

# Alcott Parent Teacher Group Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2017

**Present:** Heidi Webster, Twito, Krissy Tyson, Claire O'Brien, Jane Baldini, Lisa Shaw, Elena Sukharsky, Kathy Codianne (Interim Principal ), Heather Bout (School Committee)

**Present via Conference Line:** Kate, Ramirez, Holly Legault, Steve Valentine

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**OPENING AND INTRODUCTION:** Heidi Webster

**APPROVE FEBRUARY MINUTES:** Minutes approved

**CONFERENCE CALL:** DO NOT RECORD THE CALL, PTG DOES NOT CONSENT

**MATH NIGHT:** Holly - Finished planning last night. Friday, March 24th from 6-7:30 pm. In cafeteria, there will be food. Lion hidden in Concord from London Zoo. Find him, where, etc... Need volunteers. Notice sent to the Thursday Owl with link to Sign-Up Genius. Run it 'till the event. Requesting high school volunteers and Alcott Dad volunteers. Sign up genius has all info for volunteers. Also working with Judy Olsen. Two posters printed - put one at school in front office window and sandwich board. Will do a backpack flyer. Laminator here can do the poster size.

**COOLER CONCORD:** Twito - Great event. Well attended. Alcott won \$500 so far with potential to win another \$500.

**PRINCIPAL UPDATE:** Wax Museum this week for 3rd grade. STEAM on 3/17. Meeting tomorrow to finalize the Marble Run. Time for challenge and then time for gallery walk so all the students can see each other's work. Need to put together bags for the event. Still ask for more paper tubes. Sharon plans to start coming in periodically. Plan is for her to come back in April but kathy C is happy to stay until she is ready to return. No parking signs for tomorrow Dr. Seuss night, police bringing in. Need to schedule a Spring Monster Mash meeting to get a head start, hopefully include Sharon. Next big event will be family fun night. Concerned about fire lane and handicapped area. Have police do a drive by during the big events to check on parking issues. Work on parking area during drop off and pick up. Possibly create a designated area for people with small children or infants. Do the parking hand out, include a map.

**WINTER WORKSHOPS:** Claire - Mr. Peachey doing a coding class, need to work out dates for a morning workshop. Steve Valentine will be co-teaching with Mr. Peachey. We need two people to have someone do examples on the board and another to help student do actual code. Do K-2 and 3-5 separate. Two different classes. Hands on electronics people also doing a scratch code for 3:30-5 in the afternoon for grades 3-5. Workshops starting April 24th. Spring workshops are going well! Lego K-2 good for Spring. Bollywood, Orchestra all doing well. Math Club great for K-2 but low for 3-5.

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Looking into tennis through Hunt gym in the Spring. Work with high school tennis coach to have teams come visit. Walk over to Emerson for older students. May offer Karate again. Match club always conflicts with chess club, maybe move match club. Usually run 7 or 8 workshops in the Spring. Maybe do afternoon coding in the Fall because it is inside. Try to have more outdoor workshops for Spring.

**BOOK FAIR:** Lisa - All going well. Very different from last year. Seems better. Just books. Tomorrow night there will be a few non book items for sale like games and puzzles. Also a few pens, erasers, etc. Priced affordably. No shopping during the guest readers, etc. in the music room for the first ½ hour. Bronson will make an appearance and be part of a photo booth!! Clarify the schedule for this evening. Keep doors to music room closed during guest reading. Need to have shopping the entire time. Perhaps use the teacher lounge. No food. We need a place for people to read. Perhaps use the cafeteria with the table out . . .no room to run but plenty of room to read. Kids missing the Read-a-thon aspect. The counting of pages.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** Heather Bout - Now the high school budget is coming in at the FIN COM guidelines!! Slide show describes the 5 different school related items coming up at town meeting. Hope to have all articles discussed on the 24th. Include an overview of this document to send out in the Thursday Owl. Will be holding informational coffees for the community. 3/22 coffee in the evening at CCHS. Put all this info in the Owl next week. CPS budget is still over for the language. Document of five articles available to view from Thursday Owl link. We are determined to implement language. We MUST complete landfill remediation. Need to cover/cap it so it is sealed and it can not contaminate with water supply. Permanent solution to the environmental impacts still needed. Doing flexible fill, so we do not need to dig it up later. We are not discussing what will happen with that field in future. Also, not part of parking. May not put parking in this spot. Parking will be discussed at a later date. Will not make this area parking because it will cost 15,000,000.

**GEOGRAPHY QUEST:** Due Friday 3/1. All good.

**ORIGINAL WORKS:** Jane - Flyer out 3/13 week. 2 week lead time for when artwork is due.

**SHOUT OUTS:** Math Night coordination Holly Legault. Lisa Shaw and her team, great work on Book Fair so far. Thank you.

**Q & A:**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 5th at 9:30 am in office conference room.