

MINER PTO MEETING WELCOME ICEBREAKER

What was the first concert or music performance you ever went to and who did you go with?

Ask and share with the other people at your table

Miner PTO Meeting

May 4, 2017

Agenda

6:00 - 6:10 Icebreaker & Welcome

6:10 - 6:20 Special topics

6:20 - 6:30 Principal's Report

6:30 - 6:35 LSAT

6:35 - 6:40 Appreciation & Awards

6:40 - 6:55 Upcoming Events, Reminders & Opportunities

6:55 - 7:15 PTO Year in Review

7:15 - 7:30 Regular PTO Business

Welcome!

- Babysitting
 - Provided free of charge (including dinner) by The District Church
- Refreshments & Light Dinner
 - Suggested donation of \$2 per pizza slice
 - Please let us know if you'd like to contribute food or funding for future PTO meetings
- Next PTO meeting dates:

June 6

**Special Topic:
Anti-Bullying
Ms. Noakes**

**Special Topic:
Teacher Appreciation Events & Parent
University
Sheryl Freedman**

Principal's Report Ms. Mial

LSAT - Kyle & Ms. Fisher

- Next LSAT meeting; Monday, May 15, 5 PM in the Large Group Instruction Room

Recent Events, Appreciation & Awards

Last Month's Events & Activities - Thank you!

- Spring Family Dance (Kristina Butts & Ms. Dorsey)
- Garden Cleanup (Victoria Mirowski & Amy Treat)
- DCPS Night at DC United
- ECE Garden Prep & Playdate (Matt Renaud & Dante Daniel)
- CHPSPO Meeting at Miner (Tammy Alexander)
- ECE Earth Day Event (Matt Renaud & Dante Daniel)

Spring Dance



ECE Earth Day Event



April Perfect Attendance Awards (176 eligible)

ECE (39 eligible): A'Marie Savage (Ms. Brown)

K (18 eligible): Zaniyah Beynum (Ms. Esdaile)

1st (14 eligible): Leila McDowell (Ms. Hopkins)

2nd (16 eligible): Armani Barlow (Ms. Fashion)

3rd (26 eligible): Zion McFadden (Ms. Ottley)

4th (32 eligible): Lillian Solomon (Mr. Williams)

5th (22 eligible): Gioggi Valentine (Ms. Faison)

SpEd (9 eligible): Zamere Pratt (Ms. Tolbert)

Upcoming Events, Reminders & Opportunities

Upcoming Events (1 of 5)

Thursday, May 4

- **8:15 AM - 8:45 AM in the ECE Common Area // Parent Committee Meeting & Teacher Appreciation Craft Event:** Join your fellow PK3/4 parents in creating baskets, flowers, and other tokens of appreciation for our ECE teachers. Contact: Dante Daniel or Matt Renaud

Saturday, May 6

- **9:00 AM - Noon // Second Annual Community Yard Sale:** If you have any gently used clothing, toys, books, household items, or even furniture that you would like to donate, please feel free to bring them at any time to the Parent Center (Room 143) by the east entrance or Room 146 across from the cafeteria. Further details [here](#), or sign up to volunteer [here](#). Point of Contact: Holly Harper

Wednesday, May 10

- **7:30 AM in Lincoln Park // National Bike-to-School Day:** Join families from Miner and our sister schools on Capitol Hill for this annual tradition! Meet in the park to gather and hear speeches from local dignitaries, then bike/walk together to Miner to start the day! More information [here](#). Point of Contact: Tammy Alexander

Upcoming Events (2 of 5)

Thursday, May 11

- **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the gym // Family Yoga Night:** Come get your zen on for our second annual Family Yoga Night. Points of Contact: Ms. Brown and Ms. Luttmmer

Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day)

- **9:00 AM - Noon in the Peace Garden // Garden Work Day:** Get your hands a little dirty and help keep Miner's veggie garden neat and tidy. Miner is lucky to have [Cultivate the City](#) as our garden partner and they need our help to keep the garden growing! Point of Contact: Amy Treat

Monday, May 15

- **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM location TBD // Parent University: Our Children's Brain:** Join Sheryl Freedman, Miner parent and long-time educator, as we explore what the current information in neuroscience can tell us about our children's brains, how we can modify behavior, and how we can promote social-emotional development. Topics will include basic information about brain structure, the effects of stress and poverty on brain development, strategies for encouraging positive discipline, and the benefits of risk-taking and failure.

