

Alcott Parent Teacher Group Meeting Minutes February 3, 2016

Present:

Tracey Marano	Heidi Webster	Lisa Shaw	Cheryl Dreyer	Jane Baldini
Twito	Carrie Lamont	Karen Graziani	Claire O'Brien	Nora Gilligan-Havens

Guest: Kathi Snook, School Committee*

Principal: Sharon Young

School Staff Liaison: John Peachey*

* indicates attendance

Opening and introduction: Tracey Marano

New Business

- President's Report – Tracey Marano
 - Superintendent's meeting
 - Snow cancellation decision is made by 5:00 a.m., taking Concord, Carlisle, and Boston into consideration
 - Town report – CCHS will be dedicated
 - School accountability – Alcott and Thoreau are Level 1 schools
 - Testing –
 - still doing PARC this year
 - moving to MCAS 2.0 next year
 - testing will take place in May
 - students will be taught test-taking strategies
 - Process for superintendent search is now beginning, where firms submit bids for coordinating the search
 - New high school principal after this year
 - Proposed transportation department would cost upwards of \$3 million to build
- Treasurer's Report
 - Annual Appeal = \$7195
 - School pictures = \$1915
 - Box Tops = \$282 (Jennifer Kamionek will send communication about box tops)
- Geography Quest
 - Due 3/4
 - Room parents will coordinate volunteers
- Book Fair and Read-A-Thon
 - Mon 2/29 books arrive
 - Tues 3/1 set-up
 - Wed 3/2 teacher preview
 - Thurs 3/3 PJ party 6:30-8:00
 - Fri 3/4 student shopping begins
 - Lisa Shaw coordinating, Lisa Crowell will take pictures
 - Now accepting book donations

- STEM Challenge
 - 3/15, 1:45 – 3:00 p.m. for all but Kindergarten students
 - will need parent volunteers
- Math Night 4/6, 6:00 – 7:30
- Workshops
 - 30% enrollment
 - discussed disseminating information earlier
- Diversity Task Force Meeting to take place in March

Next Meeting: March 2nd, 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room