

Miner PTO General Meeting

January 9, 2018

Did you know...

DCPS Chancellor Wilson has visited Miner at least twice since being appointed in 2017. He is very supportive of Miner's transformation, and is impressed with the progress we've made so far!

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, February 6 at 6:00

Principal's Report

Mr. Jackson

Special Topic: Summer Programs

David Treat

Summer Camp Fair at JO Wilson - January 25

Not sure about your camp and child care plans this summer? Join us for our 4th Annual Summer Camp Fair, hosted by the JO Wilson PTA. It's your chance to visit over 40 camp exhibitors representing a wide variety of summer activities, ranging from traditional camps to academic, arts, music, sports, early childhood, and special interest camps.

When: Thursday, January 25, 2018, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: JO Wilson Elementary School (660 K St NE) in Capitol Hill, Washington DC.

Why: Learn about camp offerings, enter a drawing to win free weeks at camp, and sign-up for camp (if you wish!)

Cost: FREE to families

See www.dccampfair.com for all the details.

Mr. Tony's Adventure Camp

- Returning to Miner for the second year in a row
 - Last summer was a very successful partnership and over 30 Miner students enrolled
- Details are still being worked out, but last year Mr. Tony offered scholarships for free tuition to Miner students and families, and offered free aftercare (3:00-6:00) to all Miner students
- Website: <http://dcadventurecamp.com/>

Know of a Summer Program looking for a home?

- Principal Jackson is open to hosting additional programs, provided that all programs utilize the first floor only
- If you know of a program looking for a home, please direct them to Principal Jackson and Dr. King
- Miner hosted DCPS summer school (ESY) last summer
 - Schools often are on a 3-year rotation, so Miner may not host again for a few more years

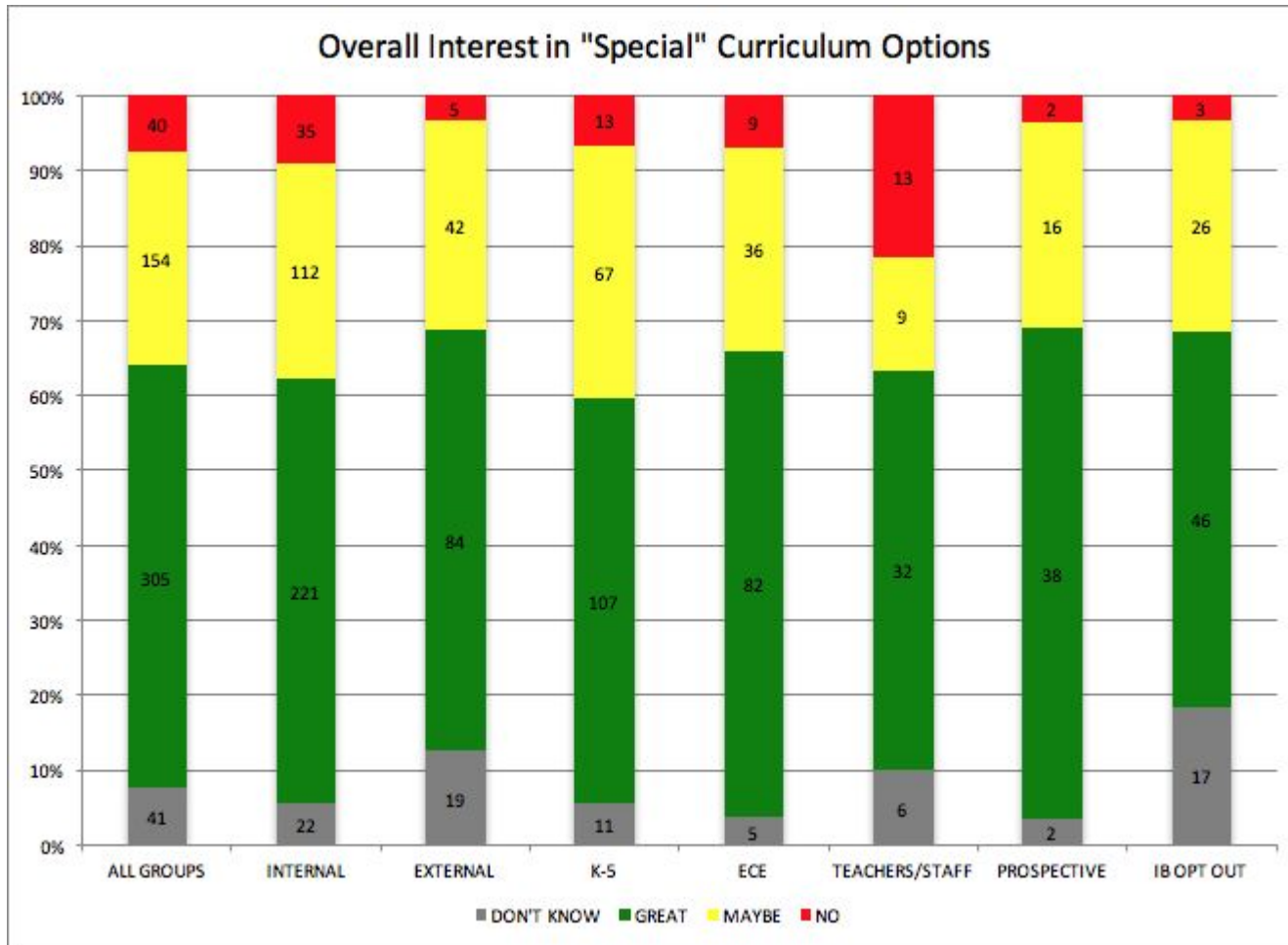
Special Topic: “Special Curriculum”