Upcoming Events (3 of 5)

Tuesday, May 16

- **8:15 AM, 3:15 PM, and 5:30 PM in the Main Lobby (15th St entrance) // Enrollment Fair:** During morning drop off, Miner staff will be on hand to collect enrollment forms and residency paperwork, assist parents with filling them out, and answer any questions. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Thursday, May 18

- **8:10 AM - 9:10 AM in the ECE Common Area // New Parent Orientation:** Miner's incoming families will have the opportunity to learn about Miner's ECE program, required documentation, and what else to expect this summer and fall. Point of Contact: Dante Daniel
- **Teacher Professional Development:** student dismissal at 12:15

Friday, May 19

- **Parent Teacher Conferences:** no classes for students
- **Time & Location TBD // Teacher Appreciation Lunch**
- **4:30 PM // Deadline for Re-Enrollment Raffle:** return your completed re-enrollment forms and proof of residency to the Main Office to be entered into a raffle to win one of five \$100 Visa gift cards. Additional details [here](#).

Upcoming Events (4 of 5)

Saturday, May 20

- **10 AM - Noon in the ECE Playground/Garden // Prospective/Incoming Parent Playdate:** This is a joint event hosted by the DCPS Family Support Team, ECE Parent Committee, and PTO. Come join us to meet and greet prospective and incoming families to welcome them to Miner! Point of Contact: Dante Daniel

Thursday, May 25

- **3:30 PM on the soccer field // Student vs. Staff Soccer Game:** Come cheer on our Miner Bears AND our teachers/staff! Point of Contact: Mr. Gee

Monday, May 29

- **Memorial Day Holiday:** school closed

Wednesday, May 31

- **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria // Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:** Miner's administration is hosting a special dinner to thank all the volunteers who dedicated their time and energy this year to support Miner's students, teachers, staff, families, and community.

Upcoming Events (5 of 5)

Thursday, June 1

- **9:30 AM - 2:30 PM at Wakins Regional Park (Upper Marlboro) // ECE Send Off Cookout:** This is a joint event hosted by the DCPS Family Support Team, ECE Parent Committee, and PTO. Come join us for an outdoor cookout, as well as to meet and greet prospective and incoming families to welcome them to Miner! Point of Contact: Dante Daniel

Tuesday, June 6

- **6:00 PM - 7:30 PM in the cafeteria // PTO General Meeting:** This is the PTO's final monthly meeting for SY16-17! Come hear the latest news, developments, and plans from the PTO leadership, Principal Mial, and special guests. We will also discuss planning for SY17-18. Contact: David Treat

Want Miner's shared calendar to appear in your device's calendar application and stay synced? See instruction here <https://support.google.com/calendar/answer/37100?src=soctw> to add minerelementary@gmail.com's calendar.

Reminders

For those interested, our partner Shrewsberry LLC has arranged for a tour of the Anacostia River Tunnel (ART) worksite over by RFK.

- Currently it is scheduled for May 18 or 19 at 1:00 PM
- No more than 10 people
- Tour will go down into the Inter Shaft Connector Tunnel (ISCT), which is between the two major drop shafts at the jobsite near RFK.
- Whoever comes must be able to walk down, then up 100 steps into the CSO-019 shaft
- Adults only
- If you're interested in participating, please contact David Treat (dtreat2mars@gmail.com) or sign up online here:

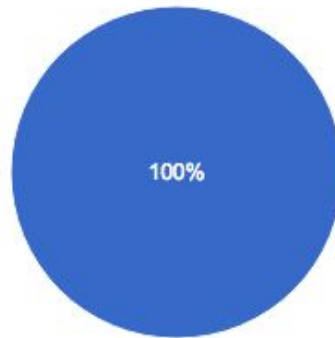
Other Opportunities to Volunteer & Donate

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS (Dates and Times flexible) Do you love books? Enjoy the quiet library environment? Have a few hours each week to spare? Miner seeks a few volunteers to help out in the library April-June with student book checkout and to re-shelve books. No particular expertise is required, however, a general knowledge of library cataloging is a bonus. Point of Contact: Principal Mial (andrea.mial@dc.gov)

PTO Year in Review

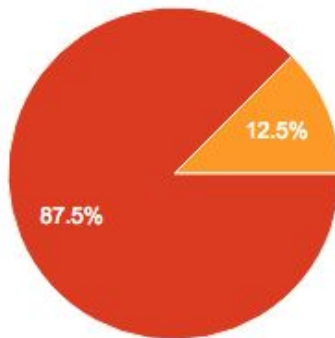
Survey Results: Demographics

Are you a: (8 responses)



- Current Parent
- Prospective or incoming parent
- Teacher or staff
- Community member

Student grade level (check all that apply) (8 responses)

