

PTO MINUTES *****November 12th Meeting

There were approximately 22 teachers, staff, and parents present.

Old Business:

The dance was a huge success; the gym was packed.

Twenty teachers obtained top-of-the-line rolling whiteboards due to last month's proposal for PTO funding. *Thanks to Ms Hubler's class for assembling those whiteboards!!!*

Mrs. Ives class won the box tops contest with 1400 box tops. Next contest: Feb.

Principal's Report:

We have 490 students at Castle with 32% receiving free or reduced meals. We have recruited 10 volunteers for Mentoring Matters which will provide mentoring for about 14 students. We need parents to return permission slips for their child to obtain mentoring. Anne Sauvageau has held one math night so far and is planning for another one. This is for students and parents to learn/witness math techniques. Castle is working diligently to meet AYP requirements with their Special Education students. You can access proficiency percentages at this website; <http://education.state.mn.us>. They are listed out by grade. They are based on information from the previous school year.

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of current budget handed out. Review of PTO budget presented by Julie Janssen. Sally Foster appears to be approx. \$1,500 under budget. Final numbers will be presented at the December meeting.

New Business:

Parents should obtain a form at the school office to sign up for the Castle-Backpack; this is our email program for weekly announcements.

The school store opened on November 9th. It was very busy. Most items are \$1.00 or less!!! Lots of fun new items. The store is run by 5th graders. The store will be open on Fridays during lunch hour. Hometown Creamery Night is Thursday, November 29th. Scoopers will be second grade teachers. *Castle is in the lead to win the contest for most sales by a school. This will result in an additional check from Hometown Creamery. Please come out Thursday for ice cream. Help us win!*

The Castle Book Fair will be December 10-14 during holiday concerts. All monies go back to our library for new books. The Castle Carnival needs members for the planning committee. The committee meets at Sgt Pepper's. Please call Joel Carlson at 651-773-9471 or jcarlson@mac.com.

Proposals For PTO Funding

A proposal was made by the school store managers; Travis, Eloho, Clara, Kashua and Avery. They stated that they had a bank balance of \$50 but needed \$172 of inventory. They asked the PTO for \$122. After discussion by parents and teachers, the school store was awarded \$250.00 to get their business up and running.

NEXT PTO MEETING: 12/10/07 6:30PM - 8:30PM

PLAN FOR HOLIDAY PROGRAMS WEEK OF DECEMBER 10-14

CASTLE BOOKFAIR- DECEMBER 10-14-Books make great holiday gifts!!