



## PTO MEETING AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

7:00 PM | Virtual | [Zoom Link](#)

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| I.   | Call to Order, Establish Meeting Norms<br>Ryan Flynn   | 5 min  |
| II.  | Introductions, Acknowledgements<br>Ryan Flynn  | 10 min |
| III. | Financial Report & Budget Approval Vote<br>Jim Balestieri/Leanna Staben<br><a href="#">Budget Link</a> | 20 min |
| IV.  | Direct Donations Campaign Update<br>Julia Swenson  | 5 min  |
| V.   | Programs/Enrichment Update<br>Heidi Von Briel  | 5 min  |
| VI.  | Q&A  | 15 min |
| VII. | Adjourn Meeting<br>Ryan Flynn  |        |

## **Roy Cloud School - 2020 - 2021 School Year**

### **PTO Meeting Summary Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

#### **Call Meeting to Order / Meeting Norms / Introductions / Acknowledgements - Ryan Flynn**

- The PTO meeting started at 7:00 pm virtually via Zoom
- Went over virtual meeting norms (document located in google docs)
- Introduction of new board members
- Acknowledgement:
  - Julia - purchasing ikea bags and starting the direct donation campaign
  - Heidi - helping to get ikea bags and working many hours on programs
  - Ali - producing wonderful thunderbolts
  - Jim & Leanna - gathering more info to create a revised budget
  - Victoria - making beautiful bags to welcome the teachers back to school
  - Alex - working with the teachers to ensure they have what they need
  - Diane & Kristy - working with the new board to meet the needs of kids, staff, and parents

#### **School Updates - Alex**

- Spirit wear can be ordered through Sept. 25th. Not enough for face masks yet. Need 20 to place an order
- Library distribution pick up next week - details in this week's Thunderbolt. Volunteers needed - there is a link to sign up in thunderbolt
- You will be hearing from your room parents soon about a community building event
- There is an open position needed for an auditor and a co-chair for the auction

#### **Direct Donations - Julia Swenson**

- Everyone should of received the direct donations letter in the mail and seen it in the Thunderbolt
- We are at 13% of our goal of 250K. Campaign ends on October 30th
- We have 33K as of 9/7/20. It is a little behind then this time last year but we also started the campaign two weeks later this year.
- If you can donate, please do. We are a community so tell a friend to help PR
- This money goes to counseling, enrichment, steam, science, garden, tech enhancements, teacher trainings, and increased support for distance learning
- Volunteers needed to help with the auction

#### **Programs / Enrichments - Heidi Von Briel**

- Went through the budget to see what we can offer this year
- Purchased a set of 5 videos from James Henry for kinder
- K-5 grades garden science with Yolanda (full time teacher) - 30 sessions on Wednesdays starting Sept. 21st. She takes care of the garden as well
- 4th-5th graders Science from scientists - this is a hands on program. It will be virtual and they will deliver supplies to the school. Some classes will be given to the 6th graders since they lost half of this program last year.

- Art - looking into moving to 1st-3rd grades since they don't have science. Still tentative if this will happen
- Growfit - This is a potential program. A survey was sent in the Thunderbolt. Please fill out if you haven't already. It is a 4 week pilot program to see if you like it. It is from 7:45 am to 8:05 am daily zoom for kids to get their wiggles out before school.
- Rosetta Stone spanish for middle school - There are 30 spots and it will be offered to 8th graders first, then 7th and 6th until filled. The PTO is paying for this as long as the kids / parents sign the commitment contract for the program. There is a link on the PTO page and access is through the homeroom. Students can do it in their own time and there is a new session every two weeks.
- No field trips this year, but we are looking into vendors that offer virtual field trips

### **Financial Report and Budget Approval - Jim Balestieri and Leanna Staben**

- Updated proposal from the one approved in May
- 8th grade funds carried over from last year - donated to middle school but not PTO money, middle school decides how it is spent
- Reduced auction to 90K since it will be virtual
- Took out Spring dance, dads club, used book fair and spring play. These can be put back in spring if things change. There were no contracts offered for spring play this year due to covid
- Jog a thon reduced to 25K as we may do some type of different activity
- No yosemite trip for 7th graders this year
- Newsletter reduced to 500 as they found a more cost effective way
- Accidently omitted PTO insurance in May so added it back in
- Income reduced to 100K as there are many unknowns
- Admin teacher assistant needed for teachers 15K
- Counseling services increased to 76K
- Legarza reduced to 34,166 as we may revisit in spring
- Teacher grants increased to 20K
- Maker expenses taken out - can use grants if anything is needed this year
- Scholarships reduced to 2,500 in case needed for families
- CSMA art reduced to 10K /Garden reduced to 25K - no stipend this year
- Equip / Tech - increased to 14,500 as teachers need ipads and monitors
- Language pilot program 3,60
- Planners / thursday folders reduced to 1,250
- Music videos from James Henry 1,100
- Actual cash on hand 167K
- Chromebooks - Through a covid fund, the district is replacing 9 carts for our school. This allowed us to bring some programs back (133K)
- New chromebooks are backlogged until December - if your having issues with yours, you can go to the district office to have it fixed

**VOTE** - does the PTO approve the budget as presented

**RESULT** - Overwhelming majority voted yes

### **Q & A**

- The chromebooks are not working properly and this issue needs to be correct

- Is school considering to not cancel outdoor education? *Program decisions come from the district*
- Can the school have an alternate outdoor education experience? *This depends on the county and the pandemic situation*
- Please don't forget that kids need to be exposed to arts. *Kids need to have access and exposure. Megan Maxwell-Bey is willing to work with Jen to make this happen. Per Jen, we weren't given an option to do the play this year from SCCT. We are all in the same boat as other school districts. Alice in Wonderland will happen, we just don't know when. We are working on an alternate virtual idea for this year like a talent show possibly.*
- Can Yosemite be pushed back to next year for the 7th graders? *Diane could look into that when we get to the point of the county allowing it.*
- Can we have photos taken of kids in their spring play costumes? *Can be looked into*
- Can PE be more than one day for K - 5? *We only have the PE middle school teacher this year. He teaches middle school M,T, TH, F and does the videos for K-5 in his own time.*
- Can you expand on the community building activities? *You will start to hear more about it soon from your room parents. There were lots of idea like a trivia game per grade level and class*
- Will we have class pictures? *The photographer cancelled for the fall. Staff is looking into putting together some sort of year book but not sure yet what it will look like. May reach out to room parents to get pictures of students.*
- What happens if they don't meet the direct donations goal? *In the past when this happened, non contractual expenses were cut. We have time to make up some of these*
- Are teachers providing feedback on how distance learning is going for them? *We have been in touch with teachers and asking what they need. Ryan and Alex will be attending a staff meeting with them soon. Judy Sloan thanked the PTO for their support to help them get going this school year.*
- When will students start using zoom? *Waiting until some students switch over their accounts*

#### **Adjourn Meeting - Ryan Flynn**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

**Please send an email to the PTO if you have additional questions**

**Next PTO meeting is October 13th at 7:00 pm**