

PTO MINUTES *****October 8th Meeting

There were approximately 31 teachers, staff, and parents present. Introductions were held.

Updates from Candace:

*BK Meal Night is the second Tuesday of every month. *Hometown Creamery scoopers will be the fifth graders on October 16th. *Castle Book Fair will be December 10th through 13th. **This is a change from the Castle calendar. We still need parent volunteers for this.** *Sally Foster Fundraising event has ended and Julie Kelly will make her absolute last count on Thursday October, 12th. **Reminder: Pick-up Sally Foster orders on Monday, Nov. 12th between 3:00 – 6:30 pm** *Box Tops Contest has begun from October 8th through November 9th. ***Fall Harvest Dance----Free to all families from your PTO!!!! //Refreshments/////Snacks/////Dancing with DJ///// Make it a costume party if you wish. Many of us will. October 26th, 7-9 PM. Castle Gymnasium. Parents must accompany children throughout evening .No violent costumes or weapons please!!!! The PTO is looking for easy-to-use Halloween decorations that can be returned to you at the end of the evening. This means: inflatables, statues, plug-in pumpkins, etc. Call Candace at 773-1409 to lend out your item. Thank you.**

Principal's Report

Enrollment is at 480 students this year. About 34% receive free/reduced meals. Families must re-apply for this each year. Castle school is up for deferred maintenance dollars in 2008. This could include: replacing floors/ceilings, updating the air exchange system, replacing chalk boards/tack boards, modifying or repairing bathrooms, replacing entrance doors, modifying the loading dock. District 622 has failed to meet AYP for No Child Left Behind for the second year in a row. Discussion and planning to remedy this will take place on **October 11th from 6-7PM at the DEC. Community members as well as parents are being asked to attend and find out how you can help.** The upkeep of the playground continues to be a concern for staff and parents. The main concerns are: fencing of the school property, asphalt integrity, clean up of sand and the need for more cushion (wood chips). It may help for concerned parents to call Mike Boland who manages the grounds for District 622. Please access the district website, if you are able, for important information throughout the year. You can set-up a subscription to receive e-mails as well. www.isd622.org

Conference Timeline:	October 12 th	Form goes out to parents to sign-up
	October 22 nd	Sign-up sheet due back at school
	October 29 th	Conferences 8AM to 8PM
	November 1 st	Conferences 4PM to 8PM
	November 29 th	End of trimester

**On Tuesday, October 9th
a crew from the DEC
were out and brought
additional wood chips
and cleaned the sand off
the playground**

Treasurer's Report

Copies of current budget handed out. Review of PTO budget presented by Julie Janssen. Note that income was adjusted at the beginning of the year for decreased enrollment.

New Business

Julie Wagner was voted in as the new secretary for the PTO; replacing Julie Kelly. A group of students have signed on to become the new management team for the school store. This will be supervised by Julie Kelly. They will explore and manage all aspects including: marketing, sales and inventory. Encourage your child to check out the new items at the store and try to buy what you need from this new enterprise. **We still need help in the lunchroom! Volunteer from 11:15 to 1PM! We still need volunteers for planning the carnival! Meetings take place at a fun restaurant! Call Joel Carlson at 773-9471!**

Heather Martinez, a Target employee and parent volunteer, presented a check for \$999.82 to Principal Town. You can call the number on the back of your card or access the website to designate your card for Castle. Now you can also obtain a special debit card that you only use at Target. Castle will still get the 1% even though you are not incurring a credit bill.

Proposals For PTO Funding

Mrs. Carroll proposed and was awarded \$241.72 for book pouches for the leveled reading program for first grade. Mrs. Savageau and Mrs. Wenzell proposed and were awarded \$5000.00 for new classroom easels to facilitate writers' workshop and readers' workshop. The easels are taller than the current ones as well as multi-functional. They are also mobile and have storage areas.

NEXT PTO MEETING: 11/12/07 6:30PM - 8:30PM