

# Miner PTO Meeting

October 4, 2016

# Agenda

**6:00 - 6:05** Welcome

**6:05 - 6:20** Principal's update (Ms. Mial)

**6:20 - 6:45** Special topics

**6:45 - 6:55** President & VP update (Dave & LaTasha)

**6:55 - 7:00** Treasurer's report (Dan)

**7:00 - 7:05** Teacher Rep reports (Ms. Luttmmer)

**7:05 - 7:10** Committee reports

**7:10 - 7:20** Coordinator & Liaison reports

**7:20 - 7:25** LSAT (Kyle & Ms. Fisher)

**7:25 - 7:30** Open Comment

# Welcome!

- Babysitting
  - Provided free of charge (including dinner) by The District Church
- Refreshments & Light Dinner
  - Suggested donation of \$2 per pizza slice
  - Sign up sheet is available if you'd like to contribute food for future PTO meetings - or donate money so the PTO can purchase food

# PTO General Meeting Dates for SY16-17

Generally the first Tuesday of each month.

Meetings start at 6:00 pm in the Miner Cafeteria.

November 1

March 7

December 6

April 4

January 10

May 2

February 7

June 6

# Meeting Rules

- We have just 90 minutes tonight and we want to respect parents' and teachers' time commitments
- So please...
  - Share your thoughts and ideas, but...
  - Keep comments brief and on-topic
  - Be courteous and respectful when others are speaking

# Principal's Update - Ms. Mial

- Next “Monday Morning Mocha with Mial at Miner” (M5):  
October 17 at 9:00 am in the Large Group Instruction Room
- PTO support for Count Day
- School picture day

# Special Topic: Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts are seeking a pack leader here at Miner!

If you're interested, the POCs are:

James R. Hamlin | Assistant Director of Field Service  
301-214-9130 | James.Hamlin@scouting.org

Monniquer McCaskill | ScoutReach Program Coordinator  
301-214-9116 | Monniquer.McCaskill@Scouting.org

[www.NCACBSA.org](http://www.NCACBSA.org) | [www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org)

**Position:** After School Program Aide  
**FSLA:** Non-Exempt, Part-time 2:30pm – 6:30pm

**Commitment:** Give leadership to the development and maintenance of quality Scouting programs located in Washington, D.C. communities in accordance with the Boy Scouts of America's Mission Statement.

# Special Topic: PTO Initiatives

- New:
  - Volunteer Program
  - Summer Programming
- Expanded:
  - Partnerships
  - Family Engagement & Events
  - Civic Engagement
- Existing:
  - Fundraising & Grants
  - Communication & Outreach
  - Family Support
  - Teacher Appreciation



# Special Topic: SY16-17 Special Election

## OFFICERS:

- K-5 Teacher Representative (1 teacher)

## COORDINATORS & LIAISONS:

- Family Engagement & Events Coordinator (2 people) - already have one, need one more
- Volunteer Coordinator (2 people) - already have one, need one more

# Special Topic: SY16-17 Special Election Process

1. Take any final nominations
2. Nominees introduce themselves and briefly state why they are interested in the position
3. Nominees leave the room
4. Voting will be done by raising hands - 1 vote per family

*For those running unopposed, the vote will be to confirm or deny the nominee. If a nominee is denied, a special election will be held at a later date.*

5. Terms for the newly-elected begin at the conclusion of tonight's meeting - Congratulations!

# SY16-17 Elections: K-5 Teacher Representative

One K-5 teacher to:

- Act as a liaison between teaching staff and PTO
- Give regular updates at PTO meetings
- Solicit volunteers for various teacher-led activities and advertise events to PTO

Nominees:

- Ms. Betts (K)
- Ms. Fashion (2) - ELECTED

# SY16-17 Elections: Family Engagement & Events Coordinator

Two people to:

- Help to increase family engagement
- Plan, organize, and execute PTO-sponsored family events
- Work with school staff to plan and execute joint events
- Work with Volunteer Coordinator to solicit donations and volunteers

Incumbent:

- Theresa Dorsey (PK3/4) - ELECTED

Nominees to join incumbent:

- Kristina Butts (1, PK4) - ELECTED

# SY16-17 Elections: Volunteer Coordinator

Two people to:

- Create and maintain a database of PTO members willing to volunteer in various capacities
- Encourage PTO members to volunteer
- Work with PTO officers, committee chairs, and school personnel to help match up and organize volunteers for various efforts and events using SignUpGenius or other tools.
- One VC would focus on volunteering for PTO-sponsored events, and another would focus on in-class and school-day volunteering

Incumbent:

- Natalie Bellino (PK4)

Nominees to join incumbent:

- Tiffany Stewart - ELECTED

# Special Topic: Organizational Changes

- Formally remove the PreK Parent Committee as a sub-committee of the PTO
- Formalize our “Partnership Liaisons” as official PTO leadership roles:
  - The District Church (Robert Henry) - already a leadership role
  - Cultivate the City (Effie Kapsalis)
  - Folger Theater (LaTasha Morgan)
  - Estonian Embassy (TBD)

# Special Topic: Proposed “Tiger Teams”

- Playground & Recreational Spaces - Lolly Axley
- Student Recognition: “Hall of Fame” and “Gold Book” - Heidi Altman
- Diversity - TBD

