



Roy Cloud School Parents' Club Meeting Agenda & Minutes  
 September 3, 2024 | 7:00 PM | Roy Cloud Library & [Zoom Link](#)

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Quick PTO Overview
3. Fundraising Update
4. Programs Update
5. Upcoming Events & Activities
6. Volunteer Opportunities
7. Budget Discussion & Vote
8. Message from the Principal
9. Q & A

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**Minutes:**

Topic	Discussion
Quick PTO Overview	<p>Every parent is a member of our PTO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Why the PTO matters: Public schools in California are underfunded. Most “extras” have been cut from school budgets. PTOs/PTAs have become the lifelines to schools, filling the funding gap.</li> <li>● Programs we fund: PE, Science, Art, STEAM &amp; Makery, Music, After-school enrichment, Theater, Garden, SEL</li> <li>● Functions we fund: fundraising, technology &amp; equipment, lunch &amp; recess coaches, staff appreciation &amp; hospitality, library programs, counseling services, school beautification, community events, teacher grants</li> <li>● Meeting cadence:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Exec board meetings are weekly</li> <li>○ Officer meetings are bimonthly</li> <li>○ <b>Member meetings are bimonthly on Tuesdays at 7pm:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Tue 9/3</li> <li>■ Tue 11/12</li> <li>■ Tue 1/14</li> <li>■ Tue 3/4</li> <li>■ Tue 5/</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Konstella is the new communication platform for the PTO             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One place for all PTO and family-led communications</li> <li>○ The platform now replaces:</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Thunderbolt (PTO email newsletter)</li> <li>■ DirectorySpot (school directory of families)</li> <li>■ Signup Genius (classroom and volunteer signups)</li> <li>○ Check your inbox or visit <a href="http://roycloudpto.com/konstella">roycloudpto.com/konstella</a> to join</li> <li>○ Download the app</li> <li>○ Contact Ali or Courtney for help <a href="mailto:comms@roycloudpto.com">comms@roycloudpto.com</a></li> </ul>
<p>Fundraising Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Direct Donations campaign is underway and runs through end of October</li> <li>● We're currently at 30% (\$92k) of our goal of \$300k</li> <li>● <b>We're also aiming for 100% parent participation, even at small amounts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There's a friendly participation competition between grades. The winning grade will get a party. Currently 2nd grade is in the lead.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Donate at <a href="http://roycloudpto.com/donate2024/">roycloudpto.com/donate2024/!</a></li> </ul>
<p>Programs Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PE with PE+: Grades TK-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2nd year with PE+ and we've gotten great reviews. The coaches are also used for yard duty.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● STEAM with Ms. Kwa: Grades K-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Focusing on hands-on learning. We're hosting our 2nd STEAM fair this year, which will be for all grades (last year was only for middle school). STEAM fair is in March, and entries will be accepted in February, so look out for communications as that approaches.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Spanish with Ms. Tabales: Grades 7-8</li> <li>● Character Strong SEL: Grades K-8</li> <li>● <a href="#">After-School Enrichment</a>: Fall session is on!</li> <li>● Art with CSMA: Grades K-8</li> <li>● Garden with CCEO: Grades K-5</li> <li>● Music with Music for Minors: Grades TK-K</li> <li>● Science from Scientists: Grades TK-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Real scientists from different backgrounds come to talk to our students about various topics. 3rd-6th gets a biweekly program. K-2nd gets one big hands-on session twice a year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p>We have a dedicated, credentialed music teacher (one of the only schools to have this), Mx. Washburn.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events &amp; Activities</p>	<p>Coming up soon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dads' Club is hosting Burgers &amp; Bikes: Sun, September 15th</li> <li>● Scholastic Book Fair: October 7-11</li> <li>● Fall Fest: Thurs, October 10 (same time as book fair)</li> </ul> <p>Other events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Family Dance: Fri, February 7</li> <li>● Auction &amp; Dinner Dance: Sat, Mar 1</li> <li>● Spring Play: March 14-16</li> <li>● Spring Fest (Science Saturday, Art Show, Used Book Sale): Sat, May 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If there are any scientists in our community, we're looking for volunteers/participants for Science Saturday</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Jogathon: Fri, April 25</li> <li>● Field of Dreams: TBD in June</li> </ul>

<p>Budget Discussion &amp; Vote</p>	<p>For those who aren't familiar with the process, we raise a lot of money and fund a lot of important things, so it's very important that we do careful accounting and budgeting. Whenever we make a change to the budget, we're transparent about those changes and we vote on the budget during our PTO meetings. We don't make changes to our spending throughout the year that aren't in line with our overall budget.</p> <p>Key proposed changes to May 2024 voted &amp; approved budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Carry forward balance: \$363,925 ➔ \$334,435 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Total combined accounts balance carried over to new school year</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Income: Direct Donations \$250K ➔ \$260K</li> <li>● Art Program \$42K ➔ \$30,215 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Contract negotiated to lesser amount and added 2K for art show supplies</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Beautification \$2K <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adding funds for campus improvements not covered by the 2024 Fund-a-Need</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Equipment and Technology \$25,860 ➔ \$30K <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adding funds for damaged class tvs and chromebooks</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Music Enrichment \$62K ➔ \$59,076 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FT music instructor received 20% coverage by CTA, ↓ PTO contribution; added Music for Minors TK-K music lessons</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Science Enrichment \$46K ➔ \$31K <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Science from Scientists (adjusted for grades 3-6) and added \$6K for TK-2 science (NEW!)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Vote: unanimously passes</p>
<p>Message from the Principal</p>	<p>Link to Slides:  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NGnWApQuQgN8rs2sy58pcDb6nu1Rv0Y-/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NGnWApQuQgN8rs2sy58pcDb6nu1Rv0Y-/view</a></p> <p>Principal Bowdoin gave a presentation covering academic school counseling at Roy Cloud, focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Our school counselor, Joanne Ongoco</li> <li>● <a href="#">Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)</a></li> <li>● Friendship Lunch Bunch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An announcement was sent out in the Cloud Chronicle to have your 1st or 2nd grader sign up for Lunch Bunch with Mrs. Ongoco: <a href="#">Please see this form</a> to sign your child up!</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Many other topics, including other activities, various tiers of interventions, and surveys and other data. Check out the slides above!</li> </ul>
<p>Q &amp; A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How does readiness for high school work? Is it opt-in? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It happens for every kid automatically, and begins in November. There are meetings and shadowing opportunities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.