

# Alcott Parent Teacher Group Meeting Minutes

## May 4, 2016

Present:

Tracey Marano	Heidi Webster	Karen Graziani	Cheryl Dreyer	Nora Gilligan-Havens
Elena Sukharsky	Kristen Tyson	David Johnson		

Principal: Sharon Young\*

School Staff Liaison: John Peachey

\* indicates attendance

### Opening and introduction: Tracey Marano

### Old Business

- Box tops will be collected through the end of May. Information posted every week in the Owl.

### New Business

- Principal Update
  - Diversity Committee meeting will be 5/17 in Boston
    - New committee started this year containing both Concord and Boston parents; meets monthly
    - The committee updated criteria for Metco students.
    - For next year, the committee is working on professional development for faculty with a focus on diversity.
  - Ten percent of our student population stays at school on half-day Tuesdays for a close-the-proficiency gap initiative offering intervention and support.
  - PARCC testing is underway for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Fifth Grade Transition Ceremony will be on 6/20 at 1:45. Parents are invited and light refreshments will be served.
  - Last day of school is 6/21; it is a half day.
    - 5<sup>th</sup> graders dress up
    - Clap-out
  - Kindergarten registration is up to mid-60's, so there will be 4 classes next year.
  - Back to School Night will potentially be 9/13 or 9/14 (to be determined).
  - Open House is the day before the first day of school; may be in the afternoon instead of the morning, as in the past.
  - In the fall, possibly September, there will be Everyday Math parent sessions offered in the evening at the school.
  - Math Night next year
    - Improvements under consideration include student led activities with their parents, plus games that will be structured upon new Everyday Math program.
- President's Report – meeting with superintendent was cancelled
- Treasurer's Report – Nora Gilligan-Havens
  - Annual Appeal goal was 15K; donations are currently at 12K.
- Upcoming School Events
  - Family Fun Night will be 6/16. BYO dinner and bring cash for the ice cream truck.
  - Field Day is 6/7

- Fifth Grade End of Year
  - End of Year gift will be a Buddy Bench for outdoors, in a location to be determined.
  - Mix It Up Party will be Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 at the Hunt Gym.
    - Event will be drop-off, but parents need to sign out students afterward.
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon is 5/17.
- 2016-2017 Slate changes
  - PTG Website: Twito and David Johnson, with Elena Sukharsky submitting community information
  - Discussed the possibility of a volunteer coordinator

**Next Meeting:            Wednesday June 15, 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room – All are invited**