

PTO MINUTES *****Meeting of May 11th, 2009

There were approximately 14 staff and parents.

Old Business: The meeting was brought to order by welcoming the new co-presidents and new treasurer: Heather Peterson and Miriam Azzazi and treasurer, Brandee Moshier. Julie Wagner will stay on as PTO secretary. The outgoing officers were thanked and gifted for their work and dedication to the Castle school and community. The outgoing officers are: Candace Foote (president), Pat Zollner (vice-president) and Julie Jansen (treasurer). A big thank you goes out to Gina Kuchenmeister for her coordination of Castle's MN Twins night. It was our biggest turn-out yet. Last month it was decided that we would not utilize BK meal night in 2009-2010. So, this month will be our last BK meal night. The playground bridge, safety barriers and safety boot (for tire swing joint) have been installed. This completes the planned maintenance repairs to the playground for this year. **Please continue to use GoodSearch.com as your search engine and online shopping site. Castle has earned over \$40 so far. See the Castle backpack for instructions.**

New Business: On May 21st Mrs. Town will be scooping at Hometown Creamery with other unknown scoopers!!! Our Title One staff will be hosting the fun in the seating area as well. Please come out in support of Castle School. A Milk Cap Coordinator was needed for next year and Dianne Baker has agreed to take on that responsibility. **We will need volunteers to help paint giant maps on the Castle playground on June 10th beginning at 4PM. Feel free to show up when able as this will take several hours.**

Principal's Report: Our current enrollment is 465, which is down from the 490's at the start of the year. The Habitat for Humanity Community being constructed off of 50th St could bring us as many as 60 new students but they don't expect any occupancy there until after the start of the school year. Julie Kowarsch and Terri Wold will be the parent volunteers working with the school store next year. We have a limited number of school yearbooks still available for purchase. June 8th will be "Move Up Day" for returning students. They will meet with their teacher and classmates for the '09-'10 school year. Non-returning students will meet outside to sign autograph books (5th graders and students who are moving). Castle has purchased a one-year subscription to Study Island. Students will be assigned user names and passwords by their teachers to be able to access the site from home over the summer as well as at school. Just a reminder that a Community Ed. form must be filled out for the use of each and every room used in Castle by any outside group. There are many regulations to follow and one of them is that our kitchen personnel must be present when our kitchen/cafeteria is in use. **Only 4th and 5th grade students are allowed to ride their bikes to school and a written note must be on file in the office please contact Mrs. Town with questions.**

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was passed out and reviewed.

Proposals: Mrs. Svoboda presented a request for purchasing 3-4 portable document cameras (brand name-ELMO) to be used in second grade classrooms and to be compatible with SmartBoard technology. The approximate price could be as much as \$800 per unit and should include warranty coverage. This proposal was motioned, seconded and voted all in favor for \$3200.00 which would include an extra unit for other classrooms to check out from library.

HOMETOWN CREAMERY NIGHT 5/21

"MOVE-UP DAY" IS JUNE 8TH

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS JUNE 9th