

Miner PTO General Meeting

March 5, 2024

Yesterday was Myrtilla Miner's 209th birthday! Learn more about our incredible namesake on the [history page](#) of our website.

Agenda

6:00 - 6:05 Welcome & Introductions

6:05 - 6:10 Principal's Report

6:10 - 6:15 Community School Update

6:15 - 6:25 Miner School Improvement Team Update

6:25 - 6:35 School Committee Reports

6:25 Mutual Aid Network

6:30 LSAT

6:35 Green Team/FoodPrints

6:35 - 6:45 President & VP Report

6:45 - 6:50 Teacher Representatives' Report

6:50 - 6:55 Treasurer's Report

6:55 - 7:00 Upcoming Events, Reminders, Opportunities

Open Comment: Other joys, concerns, or questions?



Welcome!

- Welcome to our PTO General Meeting!
- Babysitting is in the Library with our friends from Christ City Church (they also provide dinner). Huge thanks to Matthew Watson and his amazing team of volunteers.
- Pizza is available for you all; if you have a couple of dollars to put in the donation bucket we would appreciate it.
- Next PTO meeting date: Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00pm.



PTO Executive Board

- President - Brandon Scott (3rd Grade Parent)
- Vice President - Abby McGill (2nd Grade Parent)
- Treasurer - Nicholas Heitger (5th, 2nd, K Parent)
- Secretary - Julie Muir (4th, 2nd, PK4 Parent)
- Teacher Representatives-
 - Ms. Kyra Hayes (ELA Coach)
 - Ms. Trilby Hillenbrand (STEM Teacher)
 - Mr. Jason Yoho (Kindergarten Teacher)
- Interim Principal - Dr. Shenora Plenty



Principal's Report

Dr. Shenora Plenty

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Community School Update

Ms. ShaLisa Richardson

srichardson@ebfsc.org

<https://www.minerelementary.org/community-school.html>



Community School Update



**EDGEWOOD/
BROOKLAND**
FAMILY SUPPORT COLLABORATIVE

Yoga is Coming to Miner!

Meet our instructor:

Erin Heramb is a yoga instructor who has been practicing yoga for over 30 years and has had a meditation practice for the past fifteen. She received her 500 hr training in biomechanics from Jules Mitchell. Erin enjoys most styles of yoga and incorporates different practices in her classes. Her classes will focus on connecting with one's breath and finding the best posture for one's body. She strives to create a safe space in which students can challenge themselves to grow in both body and mind, bringing the lessons learned on the mat into the world.



Miner School Improvement Team Update

Gabriella Pino-Moreno and Tamaki Laycock
Project Managers



School Committee Reports

Mutual Aid Network

LSAT

Green Team



Miner Mutual Aid Network

Jon Clark

minermutualaid@gmail.com

<https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html>



Miner Mutual Aid Network

- Created as an equity committee action team in May 2020 to support the Miner Community during and after the pandemic.
- Mutual Aid is solidarity. Whether you need help or have help to give the Mutual Aid Network exists to provide support.
- Partnered with the Ward 6 Mutual Aid Network to provide PPE, food, household items and other supports to the Miner community.
- Established monthly Community Table events for the Miner community to access food, PPE, household items, children's books and toys, and distance learning support.
- In order for the Mutual Aid Network to have continued success, we are looking for 4-5 volunteers to join our planning and action team. Please contact minermutualaid@gmail.com if you're interested.



LSAT Report

Mr. Jason Yoho and Julie Muir
Next Meeting: March 19 at 5pm

minereslsat@gmail.com

<https://www.minerelementary.org/lsat.html>



Local School Advisory Team

- LSAT is present in every DCPS school and is comprised of elected representatives of parents, teachers, staff, community member(s), PTO leader, and WTU building rep.
- Primary purpose is to advise the Principal on school priorities, goals, budget, and comprehensive school plan.
- All meetings are open to the public, and all members of the Miner Community are welcome to join and ask questions. Exception is during closed budget deliberations in February. **The next meeting is March 19 via Zoom.**
- SY2023-34 LSAT:
 - Parents: Katrice Fuller-Whitaker, Andrea Jones, Nick Kushner, Julie Muir, Brandon Scott (appointed as PTO Rep)
 - Teachers: Ms. Dykes, Ms. Hillenbrand, Dr. Ramsey, Mr. Yoho,
 - WTU Rep: TBD (elected by WTU staff)
 - Staff: TBD (elected by non-WTU staff)
 - Community Rep: Ms. ShaLisa Richardson
- At our first meeting Mr. Yoho and Julie Muir were elected Chairs and Nick Kushner was elected Secretary.
- For more information on the Miner LSAT, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/lSAT.html>

