

PTO MINUTES *****Meeting of February 10th, 2009

There were approximately 18 staff and parents.

Misc:

Christa Haley, the Sally Foster Rep. attended and gave an overview of some of the changes for 2009/2010. Most notable item is that cookie dough will now be packaged to match each student's order instead one, large, bulk order for the school. The price will stay the same at \$12/tub. Also, another potential fundraiser could be selling the Happenings book. Cost would run \$30 with each book sold generating \$10 profit for the school. Playground Equipment repairs will be covered in more detail at next PTO meeting; Castle Carnival will be held 2/21/09 and some really neat prizes have been donated thus far including MN Wild, Timberwolves & Twins tickets and along with a couple of IPOD Shuffles to name a few.

Technology Update:

All Castle Classrooms will be having an LCD Projector installed in their classrooms during the summer of 2009 and this is part of a District-wide program; PTO is also tentatively purchasing 5 Smartboards for the next school year and these will also be installed in the summer of 2009. Ms. Town will be working with teachers to determine which rooms/teachers will be receiving these. Smartboards will cost approximately \$1,500 each with the PTO approving to purchase 5 for a total cost of \$7,500.

Principal's Report:

469 Students; 1/20/09 – teachers attended a Staff Development day; Classrooms and schools are moving towards becoming “Learning Organizations”. This District/Nationwide teaching style is to improve the learning environment in all schools. MAP Testing is now complete; Kindergarten Registration will be held on 2/24/09 from 6pm-7:30pm; Conferences will be held various days times on 3/5,3/6, and 3/12; The District Message System seemed to work well when schools were closed due to bad weather recently; Please make sure the school has current home/cell numbers; Book Swap/Fair is held the week of Conferences; students can bring in used books from home and donate them and exchange them for other books donated. Last day to collect for Book swap is 2/27/09; **Nurse's Notes – It is cold and flu season. Please see the February 2009 Castle Corner Newsletter for general information about when to keep your child home.**

Treasurer's Report:

The PTO budget was handed out and reviewed. Clarification from the District office will be needed to determine use of the Target contribution's check.

New Business:

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

Ms Nelson – \$539.10 - approved request for 30 books for the Envoy Professional Development program. The Envoy textbook is a program where teachers learn how to use non-verbal teaching skills in the classroom to enrich the learning environment.

Ms. Peterson - \$1,800 – Grade 4 Kindness Retreat – more information to come but this was held in 2008 at Castle and was a program to promote kindness in the school

Smart Boards – PTO voted to purchase at least 5 Smartboards for an approximate of \$7,500.

Open PTO Positions for 2009 and beyond – more discussions to be held at next meeting

CASTLE CARNIVAL: 2/21/09

HOMETOWN CREAMERY NIGHTS: 2/26/09 – 2nd Grade Teachers

CONFERENCES: 3/5/09 EVENING ONLY & NO SCHOOL

3/6/09 CONFERENCES ALL DAY

3/12/09 4PM-8PM

BOOK SWAP & BOOK FAIR: 3/9/09 – 3/13/08

NEXT PTO MEETING: 3/9/09 6:30PM - 8:00PM