## President & VP - Dave & LaTasha

- “Parent Pool” for the school’s personnel committee
- Summer programming
  - Two potential programs have already expressed interest in Miner.
  - If you know of others, please let us know
- Miner is looking for an After Care Coordinator
  - See Ms. Flores if you may know of someone interested in the position



# Treasurer - Dan

## Sept '16 Miner ES PTO Treasurer Report

|  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 09/01 Starting Balance                 | <b>\$8,291.52</b>        |
| <b><u>Deposits</u></b>                 |                          |
| T-Shirt Sales                          | \$18.00                  |
| <b><u>Withdrawals</u></b>              |                          |
| Portable Speaker                       | -\$321.15                |
| Sept Picnic Food                       | -\$149.62                |
| Sept Picnic - Bounce House rental      | -\$200.00                |
| <b><u>Current Ending Balance</u></b>   | <b><u>\$7,638.75</u></b> |
| <b><u>Pending Withdrawals</u></b>      |                          |
| Library Grant                          | -\$1,010.53              |
| Garden Grant                           | -\$1,500.00              |
| Summer picnic                          | -\$82.24                 |
| Playground shade/ext. cord             | -\$128.95                |
| Fundraising supplies                   | -\$29.99                 |
| <b><u>Effective Ending Balance</u></b> | <b><u>\$4,887.04</u></b> |

## Treasurer - Dan

Budget development kick off starts this week. It will be lead by our Fundraising & Grants Chair, Lindsey.

If you have any ideas for events, activities, projects, or fundraisers that may need to be reflected in the PTO's budget, please let any PTO officer know.

PTO membership will formally vote to approve the budget at our November 1 meeting.

# Teacher Representatives

- ECE - Ms. Luttmer
  - ECE supply drive is still ongoing
    - Drop donations off at front desk, in the ECE common area, or with your teachers
  - Proposed “Book-o-ween” on October 28
    - Stay tuned for more info
- K-5 - TBD
  - Request for PTO to provide \$145 enrollment fee for Miner for DC’s annual Spelling Bee
  - Ms. Scott is the sponsor
  - Typically 18 students (3 from each 3rd-5th grade class)

# Fundraising & Grants Committee - Lindsey



We need **Hill-O-Ween** Volunteers!

**Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Eastern Market**



**Fundraising Proposal:**

**Holiday Greenery Sale**



**Summer Program Opportunity:**

**StarTalk Critical Language Grant**

# Fundraising & Grants Committee - Lindsey

- Fall Fundraising Drive
  - \$8,024! Way to go Miner!
  - Check to see if your employer offers company matches or company grants
- Target field trip grant application submitted
- Box Tops have started

# Communications & Outreach Committee - Holly

- T-Shirts are here!
- Yard signs are still for sale
- MOTH School Information Night planning has begun
  - Planning leads: Kristina Butts & Amy Treat
- Shared Google Calendar
  - In work and hope to go “live” with it soon

# Volunteer Coordinator - Natalie

- Miner values and welcomes volunteers of all types
- The Administration has asked the PTO to manage all volunteering efforts
- Three types:
  - “Type I” - “traditional” PTO volunteer for extracurricular activities
  - “Type II” - assisting teachers and staff with large groups of students during the school day, such as at lunch or recess
  - “Type III” - assisting teachers directly in the classroom during instructional time.
- Type III is the only type that requires DC background check
- The PTO will be sending out a parent interest form and additional information about this new program and how to get involved in the next couple of days
- PTO is also gearing up for a “Grand Opening” of the Parent Volunteer & Resource Center
  - “Resource” was added in the past month to provide a place for families to access online and other information

# Family Engagement & Events - Ms. Dorsey

- National Walk to School Day - Wednesday, October 5
  - Tomorrow in Lincoln Park!
  - Meet at Miner at 7:00 to walk to the park together, or meet at the park at 7:30
  - Our peer schools will be there, as will special guests, including Mayor Bowser and Ward 6 Councilmember Allen
- Oktoberfest - Wednesday, October 19
  - Planning has started. Please see Ms. Betts or Ms. Dorsey if you're interested in being on the planning committee
  - Our partners Cultivate the City and PAL will also be participating



# Family Support - Heather & Sade

- Uniform drive is still ongoing
  - Drop donations off at the front desk
- Winter coat drive will be starting next month

# Coordinators & Liaisons

- Teacher Appreciation (Sheryl & Blair)
- Civic Liaison (Tammy)
- Partnerships
  - TDC (Robert)
  - CTC (Effie)
    - CTC was nominated for Sustainable DC's People's Choice Award. Vote here:  
<https://goo.gl/XfWvqK>
    - Garden Work Days: Sunday, October 9 and Sunday, November 13 (9:00-noon)
  - Folger (LaTasha)
  - Estonian Embassy (TBD) - anyone want to volunteer?

# LSAT (Kyle & Ms. Fisher)

- Comprehensive School Plan (CSP) was signed
- At last meeting, reviewed status of priorities from SY15-16
  - Community school
  - Culture & climate
  - Reggio Emilia
  - Reading resource/literacy
- Next meeting is Monday, October 17 at 5:00
  - Meetings are open to the public

# Thank You!

Any Joys, Questions, or Concerns that you'd like to share?