

# Miner PTO General Meeting

May 1, 2018

Did you know...

School Year 2017-2018 was the busiest and best yet for the Miner PTO! Thank you all who supported the PTO as we work to fulfill our mission to support Miner students, families, staff, and community!

# Agenda

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

**6:05 - 6:15** Special Topics

**6:15 - 6:30** Principal's Report

**6:30 - 6:35** LSAT & PreK Parent Committee Reports

**6:35 - 6:40** President & VP Report

**6:40 - 6:50** Upcoming Events, Reminders & Opportunities

**6:50 - 7:00** SY18-19 LSAT & PTO Election Kickoff

**7:00 - 7:15** SY17-18 PTO Year in Review

**7:15 - 7:30** 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
- FINAL PTO meeting date for SY17-18: Tuesday, June 5 at 6:00

# Special Topic: DCPS Community Action Team

Nikki D'Angelo

# Principal's Report

Mr. Jackson

# 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: May 15
- 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 Daniels
- Next meeting: Friday, May 4 at 8:45 AM in the ECE Kitchen
- Upcoming Activities
  - May 23rd Event
  - June/End of the Year Event
  - Summer Play Dates

# President & VP Report

- Wow April was a busy month! Thank you to all who made these possible (in no particular order):
  - Yard Sale
  - Every Kid Healthy Week, including Yoga Night and Fitness Night
  - “Growing Peace in the Family” workshop
  - Mother’s Day & Father’s Day Book Fundraiser
  - Spring Dance
  - Incoming Family Playdate
  - CHPSCO meeting at Miner
  - “Nifty Fifty” STEM event and lunch
  - AP Week & Administrative Professionals Day



# Upcoming Events, Reminders & Opportunities

# Upcoming Events (1 of 5)

## Thursday, May 3

- **3:30 PM - 5:30 PM // Garden Market, CSA Pickup, and Garden Work Day:** See and purchase locally-grown produce and fruits from Miner's garden partner, Cultivate the City. If you've purchased a CSA share, you can pick it up at this time. Also, get your hands a little dirty and help maintain Miner's Peace garden.
- **4:00 PM at Burrville ES // Soccer Game:** Come cheer on our Mighty Miner Bears as they take on Burrville ES!

## Friday, May 4

- **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.

## Saturday, May 5

- **10:00 AM - 1:00 PM // Peace Garden Infrastructure Improvement Day:** Miner's garden partner, Cultivate the City will be installing new garden beds and doing some other improvements and upgrades to the Peace Garden. The PTO will be painting new benches and tables. Come on out and lend a hand to make the garden beautiful (and functional!) for our scholars to learn in this spring!

## Monday, May 7 - Friday, May 11

- **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!**

# Upcoming Events (2 of 5)

## Wednesday, May 9

- **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](#).
- **3:30 PM - 4:00 PM, 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM, 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM in the Library // Parent Leadership Information Sessions:** PTO and LSAT elections are coming up! To prepare, Miner is holding three informal information and Q&A sessions for parents interested in learning more about leadership opportunities at Miner.

## Thursday, May 10

- **3:30 PM - 5:30 PM // Garden Market, CSA Pickup, and Garden Work Day:** See and purchase locally-grown produce and fruits from Miner's garden partner, [Cultivate the City](#). If you've purchased a CSA share, you can pick it up at this time. Also, get your hands a little dirty and help maintain Miner's Peace garden.
- **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Eliot-Hine Middle School // "Basketball Fever":** Eliot-Hine Middle School is hosting a basketball fundraiser featuring its feeder schools, including Miner! [Click to download the flyer](#).
- **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, May 11

- **8:00 AM - 9:00 AM // Staff Appreciation Breakfast:** It's Teacher Appreciation Week, so the PTO is hosting breakfast for our incredible educators and support staff to express our appreciation and to thank them for all that they do for Miner's students!

