

Alcott Parent Teacher Group Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2016

Present:

Jane Baldini	Cheri Driscoll	Krissy Tyson	Claire O'Brien	Caroline dellaPenna
Cheryl Dreyer	Heidi Webster	Carrie Lamont	Tracey Marano	Giedre Mickeviciute

School Staff Liaison: John Peachey

Representative for Interim Principal: Judy Olson

OPENING AND INTRODUCTION: Heidi Webster

The minutes of the October 4, 2016 meeting were approved.

SHOUTS- OUT TO....

- Tracey Marano & SAC Team for the SAC for the SAC Social
- Giedre M. for doing the Alcott Directory
- Krissy T., Twito & Owl Team for their mazing work with updates, changes etc.
- Jen Kamionek for Spirit Wear and Fall Fundraiser
- Jessica Lambert and photo team for family photos and school photos
- Caroline Della Penna & Workshop Team for setting up Fall Workshops
- Helen Park, Dawn McCullough & all parent volunteers for Head Lice screenings
- Carrie L. & Sarah N. for coordinating successful METCO apple-picking event in October
- Lynn Morel for coordinating and managing PAL
- All volunteers for the Turkey Trot
- Judy Olson for standing in for Sharon and supporting our efforts and our children
- Claire O'Brien & Monster Mash Volunteers for a fabulous g event.

SUPERINDENT SEARCH (Cheryl D.) Search is under way to put the committee together for the superintendent selection. Public forums are scheduled on 11/14 and 11/15 to get feedback. Different focus groups of students, teachers, etc. can provide many perspectives. The PTG presidents will get together and recommend a parent from K-8. A concern was raised about number of members from K-8, but the outsourcing group is recommending 15 people total. The focus groups and public forums are designed so that the committee can get feedback from many different lenses.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE (Judy O.)

Kathy Codianne has transitioned into her role as interim principal. She had some previous commitments, so Judy has been filling in as needed.

OWL TEAM (Krissy T.)

Krissy is trying to clean-out old posts to keep the site clean and current.

E-mail Krissy at her personal address except for what you want on the Owl and/or make clear what is a post.

An effort will be made to keep posts continuously in Volunteer section so that there isn't an empty block of space in the weekly publication an so that folks are reminded of ways to volunteer!

TREASURER'S REPORT (Heidi W.)

Annual appeal goal is \$15,000. We have gotten over \$7,000 so far. Jen and Tracey are considering posting something for Giving Tuesday. They are also weighing paper vs. electronic or some mix thereof for appeal communication.

Dues projection \$5,00 with \$4684 already collected!

Monster Mash: 250 family tickets -\$5,285 on –line. Some paid at the door. \$1300 expenses already paid; The projection of expense is \$3,000.

Turkey Trot - \$1,1000 and counting. Pledges are due in early December.

MONSTER MASH (Claire O.)

There was a large family turnout from throughout the Alcott Community. Parking will have to be adjusted due to fire codes. A discussion ensued about marking fire zones in parking lot. We have to be sure that we leave enough room for emergency access. A fire department walk-through will be part of the checklist next fall. This is routinely done at other large school events, such as the middle-school musical.

The fire alarm incident made us think about being keeping track of children at school events as opposed to being complacent and thinking that “kids are safe” because they are inside the school. We also need to make clear that this is not a drop-off event.

Ms. Olson pointed out that we learned some good things during a non-emergency, thankfully.

SPED PAC (Caroline D.)

A Special Education focus group is forming. Contact Joanna Boynton (School Committee) if you are interested. Peter Yelle is in charge of the group. A notice about this will appear in the Owl.

There is a workshop on executive function strategies on 11/9 in the CCHS Learning Commons 6:30-9:00 p.m.

METCO UPDATE (Carrie L.)

The goal is to have buddies for each Boston student. Some connections from last year are the same; some are new connections. The consistent ½ days and Alcott programming has cut down some Tuesday play dates. since some families have scheduled students for regular, extra-curricular activities during that time. There are other ways to be a buddy. The possibility of reverse playdates was discussed as well as having students ride the METCO bus into Boston during ½ day. The HoneyPot Orchards apple-picking was great. Numbers were a little down, but still strong.

GREEN MONSTER (Twito). Ms. Curley is the school liaison for the Green Monsters. There is a huge energy (no pun intended) to collaborate with the Sustainability Committee. All schools are working on exhibits for Sustainability Fair in early February. The Committee is trying to involve kids and their parents more involved in Concord-wide Sustainability to see how we can reduce our carbon footprint.

Next Meeting: Wed. December 7, 2016 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room – All are invited.