

Alcott Parent Teacher Group Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2018

Present:

Cheri Driscoll	Cheryl Dreyer	Brook Ulher Karbeyas	Liz Crowell	
Claire O'Brien				

Principal: Sharon Young

School Staff Liaison: John Peachey

* indicates attendance

NEW BUSINESS

Report of the Presidents' Meeting (Cheri and Cheryl) The main discussion of this meeting was the \$600,000 gap at this time between the Proposed School Budget and the cap on spending increase (for the purpose of sustainability) by the Town. If Fin/Comm doesn't come to an agreement with School Committee, the Budget increase will be voted on at Town Meeting. The Presidents will be meeting to understand what the role of the PTG can be legally going into Town Meeting.

There will be continued communication about the Budget and possible meetings. Cheryl will check with the Ethics Committee about what the PTG can do under their aegis.

Participation and Volunteerism (Cheri and Cheryl)

There is an effort to revamp the volunteer system to make opportunities for both non-working and working parents who want to be involved or simply meet more of the school community. The goal is to help people understand "What the PTG does for the school." An electronic form that describes more specifically how volunteers can be involved will be disseminated. There will be an electronic form that will describe and help people be more specific about how they might help out. The idea of a class year (i.e. 1st grade, 2nd grade) proposed at a previous meeting may be the approach for next year's Fall Fest. Key to participation seems to be organization, clarity in description.

Alcott Dads is another volunteerism opportunity. The status and activity of Alcott Dads is not currently known but will be pursued.

Parent Social March 17 at the Nashawtuc Country Club – (Cheri and Cheryl) It will be a fun, casual night, including a great DJ hors d'v'res, cash bar. The pricing for the ticket is pending. There will be a silent auction. We will need people to help with running it as well as to donate items. pricing for the ticket is pending, silent auction.

Workshops (Claire O'Brien) Workshops continue to be popular. Coding filled in 15 minutes; Stop Motion was filled within 24 minutes. Lego Workshop had two on its waitlist.. A need for ideas, balance of classes, and research for new classes was discussed. The half-day Tuesday may be an opportunity to offer more classes in school space. This will be explored.

Geography Quest (Claire O'Brien) will be released at the end of January. Applecake Quest Around the World is the theme.

The next meeting will be February 14, 2017 at 9 a.m. in the Teachers' Room.

Submitted by,

Liz Crowell, PTG Secretary