# Upcoming Events (3 of 5)

## Tuesday, May 15

- **3:00 PM - 8:00 PM at &Pizza (1118 H St NE) // Pizza fundraiser:** &Pizza H St. will donate a portion of tonight's sales to the Miner PTO. So come on out for some tasty pizza and help out Miner at the same time. In-store or pickup order only.
- **5:00 PM - 6:00 PM in the Large Group Instruction Room // LSAT Meeting:** All are welcome to observe the Local School Advisory Team's discussions with Principal Jackson.

## Thursday, May 17

- **3:30 PM - 5:30 PM // Garden Market, CSA Pickup, and Garden Work Day:** See and purchase locally-grown produce and fruits from Miner's garden partner, Cultivate the City. If you've purchased a CSA share, you can pick it up at this time. Also, get your hands a little dirty and help maintain Miner's Peace garden.
- **4:00 PM at Thomas ES // Soccer Game:** Come cheer on our Mighty Miner Bears as they take on Thomas ES!

## Saturday, May 19

- **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the Gym // 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!

# Upcoming Events (4 of 5)

## Thursday, May 24

- **No school for students:** Parent Teacher Conferences
- **3:30 PM - 5:30 PM // Garden Market, CSA Pickup, and Garden Work Day:** See and purchase locally-grown produce and fruits from Miner's garden partner, Cultivate the City. If you've purchased a CSA share, you can pick it up at this time. Also, get your hands a little dirty and help maintain Miner's Peace garden.

## Friday, May 25

- **No school for students:** Professional Development Day

## Monday, May 28

- **School Closed:** Memorial Day

## Thursday, May 31

- **3:30 PM - 5:30 PM // Garden Market, CSA Pickup, and Garden Work Day:** See and purchase locally-grown produce and fruits from Miner's garden partner, Cultivate the City. If you've purchased a CSA share, you can pick it up at this time. Also, get your hands a little dirty and help maintain Miner's Peace garden.

# Upcoming Events (5 of 5)

## Tuesday, June 5

- **5:00 PM - 6:00 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](#).
- **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.

## Thursday, June 7

- **3:30 PM - 5:30 PM // Garden Market, CSA Pickup, and Garden Work Day:** See and purchase locally-grown produce and fruits from Miner's garden partner, [Cultivate the City](#). If you've purchased a CSA share, you can pick it up at this time. Also, get your hands a little dirty and help maintain Miner's Peace garden.

# General Reminders & Opportunities

- **Support for the Sears Family:** In addition to the GoFundMe page (<https://www.gofundme.com/Marquel-Marquise>), members of the Miner community have set up a meal delivery plan for the Sears family. If you want to contribute you can sign up here: <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/UVBF7515>. Thank you for helping their family feel the full support of this fabulous community!

# Volunteer Reminders & Opportunities

- **May 5 (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM) - Peace Garden Infrastructure Improvement Day:** Miner's garden partner, Cultivate the City will be installing new garden beds and doing some other improvements and upgrades to the Peace Garden. The PTO will be painting new benches and tables. Come on out and lend a hand to make the garden beautiful (and functional!) for our scholars to learn in this spring!
- **May 19 (10:00 AM - Noon) - 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. If you're interested, please see the signup form here:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/9uBf37fUFARqk8Mj2>
- **Every Thursday (3:30 PM - 5:30 PM): Garden Work Days:** Join members of the Miner community and Cultivate the City as we get our hands dirty in the Peace Garden weeding, planting, and harvesting. If you're interested, please come on out, no signing up required!

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



# Donation Reminders & Opportunities

- **Mother's Day & Father's Day Book Fundraiser:** The Miner PTO is joined by the [Phil & Jeanne & Meg Team from Compass Real Estate](#) in hosting a fundraiser to purchase books for Miner Elementary classroom libraries in the name of a loved one.
  - All funds raised will be used for this purpose.
  - All the details are on the [Donate page](#) of the school's website.
  - You can also go directly to the [Google Form](#) to fill out donor & honoree information, and then to the [PTO's payment page](#) to complete the process.
- **Bottled Water:** The PTO keeps a stock of bottled water in our pantry from which we supply water for multiple school events and meetings. We can use both the smaller size 8 oz bottles as it is easier for little hands, as well as the regular 12 oz bottles for adults. Please leave your donations in the Main Office.

