



Roy Cloud School - 2018-2019 School Year

PTO Meeting Notes October 18, 2018

Call Meeting to Order/Welcome/Introductions – Yvonne Sarles

- The PTO meeting started at 6:30pm in the school library.
- For attendee list please see Appendix 1.

Treasurer's Report - Jim Balestieri

- September \$55,000 direct donations, \$97,000 overall
- Expenses: \$51,196 - Include: software, directory spot, PTO insurance, PE equipment, arts for all, beautification (learning garden), replacement equipment, two projectors, fund a need – new hydration station \$10,000 spent so far, middle school planners
- Question - Can we post monthly expenses on PTO website? Jim said, “Yes, and the budget is already there.”

Vice Principal Report – Kristy Jackson

- October staff meeting, earthquake drill will be next Thursday, October 25, 2018, reviewed protocol today in staff meeting, working with Dad’s Club and PTO to get emergency shed ready.
- Student safety and campus security, will be a long time to be a secure school (next few years), lots of people walking through campus during the day, parents come through Jefferson Gate, installing locks on Jefferson Gates that will be locked during school day 8:30am-1:25pm. Teachers and staff will have key. Will post signs on gate to let them know in advance.
- Teachers have problems with parents coming into classroom.
- Question - What to do if active shooter comes and kids are locked in? Can we train them on where to go in this situation? Teachers have been trained to think on their feet during an active shooter situation. Depending on where the threat is, decisions of where to go will vary. Students have been told to look to a teacher or adult for direction whenever possible. Teachers will review these procedures with students during our lockdown drills.

- Question – Can we install the kind of access that locks from the outside, but opens from the inside? Like we were going to do in future safety plans? We are currently not allowed to install any new locks on the gates-the district has a master plan in place.
- Question - Can we do some community outreach to get the message out there to communicate to parents to check-in with office? Need to educate parents. It might not be obvious to know when to sign in and when it is needed for new parents.
- Need clearer rules communicated to parents on when to check in. Should sign in for Halloween party but not necessarily for parade. Need to communicate that sign in is needed for superintendent coffee or monthly meetup.
- Parents suggested getting gates that open from the inside and are locked from the outside. Again, there is a master plan in place from the district.
- Students need parental supervision at school until 8:00 am. The school does not provide supervision until 8:00 am. Kids should not be unsupervised on blacktop before school is out as there is still PE after 1:30 pm.
- Beyond Differences program Know Your Classmates Day on October 26, 2018. Will also be working on middle school lunch club with Star Vista. Help students feel included and like they belong.
- Star Vista is going into classroom to do social emotional learning and teaching Toolbox for teachers that requested it.
- Question - Can we get a parent cheat sheet for Toolbox to help reinforce at home? Yes, we will post in a Weekly Thunderbolt.
- Associated Student Body (ASB) has Kindness Committee and could help with Beyond Differences program.
- February 2019 “No one eats alone” program
- Spring “be kind online” program
- Middle School Lunch expectations – some incidents at lunch and asked for parent volunteers, will have assemblies for middle schoolers, admin, yard duty staff and custodian Daniel to give gentle reminder of expectations of lunchtime behavior. Will be short meetings with each grade level. Might extend beyond middle schoolers if needed.
- Opened back field and Legarza organizes games there. Legarza coaches encourage kids to go out there.
- Feedback from a few parents that Legarza coaches can be a little too strong with younger kids during recess. Problems with younger kids forming teams and not being nice to each other.
- Parent have problems with Legarza toilet tag in kindergarten and choice of music can be inappropriate. Please give feedback to Kristy on Legarza and she partners with them.
- Parent Handbook needs revisions. Will be merging school and middle school handbook into one document with a middle school section.
- *Fund a Need* – walk around with district, Fit and Fun Playground stencils, Kristy and Pam will work with them to get a design for stencils, revamp kindergarten area, revamp some of blacktop. Adding climbing structure, basketball hoop for smaller kids, fixing funnel ball for kindergarten, remove large soccer goals for kindergarten

- Proposed playground map
- Kids will vote for stencils. We will own the stencils and the district can do them going forward. There is a life size chess set and maybe we can get a stencil for it.
- Working with kindergarten teachers on stencils that are kinder specific.
- Investigative Learning Units, teachers and instructional coaches are working it out, issues with getting substitutes
- Superintendent's Advisory Council – ideas – some are to close schools, some schools are to move to K-5
- Board will vote on November 28, 2018.
- Next Monday, October 22, 2018 at MIT is community meeting and one at Taft, Wednesday, October 24, 2018. Parents should be there!
- Request to communicate with state assembly member and local reps.

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

- Michelle has been working on Castle Leadership trip to Santa Clara in April 2019 for 32 students, only for ASB unless they have extra spaces then offer to yearbook
- Just finished PGK toiletries drive
- Cancer Awareness Week - February 2019
- Kids design leadership tee for ASB and yearbook kids and staff can purchase
- December 14, 2018 - Family Movie Night, Lego Movie
- Kindness Week - Spring 2019

Direct Donation (DD) Report - Jolie Kalvaria

- Up to \$150K at 75% of goal, last year at this year were 63%, want participation rate higher
- Had Lightning Circle Party, last donation form in Thursday folder, next week mark on FB page a last chance to donate
- Slow to receive company matching, last few years it has been a third of money received

Auction 2019 - Veronica

- Auction is February 23, 2019, next meeting is October 29, 2018, doing solicitations right now, already have secured venue, dj, and auctioneer; parents will hear more about it in November after Direct Donation campaign is over.
- Teachers are discussing *Fund a Need* ideas for 2019

Miscellaneous - Yvonne Sarles

- Diane and Kristy came up with a community event November 8, 2018 Scribble Bots event, create robots that creates art, it is a STEAM project, science rep from district helping with event.

- Scholastic Book Fair December 3-6, 2018 - Enchanted Forest theme
- Dads Science Night, March 2019
- Contracts haven been signed for spring production of Mary Poppins, auditions will be in December 2018, March 22/33, 2019
- Eagle Scout will be removing broken sign and putting in bench
- Discussion around funding for kindergarten teacher's assistant and what are next steps
- RCSD needs commitment letter from PTO then can post position for assistant

Adjourn Meeting - Yvonne Sarles

- Meeting adjourned by 8:30pm.
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 6:30pm in the school library.
- Future PTO meeting dates are listed on the [PTO website](#).

Appendix 1: Meeting Attendees

1. Anna Rivoli
2. Michelle Ortez
3. Kristy Jackson
4. Yvonne Sarles
5. Jim Balestrieri
6. Jennifer Clark
7. Alex Dendy
8. Ben Parker
9. Jolie Kalvaria
10. Julie Brown
11. Rochelle Romer
12. Alicia Truby
13. Jan Scorville
14. Veronica

NOTE: This meeting attendance sheet may not be complete. It is possible the sign in sheet was not fully circulated and/or signed names were illegible.