



Roy Cloud School - 2018-2019 School Year

PTO Meeting Notes

August 21, 2018

Call Meeting to Order/Welcome/Introductions – Yvonne Sarles

- The PTO meeting started at 6:37pm 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

- Full reading (line-by-line) of 2018-2019 PTO Budget
- Q & A - One Question
 - Can the PTO invest in the decor of our schools classrooms? Yes, but is it prudent for the PTO to fund classroom astical needs when a passed RCSD Bond is called to cover these expense in the unknown future.

Direct Donation (DD) Report - Jolie Kalvaria

- Direct Donation has raised \$20,000 to date and been matched for a total of \$40,000
 - Back To School Night is a good time to plug DD
 - The PTO needs to communicate better how funds are used to benefit our school, children, and community. We need stories of impact to help our contributing body to understand where their money goes and how it changes lives.

Principal Report – Principal Diane Prystas

- Principal Diane Prystas introduced herself and offered a heartfelt expression of gratitude to the PTO, school staff, and community.
- She shared that she is observing, asking and exploring the needs and wants of the school staff to provide empowerment, value and support.
- She shared her desire to communicate and promote greater participation in Middle School (MS) Electives (M,T,W,F) 2:10 pm-2:50 pm
- She also desires to promote and offer more MS leadership roles and mentorships to the primary grades.

- She shared of a new school hire, Technology Integration Coach (TIC) to coach and implement technology throughout the school.
 - Coach how to better use technology in the classroom
 - Create a holistic vision to meet the school's future technology needs

Vice Principal's Report – Vice Principal Kristy Jackson

- Vice Principal Kristy Jackson shared about the implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) systems at Roy Cloud. PBIS supports schools to build systems to meet student's social, emotional and behavior needs. PBIS also strives to improve academic outcomes for all students, including students with disabilities and students from underrepresented groups. This includes:
 - Encouragement & Awareness
 - Recognition & Incentives
 - Creating a culture of respect, patience, kindness, and school spirit
 - Always striving to point out the GOOD in our students
- Assembly will be held once a month rather than weekly
- Spirit Day every Friday

Principal and Vice Principal Q & A

- Who is representing Roy Cloud on the RCSD Superintendent's Advisory Council? Diane said that she would look into that answer. Parents are: Megan Maxwell-Bey, Chris Campana, and the staff member is Christina Granato.
- What types and when will investigative learning take place for K-8? In the first half of the school year students will be provided classroom based learning, and in the second half they will be provided project based learning
- What is the best times to contact Diane? Before or after school, email and calling is better than dropping by the office.
- What types of emergency protocols will you have?
 - The Big Five - The Big Five is a common emergency plan for school invasion; adopted by all San Mateo County School Districts and law enforcement agencies.
 - CA Shake Out Drill
 - Regular Fire Drills
- Can the Technology Integration Coach provide classes for parents to better understand the schools technology? This will be looked into.
- Who vets the technology used by the district/school—apps & programs? This is done by the school district, each individual school and soon by our new TIC.

PTO Newsletter - Amy Truesdale

- The newsletter will come out once a week on Thursdays.

- Submit weekly articles to: rceblastsubmission@gmail
- There will no longer be a second newsletter on Sundays, in an effort to streamline communications.

Education Report - Heidi von Briel

- This year the PTO will provide the following education opportunities:
 - Education Outside, K-3
 - Science from Scientists, 4-5
 - Marine Mammal Institute, K-5
 - Curiodyssey, K-5
- Q & A
- How are these programs going to be evaluated? This will be explored
- What type of homework assistance is provided? Elementary grades 1-5 are given a study time each day (10 min x grade level). Middle School grades 6-8 have a set study hall time.

Associated Student Body (ASB) - Anna Rivoli & Michelle Ortez

- This year there will be two ASB electives after school.
- ABS Curriculum - To develop leadership character, strength, purpose and to develop greater school spirit through activities and assemblies
- On September 23, the ABS will host a Scavenger Hunt to meet people. Those who complete the hunt will be entered into a raffle for great prizes.
- ASB Meetings will be held —M, T, W, F at 2:00pm.
- ASB Trip - 2019 California Association of Student Leaders, April 4-6
- Thank you PTO for your continued support
- What are you going to do about events that cause students angst: Twin Day, Boo Day, Christmas Grams, etc? How will the Associated Student Body (ASB) be more inclusive in their holiday celebrations and fundraisers? There was talk about the ASB being unaware of any “angst”, and their desire in the future to be more inclusive.
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Miscellaneous - Yvonne Sarles

- 2019 PTO Auction: Domenico Winery
 - Veronica Spencer-Palmer - Auction Chairperson
 - We are looking for volunteers - Meeting: Wednesday, Sept 5th at Veronica’s Home
- FAW After School: Mary Redner
 - PTO Web Page is where after school info can be found
 - Thanks to all teachers who share their classrooms
 - We need a Kinder docent to transition Kinders to after school classrooms
- TED ED CLUB—Stephanie Chen,
 - A 13 session YouTube Channel Club

- Ted Ed Club is to develop “passions”
- Parent volunteers need to check in at the school office every time.
- Bike Training, Heidi von Briel
 - Safety – Classroom and practical course work
 - Looking to make available to all grades

Adjourn Meeting - Yvonne Sarles

- Meeting adjourned by 8:36pm.
- The next meeting will be Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 6:30pm in the school library.
- Future PTO meeting dates are listed on the [PTO website](#).

Appendix 1: Meeting Attendees

1. Principal Diane Prystas
2. Vice Principal Kristy Jackson
3. Michelle Ortez
4. Anna Rivoli
5. Yvonne Sarles
6. Jim Balestrieri
7. Todd Gumbrecht
8. Jen Clark
9. Jolie Kalvaria
10. Alex Dendy
11. Mary-Elizabeth Redner
12. Alicia Truby
13. Heidi von Briel
14. Krista Fong
15. Janice Zacharia
16. Elizabeth Albanese
17. Nooshin Kaviani
18. Joan Perez
19. Pam Bartfield
20. Roger Detloff
21. Lixuan An
22. Kaven Brux
23. Kortney Opshaug
24. Jacqui Buchanan
25. Christine Reuter
26. Grant Steunenberg
27. Holly Roland
28. Alice Harkey
29. Erica Vairora
30. Sara Flanagan
31. Anne Boyd Rabkin
32. Belinda Mendez
33. Christina Granato
34. Ceri Phillips
35. Trisha Barrett
36. Lara Fernandez
37. Cara Plamondon
38. Stephanie Chen
39. Manja McMills
40. Amy Truesdale
41. Effie Verducci
42. Belinda Mendez
43. Veronica Spencer-Palmer
44. Tiffany Gonzales