

# Miner PTO General Meeting

December 5, 2017

Did you know...

Two sports are offered at Miner: Soccer and Basketball...

...and three sports clubs: Cheerleading, Tennis, and Skiing

# Agenda

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

**6:05 - 6:15** Principal's Report

**6:15 - 6:35** Special Topics

**6:35 - 6:40** LSAT & PreK Parent Committee Reports

**6:40 - 6:45** President & VP Report

**6:45 - 7:00** Upcoming Events, Reminders & Opportunities

**7:00 - 7:15** Regular PTO Business

# Welcome!

- Babysitting
  - Provided free of charge (including dinner) by Christ City Church DC
- 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 date: Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00

# Principal's Report

Mr. Jackson

# Special Topic:

## Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

Monniquer McCaskill

# Interested in becoming a Scout leader at Miner?

- The BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (BSA) National Capital Area Council is looking for parents and staff interested in becoming a Scout leader at Miner
  - Optimally one parent and one staff
  - BSA would provide all necessary resources and the assistance as needed of a professional Scout leader
- Scouts would meet one day a week after school
  - Students in K-2 could meet at 3:15
  - Students in 3-5 could meet at 4:15
  - Students in PAL would be excused that day each week
- If interested, please contact the PTO at [minerpto@gmail.com](mailto:minerpto@gmail.com) and we will begin working out the details with Miner's administration and the BSA

# Special Topic:

## Social & Emotional Learning

Principal Jackson

# Social & Emotional Learning

## Second Step

- K – 5 implementation is the goal.
- According to teachers it is:
  - Giving students tool to deal with frustration
  - A common language to help resolve conflict
  - Handle stressful situations that they encounter



# Social & Emotional Learning

- Restorative Justice
  - Alternative to a system of punishment.
  - Punishment may correct behaviors in the short term out of fear but do not address the teaching portion of making better decisions.
  - Current suspensions are reduced by 50% from Last Year to Date comparison.
  - Focuses on repairing harm by bringing the harmed and the aggressor together in safe space to discuss and fix the harm that was done.

# LSAT Report

- Purpose: Advise Principal Jackson on school priorities, budget
- Leadership
  - Co-chairs: Tammy Alexander and Ms. Coles
  - Secretary: Andrew Whitehead
- Meets the third Tuesday of the month: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room above the Library
- Meeting notes posted on dedicated LSAT page on Miner's website:  
<http://www.minerelementary.org/lSAT.html>

# PreK Parent Committee Report

- Purpose: increase ECE family engagement
- Leadership:
  - Chair: Matt Renaud
  - Co-Chairs: James Hunter and Nikeita Wynn
  - PTO Liaison: Sheri Rigby
  - Head Start Policy Council Representative: Rebecca Briscoe
  - DCPS ECE Family Services Coordinator: Dante Daniel
- Next meeting: Friday, December 8 at 8:45 AM and 3:30 PM in the Parent Resource Center

# President & VP Report

- Recent events - thank you to all who made these possible!
  - Scholastic Book Fair
  - Specials Teachers Meet & Greet
  - Thanksgiving Food Drive - 24 families served!
    - Special Thanks to Insight Property Group for their generous donation of \$500!
  - Holiday Greenery & Bake Sale
  
- Four of eight Open Houses for prospective parents have been completed. Thank you Principal Jackson, Dante Daniel, and Ms. Cummings for proactive outreach and information sharing to future Miner families!

# Upcoming Events, Reminders & Opportunities

# Upcoming Events (1 of 2)

## Thursday, December 7

- **Holiday Picture Day:** Studio K will be at Miner to take "Holiday School & Personality Photos." You can obtain order forms from the front office.

## Friday, December 8

- **8:45 AM - 9:45 AM in the Parent Center // PreK Parent Committee Meeting:** PK3 and PK4 parents meet to discuss upcoming ECE events and get the latest news from DCPS's Early Childhood Division. More information about the PreK Parent Committee [here](#).
- **3:30 PM - 4:30 PM in the Parent Center // PreK Parent Committee Meeting:** Afternoon version of the morning meeting. More information about the PreK Parent Committee [here](#).

## Saturday, December 9

- **11:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the DC Armory // DCPS "EdFest":** This is the annual DCPS event in which schools from across the city come together in one location so that prospective parents can meet school administrators and staff.

## Monday, December 11

- **MySchoolDC Lottery opens:** Apply [here](#).

# Upcoming Events (2 of 2)

## Thursday, December 14

- **7:00 PM in the cafeteria // Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Monthly Meeting:** Further information and a meeting agenda are available on the ANC6A website: <http://anc6a.org>

## Tuesday, December 19

- **5:00 PM - 6:30 PM in the Large Group Instruction Room // LSAT Meeting:** All are welcome to observe the Local School Advisory Team's discussions with Principal Jackson. More information about the LSAT [here](#).

## Thursday, December 21

- **10:00 AM - 2:00 PM in Room 101 // Holiday Treats for Staff:** The PTO will sponsor a "dessert bar" with a wide selection of baked goodies to express parents' continued appreciation of what Miner's teachers, staff, and administrators do for our students.