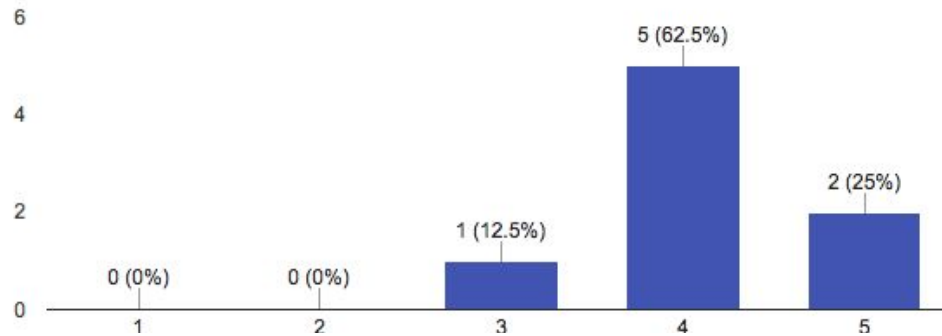


- Incoming PK3
- PK3 or PK4
- K-2
- 3-5
- N/A

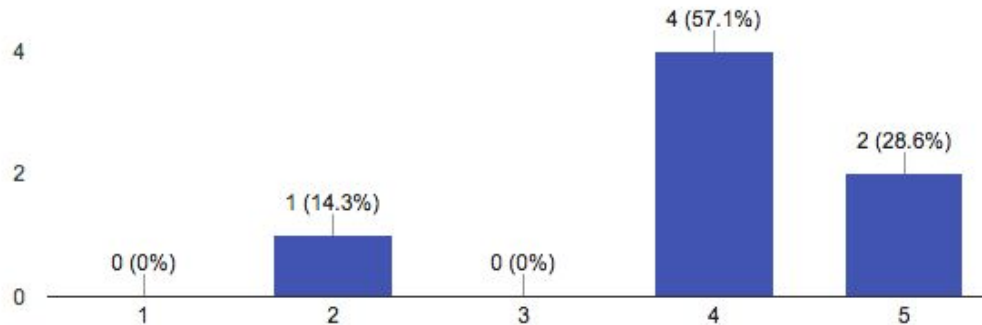
Survey Results: Effectiveness/Usefulness/Worth

Family Engagement (activities such as picnics, Oktoberfest, Spring Dance, Parent University, etc)

(8 responses)



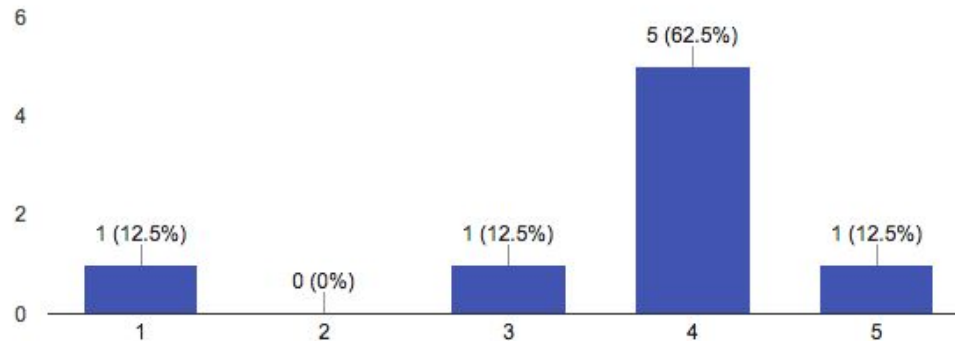
Family Support (holiday food and toys, uniforms & clothings) (7 responses)



Survey Results: Effectiveness/Usefulness/Worth

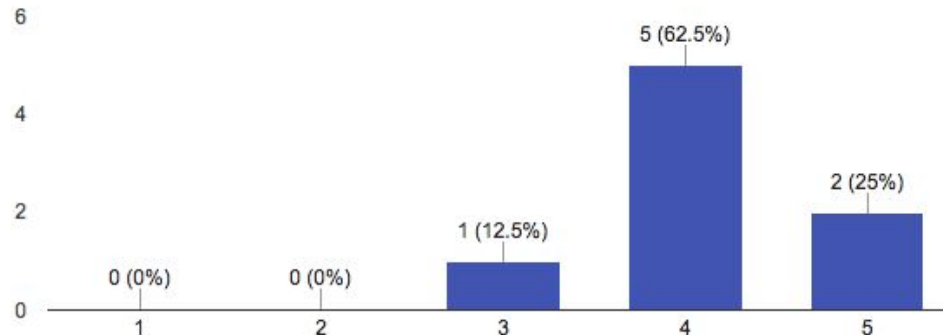
Teacher Appreciation & Support (activities such as classroom grants and thank-you lunches)

(8 responses)



Outreach & Communications (activities such as emails, flyers, meetings, and community participation)

(8 responses)



Comments from SY14-15 and SY15-16

SY14-15

What Went Well?