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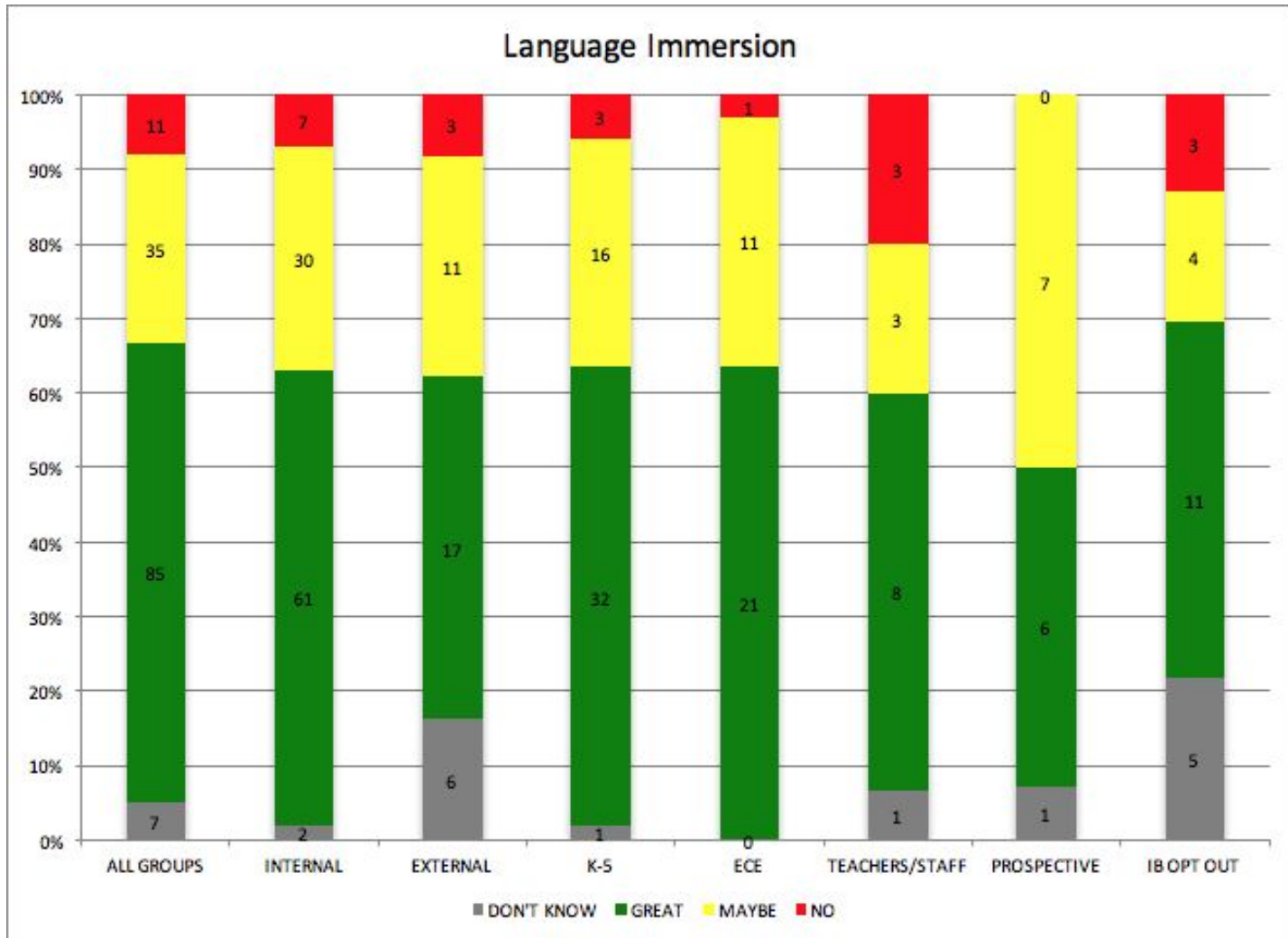
“Special” Curriculum

