November 10, 2026 | 7:00 PM | Roy Cloud Library & *Zoom Link*

Agenda

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

Minutes:

Topic	Discussion
Welcome & Introductions	Members present on Zoom and in person; including the PTO board members and Principal Melissa Bowdoin.
Fundraising Update	• Biggest campaign of the year, led by Erin Levins • $202k raised (75% of goal), matching not yet included • ~$20k ahead of this point last year, on track to hit $270k by end of year • Official campaign runs through December; donate at www.roycloudpto.com/donate2026
Program Updates	**Auction** • Crystal and Tushar running the auction again this year • April 3rd at The Alexandria

	● Donation ideas: company swag for gift baskets, gift cards, business donations from places you frequent ● Can also organize a buy-in party at your home ● Donation request letter available; Google form in progress ● Contact: auction@roycloudpto.com ● **Support needed: Recruit someone to shadow and train this year to lead next year** **Garden** ● Saturday workday this past weekend, 9am-12pm ● High schoolers needing community service hours can participate ● To volunteer in class: email comms@roycloudpto.com to be added to the garden group ● Migali has been added to the Konstella group ● Garden committee forming; stay tuned for messaging ● Dad's Club supports regularly ● Next Saturday Workday: **December 5, 9am - 12pm** ● Contact Kristal at kristalb17@hotmail.com ● **Support needed: Recruit someone to shadow and train this year to lead next year** **Art in Action** ● RWC installation for K-5 at the main library: From now until Nov. 23rd: K-5 are being displayed: Willis, Christensen, Parodi, Solorzano, Mendez, Faulkner, Johnson and Ortez ● The week of the 23rd: Mr. T as well as 6, 7, & 8th ● Level 1 clearance required to participate ● Shoutout to all volunteers who supported **Dr. Arthur Benjamin** ● Professor of mathematics and magician; performing for grades 3-5 in the MUB this Thursday, 11/12 ● Organized by Kayla and Anker Gupta; paid for by PTO **Spring Play: High School Musical** ● Waitlist formed almost immediately after registration opened in October ● 45 students accepted; chorus and main cast both full ● K-3 in chorus; 4th-8th grade in main cast ● Production dates: March 19, 20, and 21 ● Auditions on 11/16: ○ 4th and 5th grade: sing and dance ○ 6th through 8th grade: sing, dance, and monologue ● First rehearsal: November 30; mandatory parent meeting that same day ● Tech crew also full with a waiting list; kids run all backstage, lighting,

	and sound ● Organized by Veronica Spencer-Palmer (vmsacting@yahoo.com) ● **Support needed: Recruit parent volunteers to lead the spring play in future years; can shadow Veronica Spencer-Palmer this year** **Intercession** ● Concluded last week; screen-free, tactile, led by community volunteers ● Kids developed new hobbies; feedback was that kids wanted more choices ● Challenge: hard to find instructors for 2-week afternoon sessions ● Replaced year-long electives; fills a gap since enrichment is only offered to younger grades ● Next intercession: March 2-12 ● Pilot program this year; will gather feedback from students, staff, and parents to decide on future years
Guest Speaker: RCEF	**RCEF (Redwood City Education Foundation)** https://rcef.org ● Kristal Morey shares as a member of the organization ● Roy Cloud is a strong champion; goal is equity across the district ● Schools with higher need: Taft, McKinley, Hoover, and Garfield ● Support provided: STEAM, social-emotional learning, mental health counseling, ESL resources ● Many students across schools play sports together and filter into the same high schools ● Two other Roy Cloud parents also help with RCEF; Kristal Morey involved ● **Ways to contribute: time, money, energy; Wine Walk fundraiser typically in May**
Upcoming Events and Activities	**Community Events and PTO Volunteer Opportunities** ● **Citizens Bond Oversight Committee** ○ Redwood City School District seeking parent applicants; next meeting is 11/12 (this Thursday) ○ **Support needed, apply here:** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjCPI8B_Yea8WxyF7nJXGobith_hcmg7vyKWo-Kc-6OrPJGQ/viewform ● **Schools Beyond Screens** ○ Contact: Jennifer Seward at jenniferryanseward@gmail.com for more information. ○ Technology conduct for kids governed but not within our district for instructional design ○ Met with Dr. R; superintendent will speak at next week's RCSD meeting about technology

	○ **Express interest here;** WhatsApp group available to join ● **Upcoming events** ○ Dad's Club meeting: Thursday, November 19 (location TBD via Konstella) ○ Winter Music Concert: December 10th, **bake sale coordinator needed** ○ Next PTO meeting: January 12th ○ Family Dance: February 5th ○ Spring Fest: May 8th ○ All dates available in Konstella
Volunteer Opportunities	● For all opportunities, email info@roycloudpto.com ● **Open volunteer roles:** ○ **Winter Bake Sale coordinator:** raises $600-800; templates and Konstella sign-up ready; one person needed ○ **No-cost fundraiser coordinator:** maintain relationships with local businesses (e.g., Sports Basement percentage-back program); entirely remote ○ **Used Book Sale coordinator:** spring event, larger ask **Volunteer Clearance** ● Level 2 last year = now Level 1 unless mandatory reporter training is completed and uploaded to volunteer application ● Level 2 unlocks field trips, garden, and more; Level 1 sufficient for Art in Action ● Questions: email the principal or ask the front office
Budget Discussion	**Treasurer Update: Leanna Staben** ● YTD financials July through end of October; budget voted and passed; taxes filed for 2025-26 ● Scholastic Book Fair: $20k in books sold; proceeds in Scholastic dollars used for library and Scholastic News subscriptions ○ Shoutout to Kelsey Chambers who ran the whole event ● Mostly underspent across budget; Q1 district invoice not yet received (typically carries heavier expenses) ● Fund-a-Need: $27,500 designated for tech and classroom improvements this year ○ First purchase: a speaker system; board will review and approve further spending ● PTO Grants and Transportation: $25k already spent this year against a $48k budget; includes teacher grants ● Scholarships and student assistance: rarely tapped but available; confidential; contact the front office ● STEAM Program: PTO is funding design thinking training for teachers ○ Clarification: PTO is actively supporting STEAM despite word

	around campus to the contrary
Discussion w/ Principal Bowdoin	**Design Thinking with Principal Melissa Bowdoin** ● PTO supporting the launch; consultant is Arielle ● Shared video of teacher training challenges, Mr. Masso's 1st grade class, and Ms. Granato's 3rd grade class ○ Noisy classrooms but focused and collaborative ○ Kids not afraid to fail and iterate; towers challenge showed kids outperformed adult groups ● Current real-world project: 8th graders interviewing staff to solve shared blacktop scheduling conflicts (recess, PE, campus movement) ● Long-lasting professional development: empowers teachers to apply design thinking to existing curriculum ● Next session with Arielle: December 10th for teacher coaching
Q&A	● Ran out of time