

PTO MINUTES *****December 10th Meeting

There were approximately 15 teachers, staff, and parents present.

Old Business:

Update from Julie Kelly: The school store is having lots of success. They are consistently increasing their profit. But, more importantly, the fifth grade students are very enthusiastic about the endeavor. The store is open at about 11:40 every Friday and stays open through the lunch hours. It is located in the cafeteria. Please send small amounts of money for your child to purchase school supplies. The fifth grade students continue to learn about computing and making change, customer service, marketing, profit margins, merchandising, inventory.....

Hometown Creamery Night is December 18th. Come eat ice cream!!!

First grade teachers are scooping. We're still in the lead!!!

Principal's Report:

There are 493 students at Castle with 32.7% receiving free/reduced meals. Principal Town brought carpet and tile samples to show what will be replaced this summer with Castle's deferred maintenance monies. Deferred maintenance only allows for replacing like for like. You will also see the replacement of the blacktop on the playground and the parking lot. The air exchanger in the building will be replaced and upgraded. The front hall staff bathroom will be made into one bathroom in order to make it wheelchair accessible. Packing and moving will begin prior to the end of the school year since construction will begin immediately on June 6th. The target completion date is August 15th.

Treasurer's Report:

The PTO is budgeted to have a balance of \$15,656.00. We are always open to new proposals for use of the money to enhance the Castle community and/or the children's learning experiences.

New Business:

Joel Carlson was unable to make it to the meeting. Marc Cove gave an update for him regarding the Castle Carnival: We are hoping to have some exciting new items at the carnival such as baked potatoes, fresh chocolate chip cookies, a magician, two jumpers and possibly Rocco's pizza instead of Papa Murphy's. There are a few parents who will soon be moving on due to their children moving up to middle school. We can't afford to lose a single one of them. ******We are looking for new parents to shadow these retirees now in order to learn how to chair a committee. Committee chairpersons do receive a gift certificate for their work. Please meet with us at Sgt Pepper's to find out more details. We also need more volunteers to run the carnival!!! This would require less of a time commitment.*** Please call Joel Carlson at 651-773-9471 or jcarlson@mac.com. Parents tossed around an idea to have a Welcome Back to School community night in September, ideally the first or second week of school. This was met with much enthusiasm. It was agreed that this would require more parents' involvement. Anybody interested could call a PTO member to get in contact with other parent's wanting to do this.

**NEXT PTO MEETING: 01/14/07 6:30PM - 8:00PM
WINTER BREAK IS DEC 22ND THROUGH JAN 1ST
ALSO NO SCHOOL ON MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, JAN 21ST**