

Miner PTO General Meeting

March 6, 2018



Did you know...

...that March is National Women's History Month, and Miner Elementary School is named after quite an amazing woman, Myrtilla Miner. Check out her bio on Wikipedia and Encyclopaedia Britannica and see the bottom of those pages for additional sources of information:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Myrtilla_Minor

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Myrtilla-Miner>

Agenda

6:00 - 6:05 Welcome

6:05 - 6:15 Principal's Report

6:15 - 6:35 Special Topic - Playworks

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, April 3 at 6:00

Principal's Report

Mr. Jackson

Special Topic: Playworks

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: March 20
- 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, March 9 at 8:45 AM in the ECE Kitchen
- Upcoming Activities
 - Friday, March 16 during drop off: Women's History Month Craft Activity
 - Prospective & Incoming Parent Playdates (joint w/ PTO): seeking current parents to participate as "Miner Ambassadors"

President & VP Report

- Congratulations to Principal Jackson for his appointment as Miner's permanent principal!
- Living Room chat with DCPS interim Chancellor Dr. Amanda Alexander
- Welcome Miner's newest community partner: Capitol Hill Little League
- Still awaiting DCPS final decision whether to allow Adventure Camp to operate at Miner this summer
- Recent events - thank you to all who made these possible!
 - Black History Month Book Drive, including Maury PTA and Reach Incorporated

Upcoming Events, Reminders & Opportunities

Upcoming Events (1 of 3)

Monday, March 5 through Friday, March 9

- **Scholastic Book Fair:** During our twice-yearly event, families will have the opportunity to browse an incredible selection of age-appropriate books and make purchases that support Miner's library and literacy programs. Parents, please consider buying an additional book or two and donating it to your child's classroom library!

Thursday, March 8

- **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>

Friday, March 9

- **8:45 AM - 9:30 AM in the ECE Kitchen // PreK Parent Committee Meeting:** PK3 and PK4 parents meet to discuss upcoming ECE events and get the latest news from DCPS Early Childhood Division.

Upcoming Events (2 of 3)

Sunday, March 11

- **Daylight Saving Time Begins:** Remember to "spring forward" and set your clocks ahead one hour.

Saturday, March 17

- **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM // "Go Green" Spring Cleanup:** Miner administration and PTO are hosting a spring cleaning day to tidy up the school grounds and gardens. It's also St. Patrick's Day, so there will be green lemonade on hand for thirsty volunteers. We hope you'll come out and join us to help spruce up for spring!
- **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM // Incoming & Prospective Family Playdate:** We would like to welcome all incoming and prospective families to come and meet current parents and staff and hear about all the great things happening at our school! The bounce castle will be up and running for the little ones to enjoy!

Tuesday, March 20

- **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.

Upcoming Events (3 of 3)

Monday, March 26 - Friday, March 30

- **SPRING BREAK!**

Tuesday, April 3

- **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.

General Reminders & Opportunities

- **WTOP Click for Kids Sweepstakes:** Miner has the opportunity to win up to \$10,000!
 - **Click [HERE](#) to Vote for Miner** every day through through Friday, March 16 at 5:00 PM.
 - The school with the most votes will win \$10,000. Second place receives \$7,500, and third place receives \$5,000.
 - One vote per person per day. **Tell your friends, neighbors and family to vote today and EVERYDAY until next Friday!**
- **DCPS Calendar Feedback:** DCPS has released a proposal for next year's school calendar and they are seeking feedback, including when to schedule the 2019 spring break:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAYFFfnEwPIRtYQS2WV2t8a6vxJixON64vwZ9bi7xxyYCV4w/viewform>

Volunteer Reminders & Opportunities

- **Playdate “Ambassadors”:** PTO and PreK Parent Committee are seeking Miner parents to commit to attending at least one of the upcoming playdates for incoming & prospective families and share the good news about Miner (March 17, April 21, May 19)
- **“Go Green” Spring Cleanup Day (March 17):** We are seeking volunteers to help tidy up the grounds and gardens for spring
- **Spring Festival (May 19):** The PTO has developed a plan for the event, but now we definitely need your help to make it a success! If you are interested in reaching out to guests/sponsors/exhibitors or working logistical details, please contact PTO VP Julie Muir at julie.hodgson.muir@gmail.com.

