January 2020 PTO Meeting Notes

Thursday, January 16, 2020, 7pm – Clifford Library

*16 de enero de 2020 a las 7:00 p.m. en la Biblioteca Clifford*

1. Attendance Sign in, Food, Social, Fliers
2. Welcome and Update – Jennifer Erskine, [jennerskine2412@gmail.com](mailto:jennerskine2412@gmail.com)

* RCSD Night: Lots of interest from potential parents. Clifford was the only school with glossy flyers, the rest just had the flyers provided by the district that did not provide a great deal of information about each school.
* Winter Family Night: This event was well attended, many thanks to 4th graders for creating posters to advertise for the event.
* Great Kindness Challenge: PTO will continue to promote this positive week at school. More information from the principal will be forthcoming.
* Yosemite Trip next month: Jude is working to provide additional financial support to supplement the cost of this trip for families that need it. We want as many families to attend as possible, the cost was slightly higher than last year’s outdoor ed trip.
* Family Dance – We need volunteers to help Hilary Beck to plan the Family Dance (March 27, 2020). She will coordinate but could use help with theme, decoration and day-of set up/cleanup of the event.
* Family Fun Night: The Family Fun Night will occur on May 9th at Sports House. Following the fun, all those who are interested can enjoy pizza at the Sports House. Jennifer Erskine is chairing the event and can use a few parents to help.

1. Secretary/*secretario* – Katie McNally, [katiedatherage@hotmail.com](mailto:katiedatherage@hotmail.com)

* Vote to approve November Meeting Minutes (minutes approved)
* Sarah La Torra will take notes as Katie is unable to attend.

1. Middle School Update/*Anuncio de “Middle School”* – Arlene Little, [arlenep.little@gmail.com](mailto:arlenep.little@gmail.com)

During the month of December, middle school families contributed towards gift cards and candles for all teachers, thank you for your support!

1. After School Enrichment/ *Enriquecimiento despuues de escuela* – Arlene Little and Jennifer Braddock, [arlenep.little@gmail.com](mailto:arlenep.little@gmail.com)  
   Many thanks to Jennifer for helping to get information about enrichment out to all families. This year Registration will occur though the “Homeroom” website. Please see the PTO website for specific class details.
2. Treasurer’s Report/*informe del tesorero* – Leslie Street, [leslie.street@ymail.com](mailto:leslie.street@ymail.com) & Denise Mandell, [denisemandell213@yahoo.com](mailto:denisemandell213@yahoo.com)

$112,000 has been raised to date, $73,000 has been spent. We are slightly behind on Direct Donation. We will do a direct donation campaign in March to try to raise more money for the PTO budget. Classroom programs, teacher stipends, library funds, and emergency shed budgets are underspent. Ms. Cody will share this with the staff and administration.

1. Principal’s Report/*Reporte del principal* – ~~Jude Noyes,~~ [~~jnoyes@rcsdk8.net~~](mailto:jnoyes@rcsdk8.net) Shannon Cody
   1. Thank you parents for coming to the Meet RCSD nights. It was great to show our inclusive community and talk with parents.
   2. Please fill out the Family Survey—this helps inform decisions for School Site Council as well as other administration goals. Please remind other parents to take the survey. PTO will also help spread the word about this survey.
2. Project Cornerstone/ *Proyecto Cornerstone* – Shabnam Moon, [shabnam.moon@gmail.com](mailto:shabnam.moon@gmail.com)

15 volunteers are actively participating in Project Cornerstone for grades K-4, we are working towards having Project Cornerstone for 5th grade and a discussion group for middle school.

1. School Play (Legally Blonde Jr.) – Trina Licht, [cljl06@mac.com](mailto:cljl06@mac.com)

Join us to see the school play on February 7th, 8th, and 9th. Tickets can be purchased at

<https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=109470>

1. Staff Appreciation/*Apreciación del personal* - Jennifer Erskine

A staff appreciation effort is underway.

1. Art in Action/ *Arte en Accion* – Lindsay Daniel, [lindseymdaniel@gmail.com](mailto:lindseymdaniel@gmail.com)

No news at this time.

1. New Business/ *Nuevos Negocios*

* There are a number of open volunteer positions, Sarah will create a list of opportunities that can be shared with parents.
* Clifford School Spirit Wear: You can purchase Clifford clothes here: <https://shop.spreadshirt.com/cliffordschool/>
* Middle School Math: Join us on January 30th from 5-6 to learn more about Clifford’s plan for middle school math.

**Next PTO Meeting: Thursday, February 20th**