Direct questions to minereslsat@gmail.com



Green Team Report

Ms. Emma Creamer
FoodPrints Representative
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Regular PTO Business

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<https://www.minerelementary.org/parent-teacher-organization.html>



President & VP Reports

- SY24-25 Enrollment Opens April 1
- April 1-5 is Assistant Principal Appreciation Week
- Save the Date: Spring Dance is April 12!
- Fundraising Opportunities
 - Thanks to all who participated in our Cookies for a Cause fundraiser at Captain Cookie and the Milkman
 - St. Patrick's Day Coin Drive Kicks off March 11
 - Our next Engagement Event at Atlas Brew Works is March 22
 - Save the date for our Capital Candy Jar fundraiser: April 27-28
 - We are working with some H Street restaurants for some additional (delicious) fundraisers...stay tuned!
- How to Connect
- Miner Spirit Store



A vertical flyer for a Spring Dance. The background is dark blue. It features several pink cherry blossom flowers and pink boomboxes with yellow accents scattered around the text. The text is centered and reads: "SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL SPRING DANCE! FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 6:00 - 8:00 PM MINER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT COMING SOON: DEDICATED DANCE WEBSITE WITH MORE INFO AND RSVP OPPORTUNITY STUDENTS WHO HAVE RE-ENROLLED FOR SY24-25 WILL BE ENTERED IN A RAFFLE FOR COOL PRIZES! SY24-25 ENROLLMENT OPENS APRIL 1".

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Fill the Pot o' Gold at the End of Miner's Rainbow!

COIN DRIVE:
MARCH 11 - APRIL 12

DONATE COINS TO THE
MINER ELEMENTARY
COIN DRIVE!

THE CLASS WITH THE
HEAVIEST BUCKET
WINS A PARTY WITH
TREATS FROM THE
MINER PTO!

WITH A LITTLE LUCK,
YOU CAN HELP MINER
REACH ITS GOAL OF
\$1,000 DURING THIS
SPRING FUNDRAISER

WANT TO BOOST YOUR SUPPORT OF MINER
ELEMENTARY? MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE
CONTRIBUTION TO THE MINER BEAR PAW FUND!
SCAN THE QR CODE.

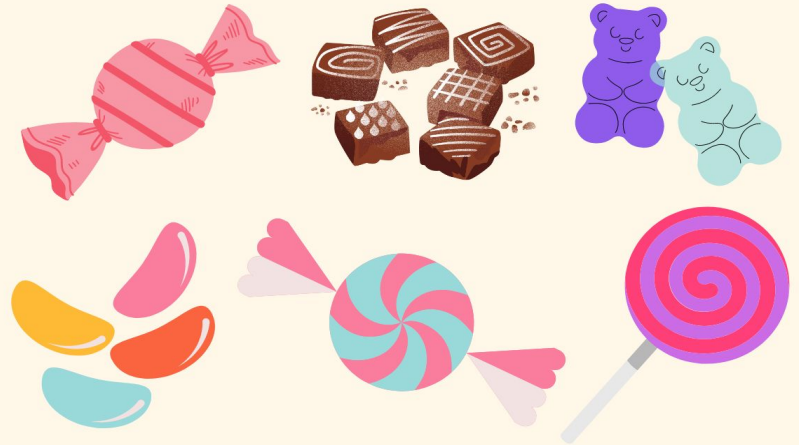


SUGGESTED AMOUNTS:
\$1-\$49 (SMALL PAW)
\$50-\$249 (MEDIUM PAW)
\$250-\$499 (LARGE PAW)
\$500+ (GRAND PAW)

REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU PARTICIPATE, ALL CONTRIBUTIONS
GO TO NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
SCHOOL, CLASSROOM SUPPORT MATERIALS, FIELD TRIPS,
SCHOOL WIDE EVENTS AND MORE!



JOIN US FOR THE SWEETEST DEAL IN TOWN



MINER PTO + CAPITAL CANDY JAR FUNDRAISER

ON APRIL 27 AND 28 MENTION MINER ELEMENTARY
WHEN SHOPPING IN-PERSON AT THE CAPITAL CANDY
JAR TO RECEIVE 5% OFF YOUR ORDER.* THE CAPITAL
CANDY JAR WILL GENEROUSLY DONATE 25% OF THE
PROFITS FROM THOSE SALES TO THE MINER PTO.

*CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH OTHER OFFERS

APRIL
27-28

12-7 PM
THE CAPITAL CANDY JAR
201 15TH STREET NE
CAPITALCANDYJAR.COM

How to Connect

- All parents, guardians, teachers, and staff are automatically members of the PTO
- To receive PTO email updates, “The Week Ahead” newsletter, and more, we encourage you to subscribe to the PTO email list by filling out this form: <https://www.minerelementary.org/join-the-pto.html>
- Follow us on [social media](#)
 - School social media:
 - <https://twitter.com/MinerElementary>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/MinerDCPS/>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/minerelementaryschool/>
 - PTO social media:
 - <https://twitter.com/MinerPTO>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/Miner.PTO/>
 - Other Miner social media:
 - Miner Equity Team: <https://twitter.com/EquityMiner>
 - Miner Green Team: <https://www.instagram.com/Minerelementarygarden/>
- Follow the school calendar on the [Miner homepage](#)! You can even add it to your phone’s calendar. You can also do this with DCPS calendar—[click here](#) to learn how.



Miner Spirit Store

Two ways to purchase:

- Purchase car magnets, yard signs, and t-shirts (sizes 3T - adult XXL) by emailing minerpto@gmail.com
- Visit our online spirit store at <https://www.cafepress.com/minerelementaryschoolspiritstore>



Treasurer's Report

Nick Heitger



Treasurer Report (This Period)

Income & Expense Summary 2/1/24 to 2/29/24

Balance as of February 1, 2024:	\$30,633.75
<i>Add: Income (Feb. 1st thru Feb. 29th)</i>	<i>+\$4,476.21</i>
<i>Subtract: Expenses (Feb. 1st thru Feb. 29th)</i>	<i><u>-\$1,889.34</u></i>
Balance as of February 29, 2024:	\$30,910.78

Notes:

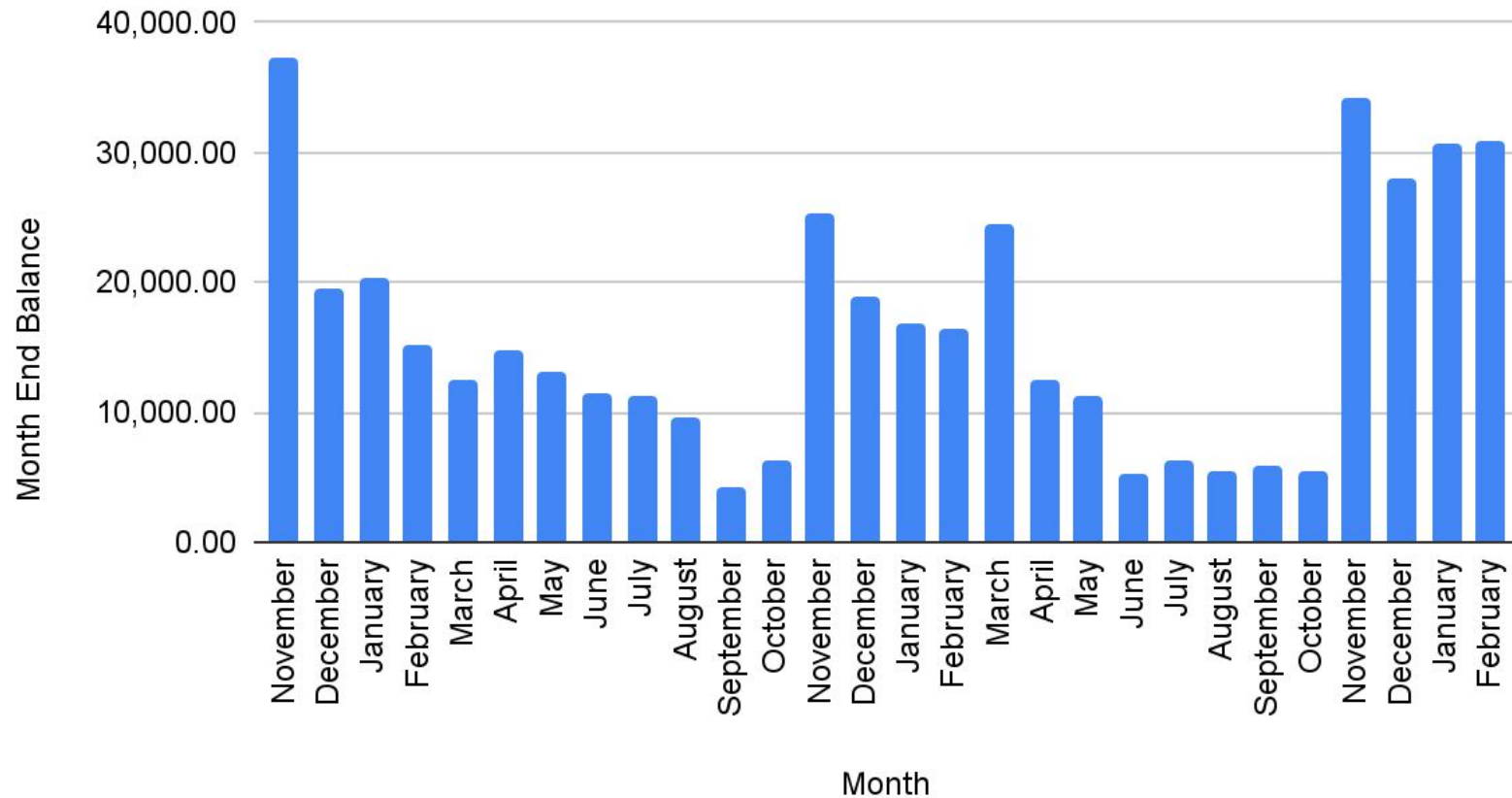
- Payment to Eliot Hine PTO for Poinsettias still outstanding
- Add'l CHCF Grants are yet to be paid out