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

Donation Reminders & Opportunities

- **Yard Sale Items (April 28):** The school has offered space at the school for storage of donations until our annual Yard Sale. As you clean and organize for spring, 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.
- Support while you shop:
 - Harris Teeter Together In Education
 - Amazon Smile
 - Box Tops for Education

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

Balance as of 2/6/18:	26,345
<u>SY 17- 18 Income</u>	
Donations	1,525
Sales	760
Miscellaneous	28
OSSE Grant	-
Other Grants	-
Total Income	<u>2,313</u>
<u>SY 17-18 Expenses</u>	
Admin & operations	47
Fundraising & grants	-
Communications & outreach	114
Appreciation & recognition	119
Family support	-
Family engagement & events	-
Community engagement	-
Facilities & grounds	2,002
Classroom grants	328
Partnerships	-
Other/miscellaneous	-
OSSE grant	-
Total Expenses	<u>2,610</u>
<i>change in Balance</i>	<i>(297)</i>
Effective Balance 3/6/18:	<u><u>26,048</u></u>

Treasurer's Cumulative Report - Summary

Balance as of 9/12/17:	15,682
SY16-17 carryover expenses	(591)
<i>carryover grant expenses</i>	-
Adjusted Beginning balance:	<u>15,091</u>
<u>SY 17- 18 Income</u>	
Donations	16,253
Sales	15,873
Miscellaneous	1,949
OSSE Grant	-
Other Grants	2,000
Total Income	<u>36,075</u>
<u>SY 17-18 Expenses</u>	
Admin & operations	288
Fundraising & grants	8,710
Communications & outreach	3,653
Appreciation & recognition	714
Family support	1,275
Family engagement & events	1,142
Community engagement	652
Facilities & grounds	4,817
Classroom grants	1,818
Partnerships	-
Other/miscellaneous	2,049
OSSE grant	-
Total Expenses	<u>25,118</u>
<i>change in Balance</i>	<i>10,957</i>
Effective Balance 3/6/18:	<u><u>26,048</u></u>

Budget Projection

Balance as of 9/12/17:	15,682
SY16-17 carryover expenses	(591)
<i>carryover grant expenses</i>	<i>(1,350)</i>
Adjusted Beginning balance:	<u>13,741</u>
<u>SY 17- 18 Income</u>	
Donations	16,000
Sales	18,000
Miscellaneous	300
OSSE Grant	17,488
Other Grants	3,400
Total Income	<u>55,188</u>
<u>SY 17-18 Expenses</u>	
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	650
Facilities & grounds	7,100 *
Classroom grants	7,600
Partnerships	1,250
Other/miscellaneous	2,500
OSSE garden grant	17,488 *
Total Expenses	<u>61,478</u>
<i>change in Balance</i>	<i>(6,290)</i>
Projected Balance 9/30/18	<u><u>7,451</u></u>

* includes expenses that are contingent on grant funding

Teacher Representative Report

- Book Fair this week
 - Reminder to consider purchasing one or two extra books to donate to your student's classroom library
- Teachers are still looking for interested parents to volunteer in the classroom or chaperone field trips
 - If interested, please see your student's teacher!
- Garden activities
 - Carton2Garden contest
- Recent activities
 - Ski trip
 - Black History Month Assembly
 - "Monster Croc Wrangler" visit to Miner

Fundraising & Grants Committee

- **Whole Kids Foundation Grant:** Miner was awarded Miner a \$2,000 grant to upgrade and improve and upgrade the physical infrastructure of our Peace Garden!
 - Thanks to Victoria Mirowski of Cultivate the City for authoring it and submitting it on Miner's behalf
 - PTO will meet with school admin to plan out how to integrate this grant with our two other garden grants: OSSE and RiverSmart Schools
- **&Pizza Fundraiser (April 9):** \$2 from every pizza sold from 3-8 PM will be donated to Miner!
- **Spring Yard Sale (April 28):** As your family does spring cleaning, please consider donating any old unwanted items (still in good shape)
 - The response has been incredible so far!
 - Just stop by the Main Office for directions on where to drop off your items (Parent Resource Room 143)
 - Visit the [Donate](#) page for all the details.
- Don't forget to visit our **Move!Play!Grow! Sponsors:**
<http://www.minerelementary.org/sponsors.html>