- PTO Attendance increase
- District Church babysitting
- PTO meeting notes distributed after the meeting
- Themes and special topics at meetings
- Orderly meetings
- Teachers as officers and committee chairs
- 501c3 status
- Grants – relationships
- Calendars
- Listserv (google group)
- Activities in the early childhood program to promote family participation (room parent, events to increase parents' involvement with their child's learning)

SY15-16

What do we want to keep doing?

- Mini-grants
- Teacher involvement in PTO meetings has improved
- Cupcakes, Yoga nights great family nights
- Teacher appreciation events (balloons, cookies)
- Tuesday morning check-ins with PTO leaders and admin
- Holly's week ahead emails
- Sign-up genius
- ASL interpreters, spanish interpreters would be good (could use parent involvement funds?)
- Miner T-Shirts - over the summer - at principal/MSL welcome -- engraved Miner logo
- The District Church babysitting

Regular PTO Business

President's Report

- I want to publically express my appreciation to LaTasha Morgan for her support as PTO VP this year. Thank you LaTasha!
- In thinking about planning for next SY, I'd like to propose a small team of parents & teachers to visit peer schools and PTA/PTO's to learn best practices & get ideas for possible applicability at Miner. Let David Treat (dtreatm2mars@gmail.com) know if you're interested in participating.

Treasurer's Report

May '17 Treasurer Report

Account Balances

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Administrative & Operations	\$1,148.55
Student Achievement	\$1,116.92
Teacher, Staff, Volunteer Appreciation	\$1,490.46
Grade-Level Mini Grants	\$3,710.00
Capital	\$52.53
Reserves	\$1,689.21
Account 1 May	\$25,206.30
All Budgeted Amounts above	\$19,225.90
Remainder	\$5,980.40

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Events & Activities	\$1,127.35
Family Support	\$564.27
Schoolwide	\$3,562.25
Partnerships	\$300.00
Earmarked Grant Funding	\$4,464.36

Funding Requests

Cultivate the City support for instruction in the Peace Garden

- Victoria Mirowski (“Ms. T”), the garden manager from Cultivate the City, currently teaches a few classes every other Wednesday as part of Ms. Russey’s STEM program. Prior to Spring Break, she was able to come every week. In order to have Victoria continue weekly support, the PTO will need to provide CTC with a total of \$1500, which covers her activities through the end of the school year (including any materials and supplies)
- Amount requested: \$1500

Bouncy Castle

- For discussion and vote at June meeting. PTO Executive Board preliminarily recommends two units: one for the younger students, and one for the older. Size, style, and features are still to be determined.

Teacher Representatives

- PTO support required for:
 - PARCC Testing
 - Staff/Student Soccer Game
 - Field Day
- New substitute librarian for the remainder of the year: Ms. Charles
- Ms. Russey (STEM) has arranged for “STEM Studio” to be hosted at Miner. This is a FREE two-day immersion in STEM education based on best practices in lesson design and project-based learning from Tiger Woods Foundation curricula.

Fundraising & Grants Committee

Submitted Grants

- Received private funding to fix the pottery kiln, which will occur on May 19.

Upcoming Grants/Fundraising

- This fall we are also going to need to acquire an additional \$6,000 to pay for the remainder of the Playworks program that isn't covered by a different OSSE grant for \$10k

Potential Grants

- Lowe's Toolbox for Education – due September 2017 / up to \$100,000 to fund technology upgrades, tools for STEM programs, facility renovations or safety improvements

Fundraising & Grants Committee

Upcoming Fundraisers

- Community Yard Sale (see Upcoming Events)

Continuing Fundraisers

- T-shirts and Yard Signs
- Amazon Smile
- Box Tops
- Star & Shamrock

Communications & Outreach Committee (Mariana)

- Miner logo & branding
- Reviewing use of mobile solutions for surveys and broadcast messaging
- Website updates are in progress (<http://www.minerelementary.org/>). If there are errors or items you'd like to see posted, just let us know.

Coordinator & Liaison Reports

- Volunteer Coordinators - Natalie & Tiffany
- Family Engagement & Events - Kristina & Ms. Dorsey
- Family Support - Heather
 - Mr. Tony's Adventure Camp has donated 24 scholarships for 1 week of free tuition. Social workers have agreed to identify families who may be interested in this opportunity.
- Teacher Appreciation - Sheryl
- Civic Liaison - Tammy

Special Projects

- Community & Inclusion - Gloria Roberts Henry
- Playground & Recreational Spaces - Lolly Axley
- Yearbook - Amy Treat & Sarah Dennis

Thank You!

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

Backups