

PTO Minutes

4/18/16

Purpose - to promote open communication and understanding between the parents and the staff of Castlewood Elementary School. Working together will enhance and maximize the education of every child while aiding them in reaching their highest potential.

In attendance: Heather Eide, Rochelle Rudebusch, Carrie Boyd, Julie Bartels, David Wernke, Brandy Tesch

Minutes taken by: Brandy Tesch

Agenda -

1. Finances and office
 - a. Balance of existing account - \$4,017.22
2. Updates since last meeting –
 - a. School Improvement Committee –Meeting April 26th at 5:00.
 - b. Parent Involvement Policy – Done and final draft finished
 - c. Family Math Night – Thank you to all who volunteered and provided bars. Feedback?
 - i. Kids/Parents enjoyed
 - ii. Pizza beforehand was appreciated
 - d. Oral Interp –
 - i. Scheduled for Friday, April 29th beginning at 8:20 am
 - ii. Parents are invited to attend – Tentative schedule was in the April newsletter
 - iii. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony which is on Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30
3. Continuing Discussion topics –
 - a. End of the year family event
 - i. Thursday, May 19th 6:30 – 7:30
 - ii. End of Year Ice Cream Social & Sidewalk Chalk Festival
 - iii. Ice cream/toppings – sundaes – Heather will need help cutting up bananas, oreos, other toppings
 - iv. Sidewalk chalk – Dollar Store may be too poor of quality, crayola chalk is recommended as well as brushes and water to blend colors
 1. Should we have a theme?- Summer Fun perhaps?
 - v. Game ideas?
 1. If it rains, can do a black roll of paper for the chalk festival
 - a. Will need to purchase hairspray for this so chalk doesn't run
 2. David Wernke offered to bring a penny roller to flatten a penny and put a design on them.
 - a. Kids can bring their own penny.
 - b. Would do this at no charge.

3. Bean bag toss
 4. Ladder Ball
 5. Crochet
 6. Lawn Yatzee
 7. Round lawn darts
 8. Musical chairs (if rains)
 9. Stacking cups (if rains)
 10. Beach Volleyball (if rains)
 11. Hoola hoops (if rains)
- vi. Judge the sidewalk art?
1. Rochelle will look online to find different categories to judge on.
 - a. Best Team
 - b. Best 3D
 - c. Best Photo Rendition
 - d. Most Humorous
 - e. Best Use of Color
 - f. Best in Show
 - g. Fan Favorite
4. Idea brought up by a PTO parent –
1. Results of Survey –
 - a. #1 – Should PTO give small teacher appreciation gifts throughout the year? 49% yes, 31% no, 20% - no opinion
 - a. Yes
 - b. #2 – Which option do you like best for funding gifts? 12% PTO send letter, 39% Families give \$5, 49% Families just make a donation if they choose
 - a. Families will make a donation if they choose
 - b. Will get letter from Traci Bass or draft one of our own
 2. Teacher Appreciation Week – (5/2-5/6)
 - a. Parent's interested in helping can meet after the School Improvement meeting at 5:30 on 4/26 to help in making decorations for Teacher Appreciation Week.
 - a. You are welcome to bring your kids to help in making the decorations this night
 - b. Monday morning May 2nd at 8:30 any parents available can help decorate
 - c. PTO members agreed to pay for a light breakfast for staff during Teacher appreciation Week and decorations for the staff workroom
 - d. It was suggested to ask high school students to help make decorations. Ms. Eide will ask them to help.

Next meeting will be held next fall ☺