

**PTO MINUTES \*\*\*\*\*Meeting of November 10th, 2008**

There were approximately 16 staff and parents.

**Old Business:**

The Fall Harvest Dance was well attended again. We received 25 donated coats for the women's shelter. The Boxtop Contest ends Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. The Boxtop volunteer is Heather Peterson. The winning grade level will receive a movie party at school. Hometown Creamery Night on November 20<sup>th</sup> will feature the 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebrity scoopers. *Castle is leading again this year for most sales against other schools in the area!!!* This means we could once again win the cash prize at the end of the year (and the trophy). Be sure to attend and bring a friend or three. This month, students who show up can enter their name in a drawing to win a free ice cream pie. Mark your calendars for the Book Fair on December 8 through the 12<sup>th</sup>. *Volunteers needed!! Please contact Carol Cove; 651-770-6475.*

**Principal's Report:**

Mike Boland gave Castle a grade of **A** for cleanliness on a recent inspection. Thank you to Al our bus driver who helps clean on his down time. Other bus drivers have also helped over the summer, with cleaning, lifting, hauling... We would like to send a thank you out to all of them as well. Our Literacy Connection program will have 5-6 seniors joining from Lakeview Commons. Candace Foote facilitated this connection to the seniors. The replacement of the chain link bridge on the playground is a cost to the PTO of \$1075.00 plus \$54.00 for S&H. The district will install it.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The PTO budget was handed out and reviewed. Due to the type of program that Target Corporation has set up with the school districts in Minnesota, their contribution checks must go to Castle school and not the PTO. This is not a change in their program but a clarification of the original intent. Target will be taken off of our income as a line item.

**New Business:**

Diane Baker would like all to know about a search engine that can be used as an alternate to others on the Internet. GoodSearch.com will donate a percentage to Castle. More detailed information will be coming out in the Castle-Backpack.

**PROPOSALS:** The following proposals were all motioned and voted all in favor:

Mrs. Daley (kindergarten) has requested \$250.00 for 30 seat sacks. Her classroom has tables and not desks. Seat sacks would provide her students with a place to keep their papers. The seat sacks attach to the backs of chairs.

Mrs. Svoboda (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) has requested \$70.00 for Marble Mania to demonstrate science in motion.

Mrs. Wenzel (4<sup>th</sup> grade) has requested a SmartBoard on wheels at a cost of \$1700.00 to begin experimenting with the technology that is being used more and more in the classrooms of today. An amount of \$3400.00 was approved to include one for Mrs. Sauvageau as well in order to facilitate discussion and brainstorming within our building.

**NEXT PTO MEETING: 12/8/08 6:30PM - 8:00PM**

**BURGER KING MEAL NIGHT DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**BOOK FAIR, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)**

**HOMETOWN CREAMERY NIGHTS 11/20 AND 12/18**