

Miner PTO Meeting

December 6, 2016

Agenda

6:00 - 6:05 Welcome

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

6:20 - 6:35 Special topics

6:35 - 6:45 President & VP report (Dave & LaTasha)

6:45 - 6:50 Treasurer's report (Dan)

6:50 - 7:00 Teacher Rep reports (Ms. Luttmer & Ms. Fashion)

7:00 - 7:10 Committee reports (Holly & Lindsey)

7:10 - 7:15 Coordinator & Liaison reports

7:15 - 7:20 Partnership & Special Project reports

7:20 - 7:25 LSAT report (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
 - TONIGHT ONLY: \$1 treats from the Greenery Sale
 - 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.

January 10 (one week later than usual) April 4

February 7 May 2

March 7 June 6

Principal's Report - Ms. Mial

**Special Topic: Character Counts & Move
This World
Ms. Noakes, Dean of Students**

President & VP Report - Dave & LaTasha

- Thank you!
 - Election Day treats & drinks sales
 - Count Day student event
 - MOTH School Information Night
 - Thanksgiving Food Drive
 - Christmas Tree & Holiday Greenery Sale
- PreK Parent Committee & Headstart Policy Council
 - Congrats Tiffany Stewart! Recognized for her service as Miner's Community Representative
 - Miner still needs a parent representative. There is training this weekend at Emery.
 - Miner has a new and dedicated Family Services Coordinator: Dante Daniel.
 - The parent committee still needs a parent leader/coordinator. Anybody interested?
 - Next meeting is December 15.

President & VP Report - Dave & LaTasha

- DCPS and Miner are assessing all school security operations
 - Changes will take effect when we come back from winter break
 - Stay tuned for more information from the school
- Signature Program
 - Based on community/stakeholder inputs, and as part of the School Improvement process, Miner will continue a community conversation to explore three options:
 - Dual Language
 - International Baccalaureate (IB)
 - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math (STEAM)
 - Dual Language discussion with DCPS Office of Planning will be held next week, Tuesday, December 13 from 6:00-7:00 in the cafeteria
 - Discussion forums for IB and STEAM will be held just after the new year
 - The plan is for the community to choose one (or a hybrid) by February

Treasurer's Report - Dan

November '16 Miner ES PTO Treasurer Report

Date	Transaction	Debit	Credit
Nov. 28, 2016	Expense - Garden Grant payout Check 263	\$1,497.02	
Nov. 23, 2016	Expense - Hlloween CHECK 260	\$44.09	
Nov. 21, 2016	Expense - Kennedy Ctr Partnership School CHECK 261	\$750.00	
Nov. 17, 2016	Expense - X-Mas Tree 50% Deposit CHECK 259	\$1,983.41	
Nov. 9, 2016	Expense - Octoberfest CHECK 262	\$439.15	
Nov. 4, 2016	Expense - P/AP flowers CHECK 257	\$96.80	
Total		\$4,810.47	
			Credit
Nov. 29, 2016	Income - Fall Fund Drive - PEW Charitable Trust matching		\$1,000.00
Nov. 29, 2016	Income - Fall '16 Book Fair		\$2,130.19
Nov. 7, 2016	Income - AMAZONSMIL		\$15.09
Nov. 14, 2016	Income - Fall Fund Drive PAYPAL TRANSFER		\$960.00
Nov. 14, 2016	Income - Credit with image DEPOSIT		\$665.00
Oct. 31, 2016	Income - Fall Fund Drive		\$345.00
Total			\$5,115.28
			\$ 13,307.71
Pending Transactions	Final x-mas tree balance	~-1983.41	
	Library Grant	-\$1,010.53	
Effective Ending Balance			\$10,313.77

Teacher Representatives

- Upcoming Schoolwide Events
 - Open House - Thursday, December 8 from 9:30 - 11:00
 - Holiday Assembly is Wednesday, December 21 from 9:30 - 11:00
- ECE - Ms. Luttmer
 - ECE Supply Drive and ECE fundraiser needs a parent coordinator
- K-5 - Ms. Fashion
- Specials
 - Library - Ms. Williams
 - Book Fair results
 - Art - Ms. Davis
 - Panda Bear mural
 - PE - Mr. Robinson
 - Donation of toys and games for indoor recess
 - Thank you Sheryl Freedman, the Walt Whitman HS community, and Invisible Hand Foundation!

