Roy Cloud School - 2019-2020 School Year

PTO Meeting Notes

November 19, 2019

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

* The [PTO meeting](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16mN4kcHJiSPjHWeVSpVUakuaidKeSsF9/view?usp=sharing) started at 6:34 pm in Classroom 7, Mr. McAdams
* For attendee list, please see Appendix 1.
* A reminder of the [Roy Cloud PTO Meeting Norms](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1l05SWYWY_8dWhyPnvZBH63hWDtobMkdG/view?usp=sharing)
* Acknowledgment: Shout out to Allison Benjamin, for her stewardship of the school garden: clean up, planting, watering, and pest control (rats and gophers)

Financial Summaries for September/October - Yvonne Sarles and Amy Truesdale

* Yvonne ran through the [September](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IDphQTT3ZjqyarlxmrF54zYIaeZJYy8H/view?usp=sharing) and [October](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P4jFMn1wp1V-P-VNe4Qx7uhYNHLJ5iI1/view?usp=sharing) Financial Summaries line-by-line, lending greater explanation to some line items.
* Q: When would budget details for the 2020/2021 school year be needed? A: Without Jim present there was no formal due date shared, but a timeline would be set for the future.

Auction 2020, Fund-A-Need (FAN) 2019 - Veronica Spencer-Palmer

* Tina Graff, a SCOA (Student/Classroom Observation and Analysis) coach did a workshop for Roy Cloud Teachers
* FAN ran its second Parent Teacher Workshop
* The Middle School held a Restorative Circle Assemblie. Restorative Circles build positive school climates where students feel safe to speak. Schools that have implemented Restorative Circle Practices have seen: reduced suspensions; increased connection to school and learning; better relationships between parents, administration, teachers and students.
* Statement: A middle school parent shared that her daughter is hearing heavy use of foul, sexual, and racial language at school, with little or no knowledge to admin.
  + Veronica shared that we have hosted programs to address language issues, but parents have not shown up. These issues must be addressed in the home, reported to teachers, yard duty, and the school administration. Roy Cloud has a zero tolerance to bullying, and the use of this type of language.
  + Principal Diane Prystas spoke to the challenge saying that it was a community issue, and will require the entire community to overcome: parents, guardians, students, teachers, and administration.
* Teacher Christina Granato spoke to the FAN Programs and shared that it was not a good fit for her students, and didn't provide the tools her age group required.
  + Veronica shared that not every part of the program is for every class and every student, but holistically, it is a well rounded program for the entire community. We need better buy-in from administration, teachers, and parents. These issues require culture change and takes time. The program is the best Roy Cloud could afford.
* Roy Cloud Auction: Will be held on February 22, 2020, at Domenico's Winery in San Carlos (same location as last year).
  + Parties raise a lot of money, please send in your party auction ideas
  + Announcements for class projects will be made in January
  + Auction marketing will begin to be seen after Chrstimas
  + Tickets will go on sale in January
  + Currently looking for donations for golf, vacations, sporting events, etc.
  + HELP NEEDED in procuring donations and setting up parties
  + The auction is being intentional to build community with new kindergarten families
  + Please send your party ideas and donation suggestions to, [roycloudparties@gmail.com](mailto:roycloudparties@gmail.com)

Direct Donation Report - Leanna Staben

* [Fundraising Update](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fzWGpIa2bjpr_hd_9SVxDNPtsHsw-lu0/view?usp=sharing): We are at 96% of goal, having raised $193,000 ($204,000 at this time last year). The campaign has received 176 individual donations thus far (192 last year).
* Value of Direct Donation:
  + Participation matters more than making goal
  + Goal is to collect $200,000
* Encouraging Participation:
  + Please continue to encourage participation – there will be an ice cream party for the grade with the highest participation percentage.

Garden Program Highlights/Update - Climate Corps Fellow, Yolanda Chien

* Yolanda is very passionate about the environment and education. She wants to “inspire students to have a greater understanding of their world.''
* She sees all Roy Cloud students twice a month
* Garden Agreements: be respectful to all living things and care for our world
* September was plant parts month, from soil, seeds, sprouts, stems, flowers
* The garden is very experiencial, and helps to teach gratitude and respect
* Second - fifth grade students have been keeping Garden Journals
* Yolanda loves to rewards students, for being safe, respectful and responsible
* 2020 Workday, developing pallets into vertical gardens in January
* Needs parent volunteers for assistance, Fridays are the best day
* Looking for donations of used items, currently need old Compact Disks
* Yolanda wants to teach and challenge students to be a “generation of responsible citizens”
* Save eggshells, banana peels, and compost for Yolanda’s garden
* Words of encouragement and gratitude were expressed to Yolanda

Dad’s Club Update - Craig Smith, Abe Fong

Plans for 2020:

* Field of Dreams: Experience the Roy Cloud Dads’ Club tradition and be a part of the family camp out on our very own field of dreams to celebrate the end of the school year. Event includes a grilled dinner prepared by the Dads’ Club followed by a family-themed movie on a large outdoor screen with popcorn and treats. Saturday morning pancake breakfast prior to packing up camp and heading home.
* Hike With Our Kids: Organized hikes for Dads and kids, moms are welcome.
* More information, contact Craig Smith or Abe Fong

Scholastic Book Fair 2019, Alexandra Dendy

* The Roy Cloud Annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held December 9-11, 2019 in the school library. The book fair is an important fundraiser in our overall school fundraising portfolio, the Roy Cloud Library earns over fifty cents for every dollar spent which can be used to purchase new books and equipment!
* Classroom will have a scheduled time to attend the book fair and students are welcome to drop by during lunch. There will be a Family Event on Tuesday, December 10, from 5-7pm. Join us for holiday shopping, crafts for kids, photo props and treats for the way out.
* More information, contact [Alexandra Dendy](mailto:alexandradendy@outlook.com).

Adjourn​ ​Meeting -​ ​Yvonne​ ​Sarles

* Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.
* There will be no December meeting of the PTO
* The next general PTO meeting will be January 21, 2020 at 6:30pm
* Future PTO meeting dates are listed on the [PTO website](http://roycloudinfo.com/upcoming-events/about-us/)

Appendix 1: Meeting Attendee

1. Yvonne Sarles, President
2. Effie
3. Marybeth Milionis
4. Leanna Staben, Vice President
5. Allison Oldford
6. Diane Prystas, Principal
7. Kristy Jackson, Vice Principal
8. Marybeth Millionis
9. Veronica Spencer
10. Ben Packer
11. Julia Swenson
12. Amy Truesdale, Vice President
13. Yolanda Chien
14. Todd Gumbrecht, Secretary
15. Gerd Stieler
16. Karen Brux
17. Christina Granato
18. Manja McMills
19. Christine Schoux

NOTE: This meeting [attendance sheet](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5wLUZ8puNT5eDBIRHhNZWN6VzFmZ1FRaFhuZjYzQWdGOUdR/view?usp=sharing) may not be complete. It is possible the sign in sheet was not fully circulated and/or signed names were illegible.