## Friday, December 22 through Monday, January 2

- **School Closed:** Winter Break

## Tuesday, January 9

- **6:00 PM - 7:30 PM in the cafeteria // PTO General Meeting:** This is the PTO's regular monthly meeting for the membership to hear the latest news, developments, and plans from the PTO leadership, Principal Jackson, and special guests. Light refreshments and free babysitting provided.

# Reminders & Opportunities

- Volunteering:
  - Interested in helping to plan the Winter Dance scheduled for Thursday, January 18? Contact Julie Muir ([julie.hodgson.muir@gmail.com](mailto:julie.hodgson.muir@gmail.com))
- Donations
  - Holiday Treats for staff: Drop off homemade or store-bought goodies in the Parent Resource Center from Tuesday, December 19 through Thursday, December 21.

See the Volunteer page (<http://www.minerelementary.org/volunteer.html>) or the Donations page (<http://www.minerelementary.org/donate.html>) on Miner's website for the latest details.



# Regular PTO Business

# Treasurer Report

## Treasurer's Monthly Report - Summary SY 17 - 18

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**Balance as of 11/07/17: 18,537**

### SY 17- 18 Income

Donations	1,478
Sales	12,690
Miscellaneous	1,919
OSSE Grant	-
Other Grants	2,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,088</b>

### SY 17-18 Expenses

Admin & operations	25
Fundraising & grants	88
Communications & outreach	2,027
Appreciation & recognition	-
Family support	534
Family engagement & events	-
Community engagement	-
Facilities & grounds	620
Classroom grants	104
Partnerships	-
Other/miscellaneous	1,898
OSSE grant	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,296</b>

*change in Balance 12,792*

**Effective Balance 12/5/17: 31,329**

## Treasurer's Cumulative Report - Summary SY 17 - 18

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**Balance as of 9/12/17: 15,682**  
SY16-17 carryover expenses (591)  
**Adjusted Beginning balance: 15,091**

### SY 17- 18 Income

Donations	13,022
Sales	13,283
Miscellaneous	1,919
OSSE Grant	-
Other Grants	2,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>30,224</b>

### SY 17-18 Expenses

Admin & operations	166
Fundraising & grants	4,376
Communications & outreach	2,027
Appreciation & recognition	213
Family support	785
Family engagement & events	712
Community engagement	652
Facilities & grounds	2,814
Classroom grants	190
Partnerships	-
Other/miscellaneous	2,049
OSSE grant	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>13,985</b>

*change in Balance 16,238*

**Effective Balance 12/5/17: 31,329**

# Teacher Representative Report

- ECE teachers will be wrapping gifts at Boys & Girls Club this Thursday, December 7 3:30 to 7:00

# Fundraising & Grants Committee

- We raised \$4,000 from our Holiday Greenery & Bake Sale!
- Thank you:
  - Lindsey Jones-Renaud & Mariana Jones for leading
  - Parents, staff, friends, and neighbors who came out to purchase holiday greenery and made this event an incredible success for the second year in a row!
  - Parents and staff who volunteered their time working during the sale and donating goodies for the bake sale!
- Don't forget:
  - Use Amazon Smile when making holiday purchases:  
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-2524347>
  - Visit our Move!Play!Grow! Sponsors:  
<http://www.minerelementary.org/sponsors.html>



# Communications & Outreach Committee

- The new t-shirts have arrived!
  - Youth short-sleeve/long-sleeve: \$9 / \$12
  - Adult short-sleeve/long-sleeve: \$11 / \$14
  - Those who pre-ordered can pick theirs up any time
  - Our “mobile store” will be set up in the front hallway during drop off in December
    - Cash and checks accepted
  - A few of last year’s shirts are still available at a reduced price: Youth \$7 / Adult \$10
  - We are working with our vendor to offer sweats, hoodies, polos, and button-downs
- PTO has reached out to Chick-Fil-A and Solid State Books about opportunities for partnership activities

# Appreciation & Recognition Committee

- Holiday Treats for Staff - December 21
  - Drop off homemade or store-bought goodies in the Parent Resource Center from Tuesday, December 19 through Thursday, December 21.
  - PTO will set up a “dessert bar” in Room 101 so staff can choose their favorite treats to take home over Winter Break

# Family Support Committee

- Holiday toys
  - PTO will purchase toys for students in need and provide to the social workers for distribution
  - Special thanks to HSCDC for their generous \$250 donation!

# Family Engagement & Events

- Our next major Family Engagement event at Miner will be the Winter Dance on Thursday, January 18 in the gym
  - Interested in helping to plan event? Contact Julie Muir ([julie.hodgson.muir@gmail.com](mailto:julie.hodgson.muir@gmail.com))



# Facilities & Grounds Committee

- PTO purchased new PA/Audio equipment for the school
- Stage Curtains
  - PTO has decided which vendor to approach once we've secured funding (approximately \$8,000)
  - PTO is reaching out to potential sponsors
- Bike Racks
  - Request has been made to the city via 311 - no change since last month

# Volunteer Coordinator



# Civic Liaison

- Playground advocacy status
  - DCPS is considering replacing the ECE playground. Timeframe for a final/official decision is TBD.
  - PTO has solicited parent feedback for features to include in a replacement
- ECE field trip transportation status
  - Schools can begin signing up for “In-School Enrichment” activities soon
  - DCPS is working with OSSE on short-range field trip options

# Thank You!

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