



PTO MEETING AGENDA

January 12th, 2021

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

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| I. | Call to Order, Establish Meeting Norms
Ryan Flynn | 5 min |
| II. | Introductions, Acknowledgements
Ryan Flynn | 5 min |
| III. | Roy Cloud Discovery Series
<i>Session 1: Looking Forward to Grades 3-5</i>
Mrs. Mendez, 3rd Grade
Mrs. Kraus, 4th Grade
Mr. Tsivikas, 5th Grade | 15 min |
| IV. | Fundraising Update
Julia Swenson | 5 min |
| V. | Budget Discussion / Vote
Jim Balistieri & Leanna Staben | 10 min |
| VI. | Community Update
Alex Dendy | 5 min |
| VII. | Q & A | |

Roy Cloud School - 2020 - 2021 School Year

PTO Meeting Summary Tuesday, January 12, 2021

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

- The PTO meeting started at 7:01 pm virtually via Zoom
- No questions received prior to meeting
- Introducing Roy Cloud Discovery Series - tonight's session will be 3rd - 5th, next PTO meeting will be middle school and March PTO meeting will be K - 2nd.

Roy Cloud Discovery Series - Session 1 : Looking Forward to Grades 3 - 5 - Belinda Mendez, Julie Kraus, and Nick Tsivikas

- Each teacher briefly discussed the skills the students will learn in each grade, some of the highlights of each grade, Math, Social Studies, and Science
- Alex thanked all of the teachers for taking the time to present tonight
- Questions:
 - Did 3rd grade have a different test today? - She will email her question to the PTO box so someone can follow up on it
 - Is Outdoor Ed in the fall? - Normally it's in October but sometimes in February. Hopefully we will be able to continue it next year.
 - Will they be teaching one subject based on their strength when we go back to in person school? We started to look into it prior to Covid, but haven't found a way that it could work due to multiple issues.
 - What is each grades biggest challenge? All grades said that children don't trust themselves to make mistakes and they need to be ok with it. They need to know that we are a family and support each other. Also there isn't enough time to explore things that the kids are passionate about all the time.
 - How do you develop executive functioning skills to be more independent? We use a planner in 5th grade to teach how to be organized when studying. There is also class switching to get them ready for middle school. In 4th grade, there are long term projects and they are responsible to write down homework assignments. In 3rd grade there is a lot of modeling responsibility and planning
 - Do you feel there is enough SEL support right now? They have had a ton of training and support. It's now part of their everyday class time. The principle, vice principle and Ms. Rivoli are very helpful and provide support
 - Do they get hands on Science in 4th and 5th? Outdoor Ed is a big hands on science experience for 5th grade. They also have science for scientists. They try to get it in twice a week. 3rd grade has mealworms in the class. All do garden and build circuits.

Fundraising Update - Julia Swenson

- Direct donations finished strong. Thanks to everyone for donating! You did an outstanding job
- We don't have the final number yet but we should be meet or come close to our goal
- No auction this year but there will be a Jog-a-thon
- There will be a Tshirt contest in late February / early March

- The event will be in May but we are not sure what it will look like yet
- There are a lot of different ideas to make it all encompassing for everyone to participate and raise money for next year
- Thanks to the community for their support
- If you volunteered for the auction, you will be rolled over to help with the jog a thon if you are still interested
- No questions

Budget Discussion / Vote: Jim Balestieri and Leanna Staben

- Julia did a fantastic job with direct donations
- Donations are always accepted if you still want to donate
- Currently have 205K for Direct Donations but still waiting on more coming in for matching donations
- Explained the changes to the budget due to events not happening due to covid and a few increases.
- Budget is posted on the website and will revisit it in the Spring
- No questions

Vote - Does the PTO approve the budget as presented

Result - Overwhelming majority voted yes

Community Update - Alex Dendy

- Focusing and planning some fun community events
- Thanks to Heidi Wallace for the scholastic book fair - total was 3,200 and 5% goes to the library
- We may do a presale summer book fair
- Jump for cloud is coming the last week in January for K - 5th
- A class in each grade with the most jumps will win a prize
- It will be tracked in Google Classroom - not sure what prize will be yet
- There will be a Middle School attendance contest - grade with best attendance will win a prize
- Thanks to Julie Prilinger for helping to spread the information to all of the classes
- Need ideas for prizes
- Middle school elective 30 days of Kindness campaign launches this week
- There is a Book club for parents - first meeting on January 21st in the evening

Q & A

- **Assuming we are back on campus next year, do we still want to do 1st day school supplies?** *Alex will get back to Marybeth on this*
- **When is an opportunity to discuss what after school activities can begin?** *We can put on the agenda for February. Currently there is no budget, space or man power to do this year.. Other schools have figured out how to do it, maybe we can see how they are doing it. North Star has cohorts for PE and elective. Anne will follow up to see how other schools are doing it and will let Alex know. Our teachers are not comfortable returning to campus. Not enough space for the hubs and the pods on campus. Not allowed to mix cohorts of people. Can't*

have parents or visitors on campus either. PTO can't organize and plan it. Not a matter of funding but of a safety protocol. Dr. Baker would be supportive of finding space once schools have opportunity to have hubs in place.

Adjourn Meeting - Ryan Flynn

- Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm

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

Next PTO meeting is February 9, 2020