

PTO MINUTES *****Meeting of March 9th, 2009

There were approximately 17 staff and parents.

Old Business: Remember that the book fair is the week of April 6th – 9th. The book fair evening hours have been changed to April 6th to coincide with the band and choir concerts. Contact Carol Cove to volunteer your time to the book fair. **Twins Family Night** is back by popular demand. You will be able to buy tickets and concession packages at reduced fee for your family. Castle PTO will again be sponsoring free busing to and from the game. The event will be on May 2nd with orders due on April, 2nd, look for flyers coming home for more info. **Playground update:** According to Mike Bollin our playground is one of the best in the district as far as its condition. The PTO met with Mike and came up with a plan to replace the missing suspension bridge, create a barrier on the structure where repeat injuries have occurred due to cement, replace safety boot on the tire swing and removal of one small section due to safety concerns. The approximate cost will be \$4000.00. *A big thanks to Joel Carlson and his carnival staff for exceeding their goal of \$11,000. Fair Hair was a great addition this year!*

New Business: There are 3 officer openings for the PTO for the school year of 2009-2010 and will be voted on during the April meeting. They are president, vice-president and treasurer. Please call or email Candace Foote to submit your name or ask questions mnfeet@comcast.net or call 651-773-1409.

Principal's Report: Our current enrollment is 462, which is down from the 490's at the start of the year. Our projected enrollment for the fall is 431. You can expect changes in staff at Castle due to this downward trend. Our mission and vision work continues. We are considering sending out a sampling of our value statements to families for their input. We are excited to have our first summer school at Castle this year. It will provide 48 hours of reading interventions during the months of June and July. For now it is by invite-only and you will be notified if your student qualifies for this. This is at no cost for the student. Please plan to attend a fundraiser for our Angel Fund. It will take place at D'Avita Ristorante on March 30th from 5-8PM. Cost is \$12. Questions and payments can be submitted to the DEC or by calling 651-748-7595. MCA testing will be April 14th – 16th and April 21st; - 23rd; please have your children well rested. Our teachers are currently in the process of taking a cultural inventory, which will then determine what training is needed for their cultural diversity. *Thanks to Jim Roberts and Skip from the DEC who took it upon themselves to plow our parking lot on "Carnival Saturday"!*

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was passed out and reviewed. Conference meals for the teachers this week are sponsored by the PTO and will be delivered from Pot Belly's.

Proposals:

A motion was made and seconded for one additional SmartBoard at a cost of \$1500. This was voted for all in favor. PTO is now sponsoring 6 SmartBoards for classed next year! A motion was made and seconded for the \$4000 needed for initial playground repairs. This was voted for all in favor.

NEXT PTO MEETING: 4/13/09 6:30PM - 8:00PM

PTO OFFICER ELECTIONS 4/13/09

HOMETOWN CREAMERY NIGHT 3/26