Treasurer Report for February 2024

Cash Balance by Month Summary 11/1/21 to 2/29/2024

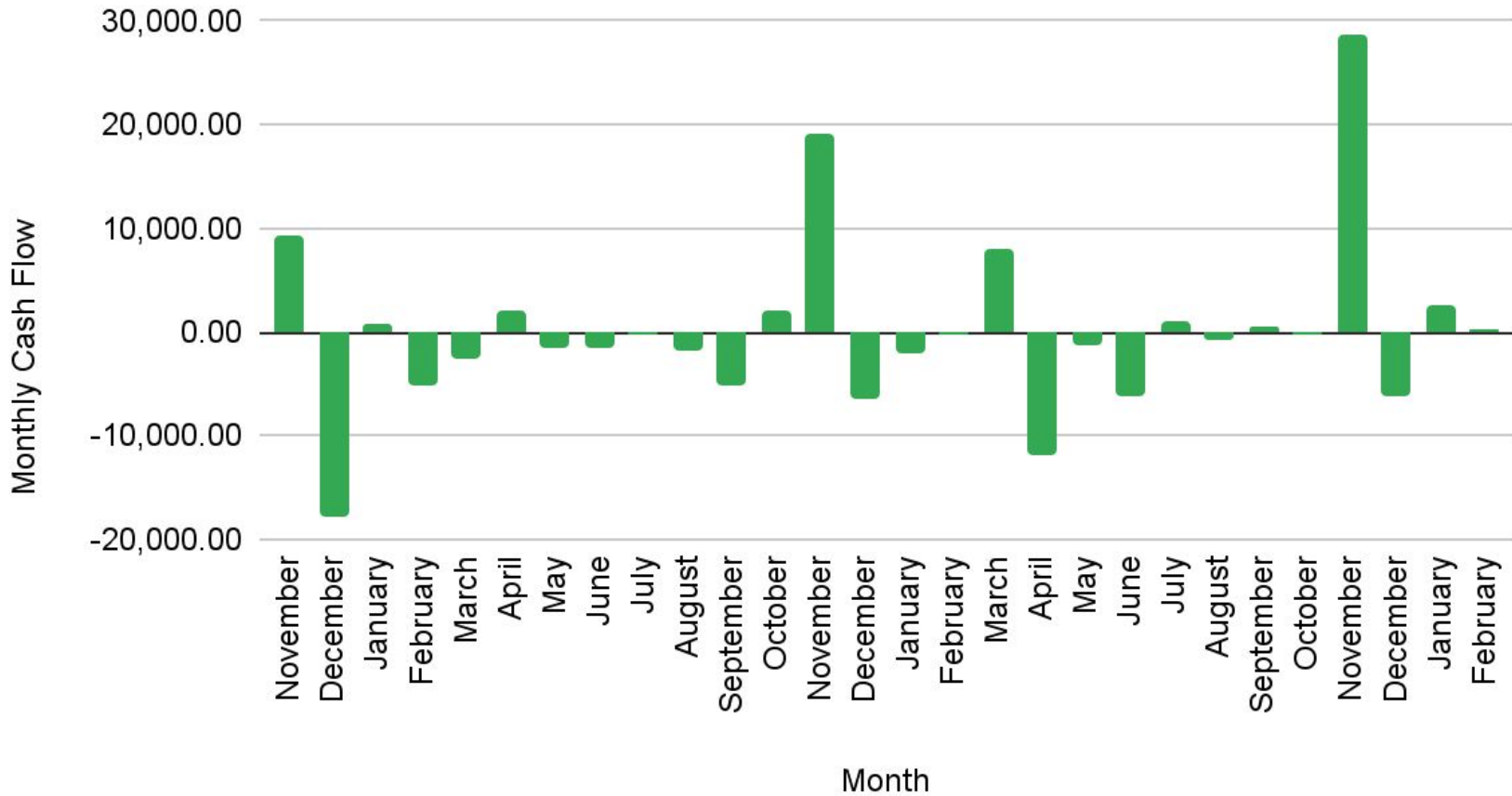
Month End Balance



Treasurer Report for February 2024

Cash Flow Summary 11/1/21 to 2/29/24

Monthly Cash Flow



Teacher Representatives' Report

Ms. Hayes, Ms. Hillenbrand, and Mr. Yoho



Teacher Representatives' Report

- Important dates:
 - No DCPS aftercare March 12
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences March 14 (no school for students)
 - PD/Records Day March 15 (no school for students)
 - PD/Records Day April 5 (no school for students)
 - STEM Family Engagement Event April 8
 - Spring Break: April 15-19
- Notes from Ms. Hillenbrand:
 - There is a partial solar eclipse happening on 4/8 around 3pm. We will be viewing it as a school and will have extra glasses available for some family members if you want to watch it with us. Please be on the lookout for more information!
 - There are field trips coming up at every grade level in the spring. If any parents are interested in chaperoning, they should work on getting their DCPS clearance now! [Click here for the volunteer and clearance info \(turn around time is about one week\).](#)



Upcoming Events, Reminders, & Opportunities



Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 14

- **Parent Teacher Conferences (No School for Students)**

Friday, March 15

- **Professional Development Day for Staff (No School for Students)**

Tuesday, March 19

- **5:00 PM - 6:30 PM via Zoom // LSAT Meeting:** All are welcome to observe the Local School Advisory Team's discussions with Interim Principal Plenty. [Click here for more information on the Miner LSAT.](#)