- As part of the “Vision” process started in the 2015-2016 school year, Miner stakeholders were asked if they were interested in bringing a “special” curriculum to Miner - something that would help differentiate Miner and attract families
- The majority of respondents felt this was a “great” idea
- When asked which specific programs were of interest, all options were rated generally the same (~50% rated these options as “great”)
- Options presented were:
 - Dual Language/Language Immersion, Museum-Arts Integration, STEM/STEAM, and International Baccalaureate

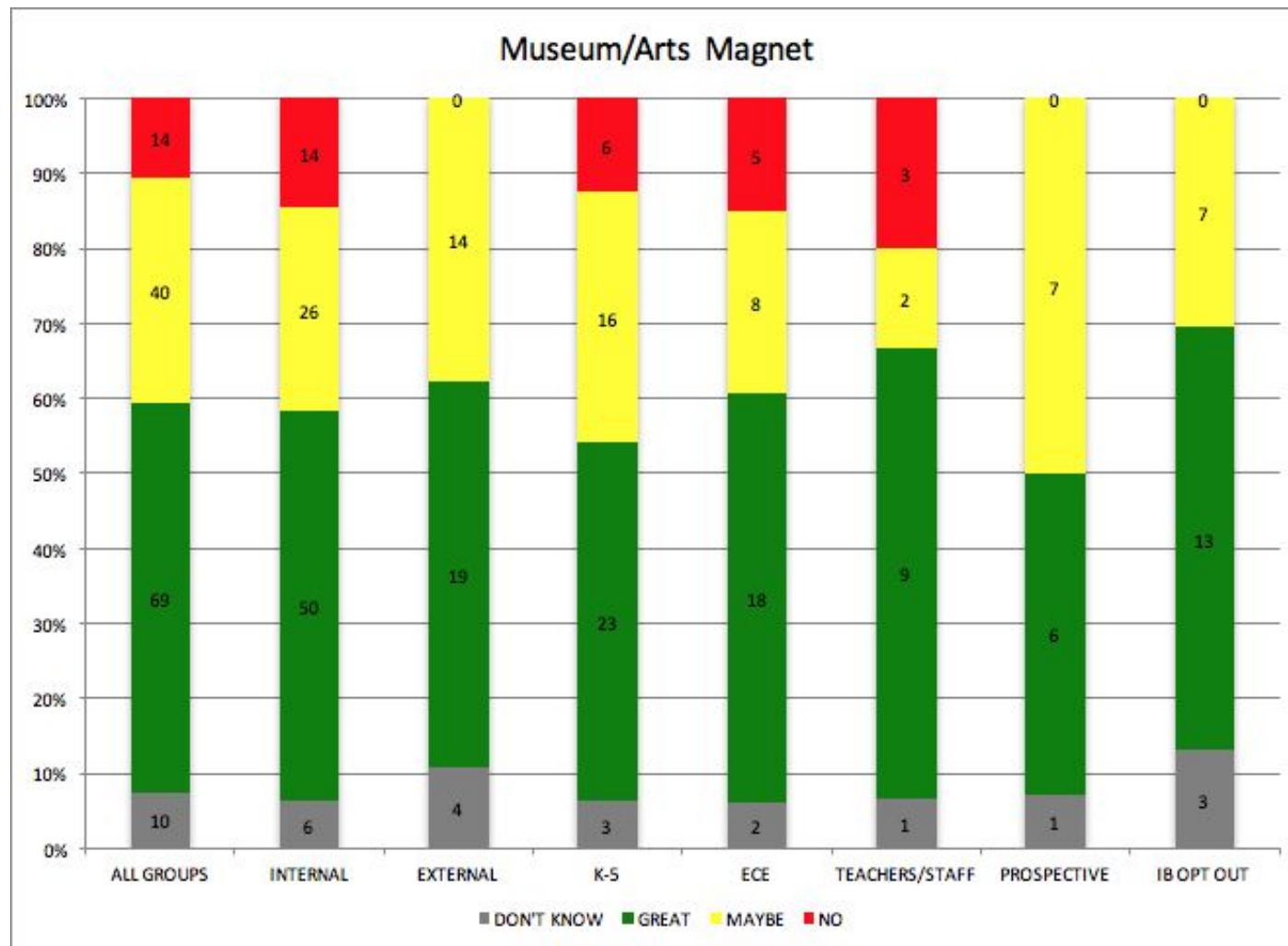
Survey Results - General "Special" Curriculum



