



## Roy Cloud School - 2018-2019 School Year

### PTO Meeting Notes November 27, 2018

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

- The PTO meeting started at 6:34pm in the school library.
- For attendee list please see Appendix 1.

#### Administration Report – Principal Diane Prystas & Vice Principal Kristy Jackson

- We have been visiting classrooms with Diane's Coach, Warner, and have seen so much great work going on in the classrooms. Thank you to the teachers!
- Thank you too to the parents and PTO for their great work for Roy Cloud School.
- The Administration has started a Gratitude Tree and we are asking PTO members to write on a leaf something they are grateful for in the Roy Cloud community. The Gratitude Tree will be available at the school office.
- We will be doing a similar gratitude exercise with teachers at the Thursday staff meeting, We will also be with parents who attend the Principal meet-up on Thursday after the school assembly. It will be a great opportunity for the parent community to get to know one another. ASB will do a mural of all of the hands created by teachers and parents at these events.

#### Treasurer's Report - Jim Balestieri

- Income – October brought in \$71,000 driven by Direct Donations; it was a great month. What is low this year is company matching – so far it is only 1/3. It may just be slow in coming in this year. \$50K in spreadsheet and \$11K actually received. Year to date we are a \$167,504.
- Expenses – Approximately \$28,000 including Donor Perfect fees, Dad's Club installed some hooks plus some old invoices, Investigative Learning Project for Mrs. Solorzano, Teacher Training, ASB costs, garden beautification, field trips including the large deposit for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Sacramento trip, new keyboards and mice for the lower computer lab, and Education Outside.
- Budget – On budget right now. We have approx. \$540,000 in our account.

### Direct Donation Wrap Up - Jolie Kalvaria

- Huge thank yous to the entire Roy Cloud community. Together we raised about \$204,000 with ~200 families participating.
- Huge thanks to the Direct Donations team!
- There are some things we did differently this year:
  - We kept the truncated end date of Oct 31. It is less work to condense the giving period and we think the community may appreciate it too. It also gives a nice break before the Auction takes place.
  - Added the Lightning Circle and had a party for the ~70 donors who gave above the suggested donation amount. We recommend we continue this for at least the next two years – it helped us reach our goal.

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

- ASB has a number of activities for different grades in the works:
  - ASB is working on the first rally for grades 6-8 on December 5. It is going to have a galaxy theme.
  - ASB is also working on a movie night for grades K- 3 December 14. The forms went out in the Newsletter and a paper version will go home on Thursday. The movie is The Lego Movie.
  - Finally, a craft activity is planned for grades 3-5. The date is still TBD.
- Leadership clothing designed by Zoe Cortez was delivered today for the ASB Leadership team – it looks great!
- During Spring Break they will be taking 21 students to Santa Clara for the ASB [CASL](#) meeting.

### RCEF Guest Presentation and Q&A - Kathleen Harris

- What we do:
  - Invest– We are focused on equity for all RWC schools – materials, resources, teachers and training.
  - Convene – There are EDTalks coming up which are conversations to help shape our giving.
  - Advocate – We spread the word about RCSD needs with the school board, city council, community, and corporations.
- For Giving Tuesday RCEF launched a new fundraising campaign and CZI decided to match RCEF 4:1.
- RCEF pays for music programs for every RCSD student.
- Another priority this year is teacher professional development – usually for technology but always about fusing in a multidisciplinary way. Typically support 70-90 teachers a year. Then at the end of the year all RCSD come together for a Brighter Futures conference.

- We also lead fundraising for specific needs that come up – for example new chromebooks, entry fees to student contests.
- We have been talking about how we could bring all of the schools and their PTOs together.
- Q&A
  - How are you making fundraising inroads into philanthropy and corporations? Kathleen has recruited corporate employees onto the RCEF board. Also trying to build greater sense of corporate responsibility. It involves a lot of work when new corporations come into RWC. Also working on individual giving – some organizations have done special outreach to their employees.
- RCEF funds music instruction for grades 2-5 at Roy Cloud for a few months a year. Roy Cloud chooses to forgo RCEF funds for grades K-1, preferring the James Henry music program for those grades.

