

Alcott Parent Teacher Group Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2017

Present:

Heidi Webster	Helen Clancy	Melissa Finn	Twito	Kristen Tyson
Liz Crowell	Claire O'Brien	Carrie Lamont	Melissa Finn	Jane Baldini
Jen Soillis				

Principal: Sharon Young

School Staff Liaison: John Peachey

* indicates attendance

Opening and introduction: Heidi Webster

Old Business

- Motion to pass May minutes was approved.

New Business

- PTG Slate - Birthday Book chair needed.
 - Flier suggested (in the form of newspaper article) to publicize the Birthday program needed.
 - Parents may want to go “off-list” to select books, especially for older grades.
 - A discussion about ways to make the “birthday book” program more visible, including positioning in the library, soliciting kindergarten and first grade especially, and “recommended books” section, which would emphasize books, not donors.

A discussion ensued about how to involve families with younger children in volunteer positions. One firm outcome of the discussion was thoughts about how to change the structure/location of initial meeting of the year to be more welcoming and ways for parents to get involved. Liz C. will work on drafting a “Kindergarten/New Parent PTG Welcome/Handbookish thing” with a glossary of terms, the difference between Owl Website vs. Newsletter, Monster Mash.

Upcoming Events

- 6/13 Diane Rigby’s farewell is 1:30-3:30. There is a sign-up genius for refreshments.
- 6/13 PTG Volunteer Social will be at Trail’s End.
- 6/8 Variety Show – Ms. Sexauer will be collecting donations for Children’s Hospital Resource Room.
- METCO anniversary celebration is postponed until the fall. Aquarium and Ice Cream Social events were successful. There is a continued discussion about how to best run the Family and Friends program. The scheduling of Tuesday afternoons, etc. have affected attendance. Organized activities vs. Buddy playdates was discussed. There may be some opportunity to shape activities for different age groups. Class social locations in Boston

would really help all families to be included.

Shouts Out – Beth Vause for Family Fun Night. Angela Lipson and Jennifer Soillis for Teacher Appreciation. Twito for the Yearbook, Tracy Morano for Rigby Farewell, and Jennifer Kamionek for Alcottwear. AND finally, Heidi Webster for her great job as President this year.

Next Meeting: Sept. 2017 All are welcome and have a nice summer!