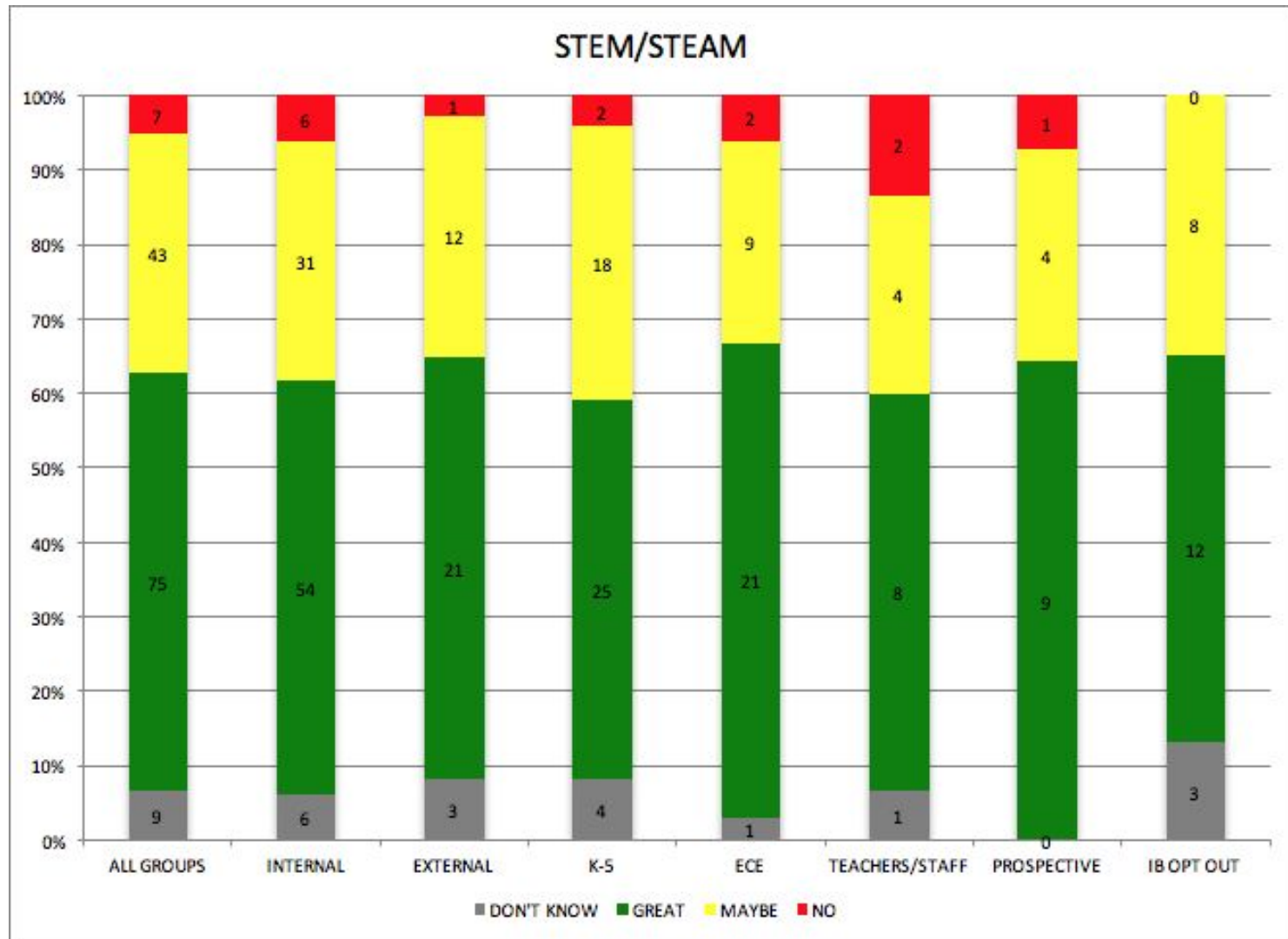
Survey Results - Dual-Language/Language Immersion