Friday, March 22

- **5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Atlas Brew Works Ivy City // Mighty Miner Staff & Family Engagement Event:** All are invited to join us for our monthly PTO engagement event at [Atlas Brew Works!](#) For every pint purchased, the PTO gets \$1. Bring your friends, bring your family, bring your kids. All are welcome. Just be sure to mention "Miner Elementary" when you place your order! For more info (including upcoming dates) [click here](#). We hope to see you there! Atlas Brew Works is located at 2052 West Virginia Avenue NE.

Tuesday, March 26

- **5:00 PM - 6:30 PM via Zoom // PTO Leadership Team Meeting:** The monthly meeting of the PTO Executive Board and Committee Chairs is open to anyone interested in attending and/or providing feedback to PTO leadership. [Click here for more information about the Miner Parent Teacher Organization.](#)

April 1-5

- **Assistant Principal's Appreciation Week**

Thursday, April 4

- **School Picture Day**

Friday, April 5

- **Professional Development Day for Staff (No School for Students)**



Reminders & Opportunities

- The coin drive kicks off March 11
- No school for students March 14, March 15, April 5
- Don't forget to attend an upcoming Mighty Miner Engagement Event at Atlas Brew Works! The next one is March 22.
- Enrollment for SY24-25 opens April 1. ALL students must enroll.
- STEM eclipse event April 8
- It's time to start thinking about next year: PTO Executive Board and LSAT Parent Representative elections are coming soon! More details will be shared at the April PTO General Meeting.



Thank You!

Any joys, questions, or concerns that you'd like to share?