



## Roy Cloud School - 2017-2018 School Year

### PTO Meeting Notes March 20, 2018

#### Call Meeting to Order/Welcome/Introductions – Yvonne Sarles

- The PTO meeting started at 6:31 pm in the school library.
- PTO President Yvonne Sarles led the group in introductions. For attendee list please see Appendix 1.

#### Treasurer's Report - Jim Balestieri

- Income in the past 30 days was approximately \$12,000
- December expenses were approximately \$37,000, driven primarily by the Auction.
- There is approximately \$407,000 cash on hand, which is a good place to be at this point in the school year.

#### Principal Report – Principal Dana Hardester

- Recent Lock Down Drill
  - Roy Cloud recently held its 2nd lock down drill this school year. 6 police officers were in attendance. They praised the school for its readiness and it last 16-20 mins.
  - Children who are not in classrooms are to flee the school - police officers will find them.
  - Currently all rooms have magnetic locks - it is a temporary solution while the school waits for “Columbine Locks” (locks which allow the room to be locked from the inside) to be approved by the State, delivered and installed.
  - In the event of an active shooter, communication will come from the school first, then from the district if the school can't communicate. Questions about the district's procedures should be directed to Superintendent Baker.
  - Concerns were raised about the drill not being announced and parallels were raised to unplanned fire drills (which do happen occasionally by accident - for example the recent school elevator malfunction).
- Funding for PE and Reading Teachers
  - Measure U will continue to support key positions at Roy Cloud. However PTO funding for a portion of the Reading Specialist will continue to be needed to sustain this function. Kristy Dobson is the Reading Specialist - she is a full time resource at Roy Cloud, is working with 50-70 throughout the year. These students are all grade

levels (including middle school). Kristi graduates students out of her program as soon as they are ready and picks up new students all year long.

- **PTO VOTE:** Continue to fund the part of the Reading Specialist that is not covered through Measure U.
- Motion to approve this funding allocation made by Yvonne, seconded by Jim:  
VOTE: YES – approved, no opposed.
- Thursday Night
  - There is a meeting soon with incoming 6th and 7th graders to discuss math instruction. Roy Cloud is working to make sure middle schools get a full year of algebra.
  - Questions? Contact Chelsea Williams - 7th grade Math Lead.
- Classroom Overheating
  - In early April there will be a school board meeting to discuss the results of a recent temperature survey and a set of measures proposed by Roy Cloud parents to reduce temperatures in the hottest classrooms. Measures include blinds, reflecting film, and parent-funded portable AC units.
  - The school board meeting will meet Wednesday April 4, 7pm, at the district office (750 Bradford Street, RWC).
- Administration Departures
  - Dana and Kristen shared that they will not be returning in their positions for the 2018-2019 school year. They will stay at Roy Cloud through June 30 and will help prepare the next administration. And they will confer and report back on how best parents can message this to their students.
  - There are other shifts in Administrations happening within the District however Roy Cloud is the only school losing both its Principal and Vice Principal.
  - On Tuesday March 27 the Superintendent will meet with Roy Cloud Teaching Staff. Anna will send themes from the Staff meeting to Yvonne to help inform the parent meeting the following evening.
  - On Wednesday March 28 Superintendent Baker will meet with Roy Cloud parents in the MUB at 6pm. All are invited to attend. Wendy Kelly, Director of HR, will help moderate the meeting. Dr. Baker intends to share his vision for Roy Cloud and solicit feedback on the qualities the Roy Cloud community would like to see in the next Administrative team.
    - One additional agenda item - Communication and how we can improve it within the District. The group suggested Dr. Baker bring a communications specialist to the meeting.
  - Yvonne asked parents consider sending their questions for Dr. Baker to her, in advance of the meeting.
- 2018-2019 Classroom Planning
  - Dana suggested that there should be four 2nd grade classrooms next school year, and no need for any combo 4th grade classrooms.