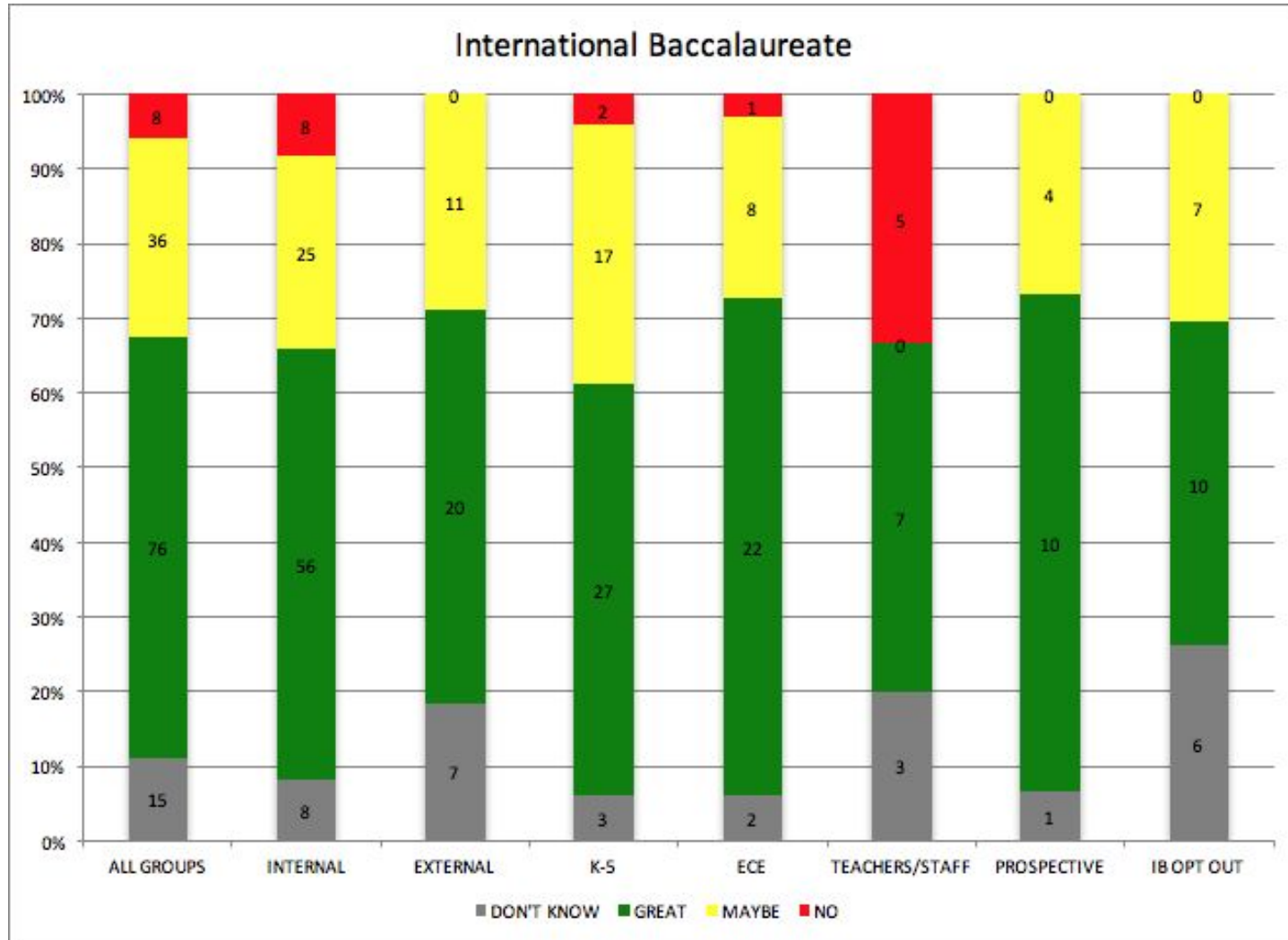
Survey Results - Museum/Arts Integration