### Book Fair - Alex Dendy

- The Book Fair relies on parent volunteers to be successful - please sign up for a volunteer shift!! Next week has a lot of blank spots. Wednesday night really needs help. Shifts available Monday through Thursday.
- Coloring contest entries are due this Thursday – winner chosen by raffle.
- We will make teacher book gift boxes more prominent this year so every classroom gets some books.
- Please be on the lookout for the cute and informative blurb in the Thunderbolt that will give parents tips for how to prep their students for the book fair.

### February 2019 Auction Dinner / Dance Update - Veronica Spencer-Palmer

- The Auction PR Team sent some information sheets to namely the Kindergarten class coordinators, for parents, to introduce them to what the Auction is. Please expect more information in the thunderbolt starting in December.
- The Auction Class Gift Committee has put together an email for class coordinators that will go out soon. This year the due date for class gifts will have a really hard due date to avoid challenges from last year. If your class coordinator is struggling to come up with ideas let us know.
- We have lots of parties lined up but we can always use more! Please email Karen Brux if you want to host or plan a party. We can match you to a house or party planner.
- Live Auction items work best if they are formed as packages – for example: hotel, event AND flight. So anyone with hotel or airline points could really help out with the live auction.
- Fund A Need tentative idea – focus on social and emotional learning and development for our students. Programs for anti-bullying, self esteem, training for teachers and parents, workshops, classroom courses.
- The vote for the Fund a Need will happen during the December PTO meeting.
- Any questions or offers of help can be sent to the main auction email address: Roycloudauction@gmail.com

## 2018 Fund A Need Implementation Update - Roger Dettloff

- We decided to purchase one large playground/fitness structure that will sit on blacktop space near the library but with a large and extended cushion underneath it.
- A new, smaller basketball hoop has been approved and we are just waiting for the contractor to be approved by the district for installation.
- A new funnel ball has been installed at the Kindergarten playground.
- Alex Dendy and Vice Principal Kristy Jackson have been working on stencil options to paint on the blacktop surface. The designs for both playgrounds are being finalized – students got to vote for their favorites. Purchase of the stencils is imminent. They are also looking at professional companies to paint them for us. The great news is the stencils can be used at up to 10 schools so they can be shared with other RCSD schools.
- Playground and PE equipment has already been purchased as well as the hydration station by the MUB.

## Miscellaneous - Yvonne Sarles

- Lack of lighting in the parking lot is a growing safety concern given the school activities that take place well into afternoon and evening darkening. There is a light pole nearby that could be repaired – that may help. Diane will reach out to the school district to raise the issue.
- Spring Activities:
  - We don't have any family events scheduled for Spring. We could do a family spring fling – a BBQ for the whole family. Or we could do a 50's theme sock hop and have it be a big party.
  - Dad's Club Science Night is in March, Field of Dreams in June., Open House in April, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Yosemite trip.
  - Could have food trucks at Open House to join the Art Show and the classroom visits.
- Garden Work Day - December 15
  - The garden programs wants to build a circle of tree stumps for the students to sit on instead of on a tarp on the ground. We have the stumps available, they just need to be installed.
  - Please come and help on Dec 15 if you are available. 10am to 2pm or earlier if we work fast.

## Adjourn Meeting - Yvonne Sarles

- Meeting adjourned by 8:22pm.
- The next meeting will be in December 2018 at 6:30pm in the school library, date TBD.
- Future PTO meeting dates are listed on the [PTO website](#).



## Appendix 1: Meeting Attendees

1. Yvonne Sarles
2. Jim Balestrieri
3. Michelle Ortez
4. Anna Rivoli
5. Alex Dendy
6. Christina Granato
7. Vice Principal Kristy Jackson
8. Principal Diane Prystas
9. Casey Wright
10. Heidi von Briel
11. Alicia Truby
12. Effie Verducci
13. Talia Perlman
14. Rochelle Romer
15. Jean Yang
16. Jolie Kalvaria
17. Christine Amdegaled
18. Gail Sheen
19. Tanya Bachniak
20. Todd Gumbrecht
21. Victoria Spencer

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.