

Alcott Parent Teacher Group Meeting Minutes September 7, 2016

Present:

C. O'Brien	Twito	S. Napier	C. Dreyer	H. Webster
H. Park	T. Jordan	M. Clarke	L. Robertson	G. Mickeviciute
D. Johnson	J. Peachey	A. Harthorne	J. Monaghan	K. Ryan
C. Topors	E. Sukharsky	F. Sibai	C. Finzio	D. Yoken
C. Lamont	J. Kamionek	S. Limpacher	L. Crowell	K. Tyson
D. Suirandongo	C. Della Penna	K. Ramirez	J. Baldini	C. Driscoll

Principal: Ms. Sharon Young

School Staff Liaison: Mr. John Peachey

* indicates attendance

Opening and introduction: Heidi Webster

Shouts--out will be part of every meeting.

Meetings will be an hour (goal).

PTG calendar will be updated on website. METCO late bus schedule will be on calendar.

SHOUTS-OUT

Thanks to Jane Baldini for packets.

Thanks to Jennifer Monaghan for getting class parent positions filled.

Thanks to Trussa Jordan for hosting New Family coffee.

Thanks to Cheryl Dreyer for taking over the Parent Social.

Rebecca Caruso and Jen Soillis for helping with the landscape//gardening.

Ms. Young for getting kids and school ready.

Mr. Peachey for technology help to get the school year going.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Back to School Night, New Math Curriculum Night, Parents at Lunch are all this month. Check the Principal Updates for details/dates.

Ms. Young reports a smooth start to the year.

Old Business - None This Month

New Business

- Owl Team (Krissy Tyson) There are now two Owl teams --one for the website, one for the owl. The weekly newsletter Owl is on the Owl website: E-mail notices should go to Krissy Tyson by Tuesday 5 p.m. deadline for that week's newsletter.
- Volunteer Opportunities (Claire O'Brien) Goal is to streamline information about skills/timing/schedule for volunteer positions. Voids: Parent Social and Media Coordinator.

- Parent Social (Cheryl Dreyer) is 10/1 from 7-10. Baseball themed, the event will take place at the Corinthian Lodge with auction for “principal” and/or “custodian” – for-a-day, along with Celtics and Bruins tickets, an Emerson Umbrella class and Middlesex Camp vouchers . Great costumes and food. Money goes to children’s school programming. 25\$ by 9/24; 30\$ afterwards. Tickets will be available at the door.
Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up.
- METCO (Carrie Lamont) There are 45 Boston students this year. The goal is to pair up each Boston student with a Concord “buddy.” This year, there will be a grade-level representative to support/check-in for buddies. There will be three events, plus a celebration. The committee of chairs and grade-level reps will take on apple picking, bowling, a spring event, as well as an end-of-the-year celebration.
- Back to School (Heidi Webster/Cheryl Dreyer) PTG will have a table dismissal notes and Alcott ware at the Back to School Night. Info sheet for PTG will be handed out as well.
- Directory (Giedre Mickeviciute) The process is going well with some information missing or not yet available. Room parents’ information should be added.
- Workshops (Caroline della Penna) launch on 10/3. Publicity forthcoming in Owl and in folders soon. Family ID instructions will be included.

Caroline is also on SPEDFAC and you can connect with Caroline for more info about speakers, support, etc.

Fall Fundraising (Jennifer Kamionek) will be heading up the Charleston giftwrap and kitchen and home fundraisers this fall. Alcott PTG gets 40% of whatever we sell.

Annual Appeal is the other fundraiser. Tracey Morano and Jen Kamionek head up this effort. This money directly supports and enhances student program, much of which is connected to the curriculum. Teachers get a stipend help support supplies in the classroom. The money will also support families in need anonymously. Communicating the importance of these funds and appealing to parents was discussed. Ideas generated: social devoted to understanding the importance of moneys raised and adding good visuals to website and communications

Alcottwear – clothing, magnets, and notepads. Orders will be ONLY on-line but students will receive a packet in class.

Samples will be out at at back-to-school night.

Lice check (Helen Park) will be in October. The tentative dates conflict with Turkey Trot. Due to potential sweatiness, the dates will be re-examined!

Dues this year will be 30\$ per family. The dues support the administrative costs of the PTG.

Next Meeting: October 5, 2016 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room – All are invited