Survey Results - STEM/STEAM



Survey Results - International Baccalaureate



“Special” Curriculum

- Over the course of the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years, DCPS representatives from these various disciplines have held meetings and forums with parents to discuss these programs in more detail, and to solicit parent feedback
- Over time, three options became favored:
 - Dual Language/Language Immersion
 - STEM/STEAM
 - International Baccalaureate
- These options are not necessarily stand-alone, and it may be possible to have multiple programs at the same time
- Principal Jackson and the LSAT agreed to ask DCPS to hold another parent forum to discuss these three options
- It is hoped to have this forum soon so that parent feedback can be used in the development of next year’s school budget

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
- Next meeting: January 16
- 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: Taneisha Thornton
 - DCPS ECE Family Services Coordinator: Dante Daniel
- Next meeting: Friday, February 2 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!
 - DC EdFest
 - Holiday treats for staff
 - Christmas gifts for students
 - Thank you H St. Community Development Corporation (<http://www.hstreetcdc.org/>) for your generous donation!
- Five 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!
- Playworks is coming to Miner this month. Thank you Lindsey Jones-Renaud for making this connection and bringing this valuable program to Miner!

Upcoming Events, Reminders & Opportunities

Upcoming Events (1 of 2)

Thursday, January 11

- **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>

Monday, January 15

- **School Closed:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Tuesday, January 16

- **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, January 18

- **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Gym // Winter Family Dance:** You're invited to Miner's Winter Family Dance! Please wear your party best and parents/guardians are required to accompany students.

Friday, January 19

- **No school for students:** Professional Development & Records Day
- **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM in Room 101 // Winter Appreciation Lunch:** The PTO is hosting lunch for our incredible educators and support staff to express our appreciation and to thank them for all that they do for Miner's students! Catering by our new partner, Chick-Fil-A!

Upcoming Events (2 of 2)

Wednesday, January 24

- **9:30 AM - 10:30 AM in the ECE Common Area // Prospective Parent Open House:** This is the sixth of eight opportunities for prospective parents and families interested in Miner to come hear about our programs and what we have to offer. This morning's session will include classroom visits. Children are welcome to attend!
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Tuesday, February 6

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- **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.

Volunteering Reminders & Opportunities

- **Winter Family Dance Planning:** If you're a parent or staff and you'd like to help plan this event on January 18, please contact Julie Muir (julie.hodgson.muir@gmail.com). Or if you just have suggestions, we'd love to hear them.

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

Donation Reminders & Opportunities

- **Blankets needed for ECE students:** Some of our youngest Bears don't have blankets to nap on/under during naptime. This is especially challenging during this very cold weather! If you have any gently used blankets to give away, or can buy a new one (or two), please bring them in and give them to Ms. Cummings or your ECE teacher.
- **Yard Sale Items:** The school has offered space at the school for storage of donations until our annual Yard Sale (tentatively April 28). As you clean and organize for the new year, just bring any toys, games, clothes, household items, furniture, decor, or other items in good condition to the school at any time. You can leave donations in the Parent Resource Center (Room 143) just off the East Lobby. If you'd like a receipt for tax purposes, just email us at minerpto@gmail.com.

See 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

January 9, 2018

Balance as of 12/05/17: 31,329

SY 17- 18 Income

Donations	1,307
Sales	1,395
Miscellaneous	1
OSSE Grant	-
Other Grants	-
Total Income	2,703

SY 17-18 Expenses

Admin & operations	33
Fundraising & grants	4,656
Communications & outreach	1,132
Appreciation & recognition	129
Family support	490
Family engagement & events	-
Community engagement	-
Facilities & grounds	-
Classroom grants	958
Partnerships	-
Other/miscellaneous	-
OSSE grant	-
Total Expenses	7,399

change in Balance (4,696)

Effective Balance 1/9/18: 26,633

Treasurer's Cumulative Report - Summary SY 17 - 18

January 9, 2018

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

SY 17- 18 Income

Donations	14,328 ⁽¹⁾
Sales	14,678 ⁽²⁾
Miscellaneous	1,920 ⁽³⁾
OSSE Grant	-
Other Grants	2,000
Total Income	32,927

