

**Alcott School Advisory Council  
Minutes for  
January 8, 2018 Meeting**

**Attending:** Laura Knowles, Lisa Luby, Judy Olson, Jean Thuma, Amy McManus, Liz Crowell, Jennifer Kamionek, Tracey Marano

**I. SAC Sponsored New Parent Social –**

- a. Discussion/Changes for next year – People that attended were appreciative and enjoyed making connections. Food was good. Lower attendance than in the past but may have been impacted by a middle school event. Decision to continue next year and review after event to determine if it should be repeated the following year. Parents to review numbers for catering and determine if adjustments should be made.

**II. SAC Sponsored Boston Meeting–**

- a. Review/Feedback – Discussion and recap of Boston meeting. Alcott staff attended and provided workshops/activities for students. Parents responded that they enjoyed and wanted more. Anne Mondesir led parent meeting that was well received.

**III. School Religious Holiday Policy –**

- a. Review/Feedback – Policy was put together by committee and provides guidelines for acknowledging school expectations and responsibilities around religious and cultural observances by family. Implementation plan includes guidelines for knowing who your students are and how to respond sensitively to family needs. School calendar will be guided and driven by the policy.

**IV. Grade 5 Community Service –**

Grade 5 has decided on open table for 5th grade community service project. Possible tie in with kindness weeks in February.

- a. Joe Andruzzi Foundation– Look at for future project.

**V. FY19 Budget –**

- a. Update – Discussion about possible FY19 reductions. Sharon explained and responded to questions.

**VI. Upcoming/New Events –**

- a. GR 5 Innovation Lab at Ripley – Lisa reported positive feedback from her class visit to the Innovation Lab. 5th grade left at 10:30 and returned at 2:30. Theme was circuits. Students had to use natural materials such as pine cones, wood and then used a wire and battery source. Kids were able to take their creations home. Students enjoyed the day.
- b. District-wide Cultural Competency Committee –
- c. Safe Schools Presentation –

**VII. Other? –**

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**SAC meetings for the year–** Feb. 5, March 5, April 9, and May 7

The SAC meeting closed by 6:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Olson