



Roy Cloud School - 2019-2020 School Year

PTO Meeting Notes

October 22, 2019

Call Meeting to Order/Welcome/Introductions – Yvonne Sarles

- The PTO meeting started at 6:32 pm in Mr. Reinke's room (Classroom 4)
- For attendee list, please see Appendix 1.
- A reminder of the [Roy Cloud PTO Meeting Norms](#)

Direct Donation Campaign - Leanna Staben

- Fundraising Update: We are at 68% of our goal, having raised \$136,000 (\$150,000 at this time last year). The campaign has received 112 individual donations thus far (it was 140 at this time last year).
- Additional details about the campaign:
 - Campaign ends October 31st - often there is an influx of donations as the deadline approaches.
 - Final push will be an email and texts on Oct 29th.
 - Giving Tuesday on December 3rd is another fundraising opportunity.
 - Looking to collect \$200,000
 - Participation is what matters and not the amount collected
- Lighting Bolt Party was October 12, 2019. It was a great time. Thank you to our host Yvonne. Highlights were remarks from Mrs. Mendez and the Principal and Vice Principal.
- Encouraging Participation:
 - Please continue to encourage participation with other families – there will be an ice cream party for the whole grade with the highest participation percentage by the end of the campaign.
 - Request for feedback: what are the downsides to publishing the current grade participation information? Comments from meeting participants:
 - The numbers are really impactful – it may be a jolt that even a small amount would help raise participation.
 - The low participation across the board is consistently frustrating every year. It would be good to know why there is resistance.
 - Let's make sure we continue to acknowledge that people give in different ways across the school year.
 - We could consider a renewed push for participation and extend the deadline.

- We could consider a new fundraising push while all of the parents are on campus on Halloween.
- Parents may really respond to teacher messages.
- **End result – Will publish.**

PTO Grants Update - Amy Truesdale

- Each grade and classroom gets an allotment for special activities and field trips. If it exceeds their needs then the teachers can apply for a PTO grant.
- The PTO Grant Program covers Professional development, Art supplies, Classroom champions and more
- To date, \$28,393 has been requested and approved for PTO grants. A spreadsheet that tracks all requests and decisions is available [HERE](#).
- Feedback: Concern/questions regarding PTO funding emergency backpacks in classrooms vs. district?

Superintendent's Advisory Committee Report - Marybeth Milionis

- The Committee last met in early October and discussed a number of topics including:
 - Measure H presentation
 - Update on the statewide program on assessment and implementation of student emotional and behavioral needs – Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). Counselors, bullying, and integration issues dominated this conversation.
 - Many brought up the chronic shortage of counselors statewide and the impacts at the district, particularly at schools with new students due to closures.
 - Concerning large number of students reporting they don't have a safe adult to go to to discuss problems.
 - Vice Principal Kristy Jackson – we have spent a lot of time with Roy Cloud teachers working on MTSS tiers.
- Question: Was a leasing update provided to the committee? No, it wasn't discussed at this meeting.
- Huge thanks to Marybeth and Victoria Melamed for attending these meetings and for reporting back.

Measure H Campaign – Ben Packer

- Please vote!
- Please volunteer – door-to-door canvassing, phone bank, phone app on your own time.
 - Mom's night out on Thursday – signup genius is circulating.
 - Saturday morning at 9am – meet up to deliver materials.

Adjourn Meeting - Yvonne Sarles

- Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.
- The next general PTO meeting will be November 19, 2019 at 6:30pm
- Future PTO meeting dates are listed on the [PTO website](#)

Appendix 1: Meeting Attendee

1. Yvonne Sarles, President
2. Jim Balestieri, Treasurer
3. Victoria Melamed
4. Tanya Bachniak
5. Leanna Staben
6. Allison Oldford
7. Diane Prystas, Principal
8. Rochelle Romer
9. Gail Sheene
10. Roger Detloff
11. Marybeth Millionis
12. Stephanie Chen
13. Veronica Spencer
14. Julia Swensen
15. Alex Dendy
16. Ben Packer
17. Linda Beach
18. Heidi Von Briel
19. Mary Elizabeth Redner
20. Leanna Staben
21. Casey Wright
22. Lucy Wicks
23. Carly DeNeui
24. Alicia Truby

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.

Appendix 2: Measure H Presentation

November Ballot Initiative, Measure H

The following presentation was delivered at the Measure H meeting immediately following the Roy Cloud Parents Club Meeting:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/df99bb19001/a7973a02-a88e-4066-8391-6dc4aa723463.pdf>