

## Alcott Parent Teacher Group Meeting Minutes March 9, 2016

Present:

Tracey Marano	Heidi Webster	Jen Kamionek	Cheryl Dreyer	Jane Baldini
Twito	Carrie Lamont	Karen Graziani	Claire O'Brien	Nora Gilligan-Havens
Amy McManus	Liz Crowell	David Johnson	Tejal Sheth	Caroline della-Penna
Lori Roberts				

Principal: Sharon Young\*

School Staff Liaison: John Peachey\*

\* indicates attendance

### Opening and introduction: Tracey Marano

### New Business

- Alcott Wear: offering boys and girls athletic shorts, available next week
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirts
  - All-school Alcott t-shirts also available for purchase online; communications will be sent to parents
- Annual Appeal
  - Letter going out to parents next week
  - Goal: \$24,500: \$17,000 for children's programming, \$7,500 for teacher/specialist/nurse stipends
  - Discussed an annual, recurring date for appeal, possibly October 1
- Teacher negotiations
  - Tune in to CCTV online to watch 3/8/16 School Committee Meeting
  - *Parent Comment:* PTG should take more active role in educating parents in matters of teacher negotiations
  - John Peachey, building representative for CTA, advised that PTG remain neutral
  - The Owl will post school committee and CTA website information so people can research and educate themselves
  - Upcoming negotiation meetings: 3/24 at 4:15, and if necessary 3/31
  - The Owl will advertise further information as requested by either party
- Town Meeting: 4/4-4/5 Don't miss this opportunity to weigh in on community issues!
- Treasurer
  - Amazon Smile – haven't received reports yet to determine earnings
- Principal's Report
  - S.T.E.M. Challenge for Kindergarten is Friday 3/18, for grades 1-5 it is Tuesday, 3/15
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> shift custodian, Anibal Negron, is retiring. Thankful for his contributions!
  - Math speaker
- SAC (Student Advisory Council) has one open spot for a parent.
  - Committee is comprised of one teacher, one parent, and one community member who does not currently have students.
  - Interested parents should contact either Tracey Marano or Heidi Webster
- PTG Website
  - Karen Graziani and David Johnson presented new site content
  - Information on website will be more generic; the Owl will have all current information
  - Volunteer positions and information will be posted
- Read-A-Thon/Book Fair
  - Underway, many teacher books still available for purchase. PTG will donate unpurchased teacher books
- Geography Quest
  - All participants will receive a pencil
- Math Night
  - Will be posted on 2volunteer as it is a great opportunity for high schoolers to earn volunteer hours assisting with the games
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year
  - Families can purchase a 5<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirt and 5<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook (separate from all-school yearbook)
  - Class trips to Boston and beach, Mix It Up 6/7, Transition Ceremony 6/20
  - Letter from 5<sup>th</sup> grade liaisons will go to families with information and request for \$25 to help offset costs
- Spring Workshops – start 4/25

- Before school sports
- Baking
- Hands-on electronics for grades 3-5
- Mindfulness
- Tennis – Callahan not doing for elementary school this year
  - Need tennis instructors (parents) and portable nets
  - Caroline della Penna will speak with Tim Guidreau and tennis parents
  - PTG can donate nets
- Slate for next year:
  - Will be available on Google form
  - Recruiting discussed at next meeting

**Next Meeting:        Tuesday, April 5th, 9:30 a.m. in Cafeteria – Bring a Friend!**