SY 17-18 Expenses

Admin & operations	199
Fundraising & grants	9,032
Communications & outreach	3,159
Appreciation & recognition	342
Family support	1,275
Family engagement & events	712
Community engagement	652
Facilities & grounds	2,814
Classroom grants	1,149
Partnerships	-
Other/miscellaneous	2,049 ⁽³⁾
OSSE grant	-
Total Expenses	21,385

change in Balance 11,542

Effective Balance 1/9/18: 26,633

(1) Donation figure is net of PayPal fees totalling \$166.54

(2) Sales figure is net of Square fees totalling \$388.94

(3) Miscellaneous revenue and expense includes \$1,897.84 for Scholastic book fair passthrough

Treasurer Report

Budget Projection SY 17 - 18

January 9, 2018

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

SY 17- 18 Income

Donations	20,000
Sales	16,189
Miscellaneous	300
OSSE Grant	17,488
Other Grants	<u>13,400</u>
Total Income	67,377

SY 17-18 Expenses

Admin & operations	1,150
Fundraising & grants	9,600
Communications & outreach	4,740
Appreciation & recognition	3,300
Family support	1,500
Family engagement & events	4,600
Community engagement	200
Facilities & grounds	7,100 *
Classroom grants	7,600
Partnerships	17,250 *
Other/miscellaneous	2,500
OSSE garden grant	<u>17,488 *</u>
Total Expenses	77,028

change in Balance (9,651)

Projected Balance 9/30/18 5,440

* includes expenses that are contingent on grant funding

Teacher Representative Report

ECE will schedule “In-School Enrichment activities” in lieu of field trips while DCPS works the transportation issue.

Coming to Miner will be:

- Tippi Toes
- Mad Science
- Squeals on Wheels
- Imagination Stage

Fundraising & Grants Committee

- Yard Sale - April 28 (TBD date)
 - Donation drop off has started
- RiverSmart Grant
 - PTO submitted an application (thanks Katy!) to the RiverSmart Schools program to renovate and integrate the ECE garden into the hoped-for replacement of the ECE playground structures
- Don't forget:
 - Use Amazon Smile when making purchases anytime: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-2524347>
 - Visit our Move!Play!Grow! Sponsors: <http://www.minerelementary.org/sponsors.html>

Communications & Outreach Committee

- T-Shirts still available for sale!
 - Youth short-sleeve/long-sleeve: \$9 / \$12
 - Adult short-sleeve/long-sleeve: \$11 / \$14
 - Cash, checks, and debit/credit cards accepted
 - We are working with our vendor to offer sweats, hoodies, polos, and button-downs
- PTO donated 25 t-shirts to the students receiving PTO toys last Christmas.

Appreciation & Recognition Committee

- **Winter Appreciation Lunch:** The PTO is hosting lunch on January 19 for our incredible educators and support staff to express our appreciation and to thank them for all that they do for Miner's students!
 - Catering by our new partner, Chick-Fil-A!

Family Support Committee

- No update

Family Engagement & Events



- Winter Dance: A Tropical Luau!
 - Thursday, January 18
 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 - In the Gym
 - <http://www.minerelementary.org/news--announcements/join-us-for-the-miner-winter-dance>
- Free popcorn! Pizza and drinks will be available for just \$1
- January 18 will be a “No Uniform” day at school, but please dress appropriately
- There’s no cost to attend, but all students must be accompanied by an adult family member or guardian.
- Please fill out the form on the flyers sent home in student backpacks and return it to the front desk or your teacher by **Tuesday, January 16, 2018**
- Interested in helping to plan, set up, or clean up after? Contact Julie Muir (julie.hodgson.muir@gmail.com)

Facilities & Grounds Committee

- RiverSmart Grant
 - PTO submitted an application (thanks Katy!) to the RiverSmart Schools program to renovate and integrate the ECE garden into the hoped-for replacement of the ECE playground structures
- Stage Curtains
 - PTO Leadership will meet with Principal Jackson to discuss funding priorities (curtains, technology, and books for classroom libraries)
- Bike Racks
 - Request has been made to the city via 311 - no change since last month

Civic Liaison

- Playground advocacy status
 - DCPS has provided initial concepts for replacing the ECE playground. Timeframe for a final/official decision is TBD.
 - Submitted grant application to RiverSmart Schools to integrate an upgraded garden with new ECE playground
- ECE field trip transportation status
 - Miner has chosen “In-School Enrichment” activities (see Teacher Report).
 - DCPS is working with OSSE on short-range field trip options

Thank You!

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