Fundraising & Grants Committee - Lindsey

- Miner's 1st Annual Christmas Tree & Holiday Greenery sale was a big success!
 - Raised ~\$2,500!
 - Every tree and wreath was sold - we had to turn potential customers away!
 - Thanks to Ms. Dorsey for the great idea
 - Thanks to our volunteers and donors: Ms. Betts, Dan & Holly Harper, Matt & Sarah Dennis, Marc Borbely & Lolly Axley, Mariana Jones, Heather McLean, Robert Henry & Gloria Roberts Henry, Andrew Curry & Effie Kapsalis, Krista Lucinti, Terri Rugar, David & Amy Treat, Rose Garr, Franziska Aschenbrenner, Natalie Bellino, Scott Roehm & Heidi Altman, Ken Lim, Bob Coomber, Kristina Butts, Melissa Odom

Fundraising & Grants Committee - Lindsey

- Next Fundraiser: Spring Yard Sale
 - As you “purge” gently used items during the holidays and after, please don’t discard but consider donating to our 2nd Annual yard sale
- ANC6a Grant
 - Community Outreach Grant Due December 18
 - Up to about \$1,500
 - Need to decide what we want the grant to fund
 - Volunteers to write the grant welcomed!
- Also, don’t forget:
 - T-shirts and Yard Signs
 - Amazon Smile
 - Box Tops
 - Star & Shamrock - volunteer to reach out?

Communications & Outreach Committee - Holly

- Shared Google Calendar publically available:
[“minerelementary@gmail.com”](mailto:minerelementary@gmail.com)
- MOTH School Info Night - Thank you Amy Treat, Kristina Butts, and Principal Mial!
- DCPS EdFest - Need additional parents!
- Miner Open Houses - Dec 8 - need parents!
- Branding
 - Panda Bear was the winner of student election
 - Next steps:
 - Proposed based on last year’s winning student drawing
 - Professionally-produced logo options, which the community will then vote on
- New pop-up banner and mobile tv stand
- Possible springtime Hill East neighborhood school festival with EH feeder schools - if you’re interested in planning fun events or know potential sponsors, see Holly

Volunteer Coordinator - Natalie & Tiffany

- Volunteer Program has kicked off
- Will institute volunteer badges and log book
- PTO is also gearing up for a “Grand Opening” of the Parent Volunteer & Resource Center

Family Engagement & Events - Kristina & Ms. Dorsey

- Suggested events:
 - Winter ice cream social
 - Boys & Girls banquet (Miner tradition)
 - Bilingual Literacy Day/Fair
 - Family Nights (karaoke, Yoga, cupcakes & canvas)
 - Fun Run/Walk/5K
 - Arts Showcase
- “Parent University” series of informational/educational workshops for parents
 - Mariana Jones has agreed to be coordinator
 - PTO will also coordinate with Headstart/PreK Parent Committee

Family Support - Heather

- Thanks to all who donated to the Thanksgiving Food Drive!
 - Collected enough dry goods to fill 15 bags with complete dinners
 - Local partner donated turkeys
- PTO is considering implementing a holiday toy “Secret Santa” or “adopt-a-student” effort to provide toys for those students most in need.
- School needs help organizing the lost & found items. Contact Ms. Flores if interested.
- There is an opening for a second Family Support Coordinator - Tiffany Stewart volunteered

Teacher Appreciation - Sheryl & Blair

- Thanks to those who donated goodies for the November 4 Teacher PD day
- Up next: Holiday Cookie Gift Bags for teachers - online signup is coming soon

Civic Liaison - Tammy

- As part of the Maury modernization process, DCPS has developed an option to make Miner and Maury a cluster school.
 - This has been only “brought up” by DCPS with no details or discussions with anybody in either school community.
 - There are NO plans at this time, just a DCPS idea as a possible option. Nobody is yet advocating for this idea.
 - The PTO will stay involved with this topic and report back to the Miner community.
- Helen Tzow, DCPS Office of Planning
 - Seeking volunteers to be a part of the Eliot-Hine School Improvement Team (SIT)
 - If interested, contact Helen at 202.535.1089 or helen.tsow@dc.gov

Partnerships

- Miner has decided to pursue these potential summer programs aligned with STEM, Arts/Culture, and Language:
 - Mr. Tony's Adventure Camp
 - DPR Language Camp
 - DCPS Summer School
- Folger (LaTasha)
- Estonian Embassy (TBD)
 - Seeking a parent liaison
- Boy Scouts (TBD)
 - Still seeking a pack leader
- Cultivate the City (Effie)
- Shrewsberry (Dave)

Special Projects

- Playground & Recreational Spaces - Lolly Axley
- Student Recognition: “Gold Book” - Heidi Altman
- Yearbook - Amy Treat
- Diversity - TBD

LSAT - Kyle & Ms. Fisher

- Agenda from November 21 meeting:
 - CSP Parent Companion Update
 - MSL/Partnership Updates
 - Behavior/Mental Health Supports & Partnerships
 - School Culture & Climate
 - Principal Updates:
 - School data updates
 - Family Retention & Enrollment
 - School Improvement committees
 - 90 Day Plan Update
- Next meeting is Monday, December 19 at 5:00
 - Meetings are open to the public

Thank You!

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