

Alcott Parent Teacher Group Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2016

Present:

Tracey Marano	Heidi Webster		Cheryl Dreyer	
Carrie Finizio	Carrie Lamont	Karen Graziani		

Principal: Sharon Young

School Staff Liaison: John Peachey

Opening and introduction: Tracey Marano

New Business

- Annual Appeal – now offers corporate matching
- Principal Update
 - Putting together diversity advisory council
 - Connecting families from other parts of country and world
 - Helping all students manage race/diversity issues they may hear about on news
 - Creating an environment where we all can learn comfortable from each other and have safe and effective conversations
 - Metco connections – utilizing resources to make meaningful connections for families who speak English as a second language
 - STEM Project Pilot: school will be shut down for a couple hours one day in March, allowing students to work collaboratively to solve a problem
- PTG Website
 - Conversion of website is ongoing to prepare for a soft launch
- Geography Quest
 - All elementary schools participate
 - Optional for all grades except 5th graders where it's part of their homework
 - Starts in January
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch will be 2/2/16
- Book Fair slated for 3/3/16, with Read-A-Thon running the entire month of March
 - Lisa Shaw coordinating
- Workshops: signups are 1/18/16 and workshops start 2/1/16

Comments

- It was mentioned by a parent that contract negotiations are underway for teachers, and there is a meeting open to the public on 1/21 at 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: **February 3rd, 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room**