Communications & Outreach Committee

- Upcoming Playdates for incoming & prospective families:
 - March 17 during the "Go Green" Spring Cleanup Day, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - April 21 during the Enrollment Fair, from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
 - May 19 during the Spring Festival, from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 - PTO and PreK Parent Committee are seeking parent "Ambassadors" to participate and share the good news about Miner!
- New "Social Media" page on Miner's website consolidate two Twitter feeds, and Facebook
 - <https://www.minerelementary.org/social-media.html>
 - Anyone know how to embed an Instagram feed?
- T-Shirts available for sale!
 - Youth short-sleeve/long-sleeve: \$9 / \$12
 - Adult short-sleeve/long-sleeve: \$11 / \$14
- Any volunteers to be Spirit Store Manager?

Appreciation & Recognition Committee

- **Spring Break Care Packs (March 23):**
 - PTO is asking for donations of treats, drinks, and other snack-type items for staff to take home with them over the break
 - Additional details coming soon
- **Teacher Appreciation Week (May 7-11):**
 - PTO is working with Miner's administrative team to plan out a series of fun events and activities
 - Stay tuned for details

Family Support Committee

- PTO has set aside a limited amount of funding available to reimburse staff who assist families during dire emergencies

Family Engagement & Events

- **Spring Dance (April 13)**
 - Save-the-date flyer has been posted.
 - Detailed promo flyers in work
 - Seeking volunteers for setup, decorating, arts & crafts, and cleanup
 - Interested? Next planning meeting is March 21 at 5:00 in the library
- **Little Friends for Peace**
 - “Family Peace” program proposed for April 21 after the Playdate

Save the Date...

**The Miner Elementary PTO
Invites You to Our 2nd Annual**

Family Engagement
Spring Dance Celebration!

It will be an *elegant* evening of *family fun* with music, dancing, food and fun!! Come out and dance the night away with the K-5 Royal Spring Court! Dress to Impress!

Where: Miner Elementary

When: April 13th, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Admission: Free to Miner Students & Families

**Students must be accompanied by an adult.*



Family Engagement & Events

- **Spring Festival (May 19):** Planning Committee met recently to determine event scope and outline
 - 3-hour event (11AM - 2PM) on the blacktop and north field
 - Green/environmental/nature/sustainability/health/nutrition theme
 - All families and community invited - free of charge
 - Three different areas of focus:
 1. Exhibitors (people/ businesses/ groups who have a booth)
 2. Activities (fun events for kids and families)
 3. Speakers/Program (short program with invited guests)

Family Engagement & Events

- **Spring Festival (May 19):** PTO needs volunteers to help organize and run this major event!!
 - Organizers starting now:
 - Reach out to exhibitors and sponsors
 - Reach out and invite guests
 - Logistics team (everything from number of tables to any A/V equipment, extension cords, etc)
 - Volunteers the day of:
 - Miner parent “Ambassadors” for the playdate portion
 - PTO info table
 - Bounce castle “operators”
 - General setup and cleanup

Facilities & Grounds Committee

- “Go Green” day (March 17) for grounds and gardens cleanup
- PTO has received 2 large picnic tables and 1 small one (for ECE students)
 - Funded via grants from ANC6A and Cap Hill Community Foundation
 - Need volunteers to assemble them - proposing to do this as part of “Go Green” day
- Planning a facility walkthrough soon with Dr. King to assess completeness of recent repairs and upgrades, and to identify areas still needing work
- Search continues for potential outside funding sources to replace the stage curtains - also investigating possibility of DGS performing this work
- Traffic calming status?

Civic Liaison

- ECE/Head Start bus status?
- Budget and Oversight hearings and forums
- CHPSPPO strategic planning event on February 24

Thank You!

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