopold Way- Post Road intersection.

There is no school next Thursday Nov 10th for parent teacher conferences.

Other updates: There will be a new TV going into the front school lobby soon. The secretaries just got some new furniture and Leopold Elementary has a Face Book page.

Enrollment: last count was 667 with 40 classroom teachers

Wish List- Some parents have asked what the school needs. We will try to put some sort of a list of teacher requests on the Leopold PFO website.