



Roy Cloud School - 2018-2019 School Year

PTO Meeting Notes February 19, 2019

Call Meeting to Order/Welcome/Introductions – Yvonne Sarles

- The PTO meeting started at 6:31 pm in the school library.
- For attendee list please see Appendix 1.

Dec/Jan Financials Report – Treasurer Jim Balestieri

- December Expenses – December was a slow month with only ~\$10,000 in expenses. The one outlier is the payment to the Fox Theatre for their sponsorship of the Angst movie (\$2,000) plus Brainpop software for K-2 students.
- January Expenses – January expenses were higher at \$42,450. Expenses of note include a \$11,746 Scholastic Book Fair payment (we break even), the second and final payment of \$17,100 for the K-8 art program Arts for All, the second and final payment of \$7,500 for Education Outside, the second of 4 payments of \$4,350 for the grades K-1 James Henry program.
 - Looking ahead: The District hasn't billed us for the first two quarters of the year so we have a huge payment coming up.
- Income – at year end the Direct Donations campaign balance increased quickly by ~\$40,000. We hit ~\$263,000 total – a huge accomplishment and way above budget.
 - The Spring Play is listed as income but it is break even event.
- We may meet fundraising goals by the time the auction is done. Jogathon will be extra and the proceeds it generates are not directed to any specific programs.
 - The Auction budget is \$175,000 which includes Fund-a-Need.
- Projected carryover for the next school year is about \$84,000. Once the auction is over then Jim will start to project carryover for the next year.

Teacher Presentation - Desiree Johnson, Grade 5

- Roy Cloud's 5th grade teacher Desiree Johnson gave an overview of her classroom instructional practices including: Flipped classroom, Makery, and Engagement
- Flipped classroom: Desiree wanted a new way to teach math this year. A flipped classroom is the following: the instructor records and shares lectures outside of class. Students

watch/listen to lectures before attending class leaving more class time devoted to concept reinforcement, applied learning activities, and more higher-order thinking tasks. Students receive support from the instructor and peers as needed. Overall it results in more hands on work with the students. Here are some additional details:

- Via a web-based program called Ed Puzzle, students review a recorded lecture the day/evening before class. The Ed Puzzle assesses the students based on how they have responded to a series of questions about the lecture. The teacher analyzes this data the evening before and forms the students into groups for the class day. The student groups can change daily depending on how they did the night before. Some videos are longer than others but they max out at about 22 minutes for more difficult math concepts like long division.
- Advantages – a flipped classroom results in high levels of student engagement, absent students don't miss instruction, homework completion rates are high, greater 1:1 or small group teacher time, reinforced concept review.
- Challenges – lack of a connected device at home could be problematic, if students don't complete the video the night before they may be lost in class, adult assistance with assignments at home can skew data, it is a significant time commitment for a teacher to create videos the first year and then correct and analyze data nightly.
- Making & Literacy: cross-curricular lessons can incorporate multiple subjects in one project: English Language Arts (ELA), math, science, history, engineering and computer science. Desiree applied for a county grant to build a makers cart. They used it recently for a Valentines Day robot activity. The students took a story about a robot in love and incorporated a circuit into part of the story. They built a toaster and robot heads etc. Another recent activity - after reading two different Cinderella stories and comparing them, students designed a new way to get Cinderella to the ball, combining ELA, engineering and science.
- Desiree's next professional goal is about Engagement and increasing it in each lesson.

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

- The ASB application for outstanding leadership award has been submitted and Roy Cloud made it into the California Association of Student Leaders (CASL) video presentation
- The CASL leadership conference is in 3 weeks over Spring Break – they are taking a group of 21 students to the conference in Santa Clara. Great America is shut down for just the CASL group and rides will be open.

May 2019 Jog-a-Thon – Casey Wright/Heidi von Briel

- The Roy Cloud Jog-a-thon and Color Run are exciting student-led events that take place on a Friday in the Spring. With music blasting and flags and balloons marking the track on the blacktop, students race around the course logging as many laps as they can. The middle school students take a detour to the back fields where they are doused in colored

chalk by enthusiastic parents and guardians. The next Jog-a-thon and Color Run are Friday May 17, 2019!

