

Alcott Parent Teacher Group Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2016

Present:

Tracey Marano	Heidi Webster	Karen Graziani	Cheryl Dreyer	Nora Gilligan-Havens
Elena Sukharsky	Twito	Melissa Finn	Helen Chyungok Park	Kate Ramirez
Sandy Shen	Claire O'Brien	David Johnson	Jane Baldini	Jennifer Kamionek
Caroline della Penna				

Principal: Sharon Young

School Staff Liaison: John Peachey

* indicates attendance

Opening and introduction: Tracey Marano

Old Business

- Motion to pass May minutes was approved
- Donations still coming in for annual appeal

New Business

- President's Update
 - Superintendent's meeting
 - the school climate survey yielded approximately 800 responses; results will be communicated in the fall and broken down by school site
 - High School start time update: 8:00 for 2017-2018 school year, made possible by adding a few buses
 - Vote will be necessary to increase transportation budget
 - No change to elementary or middle school times
 - High schoolers will continue to ride their own, separate buses
 - 2016-2017 year will be spent educating the community around the why's and how
 - Summer School at Alcott provided free for 200 students
 - 9:00 - 12:00 with our own teachers for 4 weeks
 - 10 students per class
 - Hunt recreation offers camp in the afternoon
 - Maintenance staff is ramped up afterward in order to get the school ready for fall back-to-school
 - Think:Kids website is offering a 6-part series called "Inspire" for families with recently diagnosed special needs
 - Offers 1-on-1 parent coaching
 - 9th grade team working on bringing mindfulness to the classroom
 - Coming this fall: 10/24/16, "Screenagers" A documentary about navigating technology with your adolescent including experts, doctors, and student commentary
 - Family Fun Night 6/16/16, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Alcott
 - DJ, face painting, ice cream truck, bring your own dinner

- 5th Grade Events
 - Mix It Up party 6/17 at Hunt Gym
 - Class Gift - Buddy Bench to be placed in recess area outside
 - Transition ceremony 6/20 at 1:45 in auditorium
 - Clap-out: 5th graders will exit through the gym while parents are lined up outside; K-4 exits through the front door
- Motion approved to pass budget
- 2016-2017 Slate
 - Co-President's: Heidi Webster and Cheryl Dreyer
 - VP: John Peachey
 - Secretary: Liz Crowell
 - Treasurer: Kate Ramirez
- Last day of school: 6/21

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 7, 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room – All are invited