## Vice Principal's Report – Vice Principal Kristen Fielding

- Star Vista Counseling
  - The loss of Ms. Stringfield has been felt by many. Individual student meetings have taken up most of the Star Vista Counselors' time. They are available for 4 school days a week and their days are full. But they are working to spend more time in the classrooms and in group sessions.
  - These counselors as well as several teachers are piloting a new program (ToolBox) aimed at self regulation.
- Testing
  - Testing for 3-8<sup>th</sup> graders will take place the first 3 weeks of May, with extra math testing for 5th and 8th graders.
  - During this time PE will be in the MUB.
- Yard Duty
  - Lourdes (Roy Cloud parent) raised her concerns over the current state of the yard duty team. She feels certain individuals on duty, both paid and volunteer positions, are behaving inappropriately. For example, treating other yard duty members and students with disrespect. There are currently no guidelines in place for yard duty. There are multiple and frequent complaints from students and parents regarding these same individuals. Yvonne urged parents to please go in personally to report specifics to Kristen.
  - Kristen is going to meet with Lourdes to discuss new ideas to include how Legarza can be used during recess as well as teachers (and perhaps the Star Vista counselors). We need strong but friendly individuals to help with yard duty. All parents are welcome to volunteer. Louie Matta volunteered to come help on Fridays.
  - Part of Fund A Need fundraising was to pay for additional Legarza support during recess.

## Teachers Report / Associated Student Body - Anna Rivoli

- The middle school students recently held a Peace Walk - they aimed to form a heart chain of 175 students for 17 mins of silence to demonstrate their support for peaceful and loving school communities.
- In support of Stoneman Douglas High School, the ASB developed a banner that says "Roy Cloud Flies with You." Nearly all students signed it and it has been sent to Florida.
- An 80's Rally is coming up next Wednesday at 2pm to boost school spirit.

## Auction Wrap Up – Tanya Bachniak & Auction Team

- The Auction came in under budget, spending only \$33,000 and bringing in 20% more than last year!
- The team is working on bringing in all proceeds and distributing all of the auctioned items.

- Many people reported they liked the venue, food, and auctioneer and as such they have already booked the auctioneer for next year.
- The team is also already looking for new volunteers for next year.
- While the date for next year's auction is semi-set for February 23, a venue has not been chosen.

#### Fund A Need Discussion – Yvonne, Dana, Kristen and Tanya

- Over \$70,000 was raised for the Fund A Need! That money will go to increasing Legarza staff at lunch times, at least one hydration station at the MUB, and additional outdoor entertainment.
- Pamela Bartfield XXXX will be leading a small group to make a spending plan and she will be joined by Joan Perez, Don Diaz (District facilities manager) and others. They would like the students to complete a survey to help inform their work.

#### Spring Dance Update - Emily Chapman

- This year's Spring Dance is April 27th. Tickets are on sale now!
- It is an 80's theme; there will be photo booths but no games this year.

#### Miscellaneous - Yvonne Sarles

- Mulan Jr is coming up! Tickets for this great Spring play are still available.
- School supply lists are due soon so the new school supply box program can be implemented.

#### Adjourn Meeting - Yvonne Sarles

- Meeting adjourned by 8:30pm.
- The next meeting will be April 17, 2018 at 6:30pm in the school library.
- Future PTO meeting dates are listed on the [PTO website](#).

## Appendix 1: Meeting Attendees

1. Yvonne Sarles
2. Jim Balestieri
3. Louie & Maria Matta
4. Desiree Johnson
5. Dana Hardester
6. Emily Chapman
7. Anna Rivoli
8. Mary-Elizabeth Redner
9. Lourdes Avenier
10. Cara Plamondon
11. Stacy Homrig
12. Rochelle Romer
13. Aaron Boyle
14. Angie Pimenter
15. Alex Dendy
16. Gail Sheene
17. Alicia Truby
18. Karen Brux
19. Tanya Bachnick
20. Kristen Fielding
21. Avis Hains
22. Jennifer Blackstone
23. Katerina Vourchis
24. Christine Ardaugabal
25. Nancy Boswell
26. Evelyn Haddad
27. Stephanie Chen
28. Kourtney Opshaug
29. Roger Dettloff
30. Laura Schooley