

PTO MINUTES *****Meeting of September 14th, 2009

There were approximately 41 staff and parents. After the PTO sponsored meal the meeting was moved into Mrs Wenzel's room to utilize the SmartBoard.

Old Business: The PTO board and committee chairs were introduced. The school calendar was reviewed and planned fundraisers were explained. Sally Foster begins 9/25 and ends October 9th. Box tops and milk tops earn us cash. Campbell's labels earn us gym equipment. Have your Target card designated for Castle and earn 10% towards new technology. The book fairs earn us books for our classrooms. Mentoring Matters will continue from last year and needs volunteers who can commit to an extended period of time. Volunteers must be 18 years of age and willing to undergo a criminal background check. The front school patio was completed over the summer by Becky Hansen and her volunteers. The renovation was funded by a grant from Lowes.

New Business: The position of PTO Secretary will be open after this meeting. Anyone interested in this job should contact Miriam Azazzi or Heather Petersen. The new PTO board plans to offer alternative meetings for people who may not be able to attend at our traditional meeting date/time. The Castle carnival occurs in February and requires MANY volunteers. Volunteers work in committees and meet randomly throughout the year to support each other. The first meeting will occur in October on a Sunday yet to be determined. Please contact Joel Carlson to get involved in this very important fundraiser for Castle.

Principal's Report: Castle has 448 students. There are 4 kindergarten classrooms and 3 center-based classrooms in addition to the other grade levels. We have a new school nurse: Trisha Wentworth. Please welcome her. Please remind your children to not share food/beverages and wash hands frequently. Please fill out the free and reduced meal form if there are any financial difficulties in your family. Many people are surprised to be approved for assistance. It is absolutely confidential since the child would just put their PIN number in to receive their meal just like all the other children. The playground was introduced in sections in order to re-enforce proper use of the equipment. We are also using: Responsive Classrooms, Leveling of Behaviors and Voice Volume scales in order to provide a calm, respectful learning environment. ***Our new mascot is the Castle Cub. Our new colors are red and white. Our Castle Cub will reside in well-behaved classrooms and is closely related to the NSP Polar.***

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed. New fundraisers added were: Saints roller skating, movies at The Plaza and a pancake breakfast at Applebee's (March). A motion was made by Julie Wagner to approve the treasurer's report and was seconded by Joanne Romain and voted all in favor.

Proposals: A proposal was made to purchase a picnic table to complete the renovation in front of the school at an approximate price of \$1000.00 The motion was made by Marc Cove and seconded by Gina Kuchenmeister. It was voted all in favor.

NEXT PTO MEETING: 10/12/09 6:30PM - 8:00PM

SAINTS ROLLER SKATING 10/8/09 6-8 PM

NO SCHOOL 10/15, 10/16 AND 10/23.

HOMETOWN CREAMERY NIGHT 9/24 AND 10/24.