- While the big race happens in May, the festivities start in February with a Jog-a-thon/Color Run t-shirt design contest. Students in all grades are invited to design a t-shirt and compete for the most student votes. T-shirts will be made available for purchase and are worn the day of the race. These t-shirts are great spirit wear for the Roy Cloud community and we frequently see younger siblings in Jog-a-thon t-shirts from years past.
- What makes the Jog-a-thon and Color Run so special is that they are student-led events. Beginning in March students in grades K- 5 collect pledges from family, friends, and neighbors, based on the number of laps they can run in 20 minutes. Middle school students also raise money to participate in the Color Run. Each K-5 students will have their own pledge page to make fundraising easy and fun! The top 3 fundraising classrooms get great prizes and we celebrate the most laps run per grade.
- Like all great events at Roy Cloud, parent/guardian volunteers are important – teamwork makes the dream work! If you are interested in helping plan this awesome event and/or help on the day of, please email roycloudjogathon@gmail.com.
- New for this year - we are working on combining the Jogathon with the Used Book Fair and having a reading goal in addition to running goal.

Miscellaneous - Yvonne Sarles

- Science Night – Heidi von Briel
 - Science night is Thursday night March 14, 2019
 - This is a community event but will charge \$5 to cover expenses. Over 100 kids get to go.
 - There will be activity tables (water displacement, owl pellet dissection, bugs), a break for pizza, then more science. Becca the garden coordinator will be at one of the stations.
 - This is a 2.5 hour event and sign up will be in the Thunderbolt later this or next week.
- Spring Play - Jenn Clark
 - Mary Poppins Jr is March 22 and 23! 54 students are in the main cast, 29 in the chorus, about 12 in the tech crew. We are working on having the main cast visit the lower grade classrooms.
 - Tickets on sale now!
- Landry's Eagle Scout project: Landry is a local Eagle Scout who is going to create a new sitting space at the Jefferson entrance. Update: The digital sign is gone and the cement is broken up. The District is going to come mark pipes and there will be a day after the play where the soil is prepped and benches will be installed. We are interested in flagstone donations!
- Spring Family Dance – Kristin Atkins
 - This year's spring family dance, named the "Tall and Small Ball", will be Friday May 3

- The budget for previous spring dances has been about \$5,000, and attendees were charged \$35-\$40 per couple for cost recovery.
- A spring dance is not currently listed in the PTO Budget A vote is recommended for PTO spending for the Spring Family Dance
- **PTO VOTE: Support the Spring Family Dance with \$5,000, which we expect will be reimbursed via revenue from ticket sales.**
- **VOTE: YES**
- Tech inventory – Amy Truesdale
 - Amy is working to inventory all of the school’s PTO-funded computer equipment and assess what shape it is in.
 - It may be good to have a tech inventory lead on the PTO. If you have any ideas please keep it in mind.

PTO Grant Update – Yvonne/Amy Truesdale

- [We have a consolidated spreadsheet to share a mid-year update on PTO Grants.](#)
- Thus far \$9,141 has been dispersed to teachers looking to bring new experiences and materials into the classroom and to support their professional development, including the Kindergarten Chinese New Year learning unit and parade, Ed Tech Summit conference attendance, a Brain Pop subscription for the entire school, an a mindfulness program.
- Looking ahead it was recommended we categorize grants by topic – be it professional development, Investigative learning, one-off classroom activities etc. so we can have more precise budget predictions and allocations.

PTO Auction/Dinner Dance, February 23rd - Veronica Spencer-Palmer

- The auction is just about sold out! The venue is the same but it has undergone a remodel and is very elegant.
- Please email RoyCloudAuction@gmail.com for donations and questions

Questions

- There was a question about how PTO elections are conducted.
 - At the next PTO meeting we will have this on the agenda to discuss.
 - There are 8 officers – President, Treasurer, VP of Comms, Parliamentarian, Secretary, Financial Secretary and VP of After School Activities and VP of Direct Donations. Remaining roles are volunteer positions.
 - The [Contact Us page](#) on the PTO website lists all PTO officers and volunteers. There are also [descriptions of the officer responsibilities](#) and the [PTO bylaws](#) on the [What We Do](#) page of PTO website.
 - Each officer role is a one-year term. The descriptions don’t include estimated hours but it can be verbally communicated. We could also consider a naming convention, such as high, medium, and low, to communicate the commitment of effort.

- The voting ballot is electronic and goes out to the whole community.

Adjourn Meeting - Yvonne Sarles

- Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.
- The next meeting will be March 19, 2019 at 6:30pm in the school library.
- Future PTO meeting dates are listed on the [PTO website](#).

Appendix 1: Meeting Attendee

1. Jim Balestieri, Treasurer
2. Yvonne Sarles, President
3. Casey Wright, Co-Secretary
4. Andy Copperhall
5. Julia Swensen
6. Alex Dendy
7. Diane Prystas, Principal
8. Kristy Jackson, Asst Principal
9. Jen Clark
10. Gail Sheene
11. Manja McMils
12. Kristin Atkins
13. Todd Gumbrecht, Co-Secretary
14. Effie Verducci
15. Rochelle Romer
16. Desiree Johnson
17. Anna Rivoli
18. Michelle Ortez

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.