



September 1, 2026 | 7:00 PM | Roy Cloud Library & [Zoom Link](#)

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. PTO Overview
3. Programs Update
4. Guest Speaker: Each Green Corner
5. Fundraising Update
6. Upcoming Events & Activities
7. Volunteer Opportunities
8. Budget Discussion
9. Discussion with Principal Bowdoin
10. Q & A

Minutes:

Topic	Discussion
Welcome & Introductions	First meeting of the year!!
PTO Overview	• New board, introducing all members: <i>roles listed on the attached slides</i> • We fund through your donations: ◦ art, theater, music – bought instruments for 5th grade, Makery space (laser cutter, 3D printer), social emotional learning, support staff to buy supplies, bus transportation, community events, tech or classroom needs “fund a need” (ie. speaker system in the MUB), staff appreciation. • Donations, time and volunteering from the parents of the PTO (individual organization, no dues, all parents are a part by having kids

	at this school). • Members meet bi-monthly, board bi-monthly (alternating) and board with the school administration weekly. • Konstella helps us all to stay connected. Allison (VP of Communications) has helped to organize by adding all parents to their children's classrooms.
Fundraising Update	• Direct Donations update: \$114,081 so far, 60 days remaining, ~13% participation. • 1st grade leading donations • Make a donation and get a super cool car magnet!!
Program Updates	This year your kids can look forward to: • SEL "Social Emotional Learning" • After school enrichment (grades TK-8) - starts after labor day • Music (grades TK-8) • Garden "Each Green Corner" (grades TK-8) • Art in Action – parent volunteers welcome, nice way to see kids in the classroom, PTO supports by buying the curriculum. Only Level 1 clearance required. • Middle School Intercession (grade 6-8) ◦ Modeled after D-Tech – last two weeks of each trimester, bring in fun electives to support life skill development ◦ Mellissa and Nichole partnering to test this out with Middle School ◦ Classes: ■ Improv, beading, engineerings, art, garden, founder's lab, bike maintenance, TBD ■ Session 1: October 26 - November 6 ■ Session 2: March 2 - March 12 • World Languages (grades 6-8) • STEAM (grades k-8) • Marine Science Institute (grades TK-2) • Science for Scientists (grades 3-6)
Guest Speaker: Each Green Corner (EGC)	• Introducing our instructors: ◦ Magaly: Food systems educator for Roy Cloud (2nd year at USF), comes from a background of agriculture and an enthusiasm for ◦ Luke: teacher for the past two years at Henry Ford • EGC is a non profit charity to create food producing gardens on campuses ◦ 15 garden sites ◦ Started in San Carlos • Help maintain our garden • Food is donated back to food banks and some to kids in the classroom • Host a monthly maintenance day to support, parents welcome. First work day is September 5th at 9am, sign up (link can be found in most 8/31 Cloud Chronicles or Konstella calendar). • Food Explorers: k-5

	○ Food system: how it's grown, processed, distribution etc. ○ Consumption and disposal ● Parent support: show up to work days (Saturdays at 9am, monthly) ○ Weekends will be posted on Konstella and in the Cloud Chronicle (registration link available; please sign up) ○ 5 staff this weekend to help support kicking this off ● Kristal Morey is the Garden Lead and will share more information via Konstella chat with updates ● Level 2 clearance needed if you want to support during class time. No clearance required for weekend work days. ○ Mandatory reporter training required ● Middle schoolers will also find time in the garden (ie. intersession)
Upcoming Events and Activities	● Burgers and Bikes – 9/13 ● Scholastic Book Fair – 10/19-22 (open during Fall Fest) ● Fall Fest – 10/22 ● Dad's Club (Adam and Jamal co-chairs) supports: ○ Garden ○ Gaga Pit ○ BBQ at Fall Fest ○ Help with Science Fair ○ Build community of Dad's and help them find ways to connect and support the school ○ Events: Burgers and Bikes, Camp Out
Volunteer Opportunities	● Volunteer: ○ Join a committee: Auction, Direct Donations, Jogathon ○ Shifts for events (Konstella): eg. 1 hr. face painting, book fair setup/ sales, etc. ○ Classroom: Art in Action, Garden, Room Parent etc. ○ Get clearance to volunteer – https://www.rcsdk8.net/our-programs-and-services/human-resources/volunteer ● Reach out to info@roycloudpto.com with interest in any of the following: ○ After school enrichment trainee ○ No cost fundraiser coordinator (ie. Mr Softee) ○ Safe routes to school coordinator ○ Spanish Translation Liaison: ○ Used Book Sale Coordinator: ○ Volunteer Clearance Coordinator: new role to help support with FAQs, communication to the district etc. ● We need a new Treasurer ○ The only PTO role that doesn't have a term limit, requires consistent support, can largely be done from home. ○ We have a 501c3 that requires maintenance and compliance ○ No finance background required. ○ Can contact info@roycloudpto.com or treasurer@roycloudpto.com

Budget Discussion	• PTO Financial Housekeeping and Guidelines ◦ As a volunteer it is your responsibility to keep track of payment schedules and that they are added to treasurers form for timely payments to vendors ◦ Submit requests 1 month in advance for check processing and mailing ■ Receipts are required ■ Envelope in the front office for receipts etc. ◦ Leanna's role is to maintain our status; protect and efficiently and transparently manage our funds • Budget was approved last year for this school year (fiscal year starts in July) ◦ Review budget changes ◦ You will be asked in 7 days to vote • Working with Vendors: ◦ W-9s are required ◦ Leanna needs to know before asking for non-profit discounts (ie. Chipotle for a portion of proceeds) ◦ Legal Name: "Roy Cloud Parents' Club" ◦ EIN: 26-4393209 • Shadow opportunity to take on this role next year; start observing and learning about the role now with Leanna by your side to support • Proposed Budget: available on website ◦ We don't always know our carry over from the previous year ◦ All increased: <i>see budget for details</i> ■ Dinner Dance Auction ■ Community Events ■ Staff Appreciation ■ Spirit Wear ■ Admin teacher assistant (make copies) ■ Scholarships (ie. field trip funds, volunteer fees) ■ Music Enrichment (added \$9k for instruments) ■ Science Enrichment • Sources of Revenue ◦ Direct Donation Drive - \$270k ◦ Auction - \$150k ◦ Jogathon - \$85k
Discussion w/ Principal Bowdoin	• Grateful for support that parents and caretakers provide • Teachers, families and students all make this community what it is • Exciting to see everything that is ahead this year • Design Thinking Program ◦ Term and program used a lot in the Bay Area ◦ Envision an umbrella with: STEAM, and SEL underneath ■ Help students see themselves as agents of change ■ See themselves as community members with a voice ■ Speak to the issues with empathy and understand what users are going through, while seeking solutions to problems ■ Takes engineering process and takes into account the user we are solving problems for

	○ Shift in RC vision ○ Investing in our teachers to bring this philosophy into their classrooms ○ Will work with a coach and consultant, Ariel Raz from the D-School at Stanford (working with us privately) ○ Will launch in October: professional development with teachers ○ PTO helped set up a Makery space to make messes in one place that will support this new type of development and learning ○ Excited for students to have power over change! ○ Welcome any parents who are experienced in Design Thinking ■ Donations of time and or resources (ie. recently donated 3D printer and laser cutter)
Q&A	● Once you complete the level 2 clearance what happens? ○ Should hear back from the district if there are any missing elements of your application. They'll notify you if it's complete. You can always ask the front office at school to confirm your clearance status. ○ Up to date list in the office to confirm approval as a volunteer