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

SY18-19  
LSAT & PTO Election  
Kickoff

# Joint Election Highlights

- LSAT and PTO will hold elections for SY18-19 leadership in May 2018
- Nominations now being accepted through May 20
- Voting will occur May 30 through June 1
- Results will be announced at the PTO General Meeting on Tuesday, June 5
- Election Resources:
  - Dedicated [Election Page](#) (online)
  - [Formal announcement](#) (online)
  - Nomination Form ([online](#) and paper)
  - Full Election Packet ([online](#) and paper)

# Joint Election Details

- Information/Q&A Sessions
  - On Wednesday, May 9 there will be three information and Q&A sessions for parents who would like more information about LSAT and PTO leadership opportunities
  - These sessions will be held in the Library at 3:30, 4:30, and 5:30
- Nomination Process
  - Nominations (including self-nominations) are now being accepted through Sunday, May 20
  - Nomination forms were sent home in student backpacks or can be picked up at the Security Desk or in the Main Office.
  - Click here to [download](#) and print the nomination form - Nominations can also be submitted [online](#)
  - Return nomination forms to the Main Office or give them to your teacher

# Joint Election Important Dates

- Elections will be held via paper ballot from May 30 through June 1
- Ballots will be counted and the newly-elected Officers will be notified June 4
- Results will be announced publicly at the PTO General Meeting on June 5
- LSAT: Newly-elected Parent Representatives are invited to observe the June 5 LSAT meeting
- PTO: Terms for new PTO Executive Board will begin at the conclusion of the PTO General Meeting on June 5
- PTO: The first PTO Leadership Team meeting with both outgoing and incoming Executive Board and Committee Chairs will be June 12 at 4:30
- LSAT: The first LSAT meeting of SY18-19 with the new LSAT membership will be TBD in July

# LSAT Parent Representative

- Per DCPS LSAT guidelines, parent organizations are responsible for administering the election of Parent Representatives to the LSAT
  - Teacher and staff elections are held separately
  - Only parents may vote for Parent Representative nominees
  - At Miner, only parents of current students are eligible to run
  - Four Parent Representatives are to be elected
  - Parent Representatives **do not** need to be a member of the PTO
- Position description:
  - Work with teachers and staff representatives on implementation of the Comprehensive School Plan (CSP). Review data in order to be informed about school needs and trends. Use assessment results to develop specific strategies for research-based school improvement. Ensure school alignment with strategic and specific goals and objectives of DCPS.

# PTO Leadership Team for SY18-19

## Officers (Executive Board)\*

- President (1 person)
- Vice President (1 person)
- Treasurer (1 person)
- Secretary (1 or 2 people)
- Teacher Representatives
  - PreK (1 teacher)
  - K-2 (1 teacher)
  - 3-5 (1 teacher)

*\*PTO Officers are elected by the PTO membership by majority vote, one vote per household. Like LSAT, only current parents or staff may be elected as a PTO Officer.*

## Committees\*\*

- Fundraising & Grants
- Communications
- Community Engagement
- Family Engagement & Events
- Family Support
- Appreciation & Recognition
- Facilities & Grounds

*\*\*PTO Committee members, including the chairpersons, are filled simply by any PTO member wishing to volunteer for the role - no election required. This includes incoming parents!*

Detailed position descriptions are included in the Election Packet, and can be found on the [Election Page](#) of Miner's website.

# A Note on PTO Committees

- Specific committees are not formally called out in the PTO bylaws, nor is their administration, other than to be overseen by the VP
- Committees are self-organizing and membership is open to anyone interested any time during the year
- Members may join or switch committees as their interests and the PTO's needs change over the course of the year.
- Committees are encouraged (but not required) to elect a chairperson(s) to become a formal part of the PTO "Leadership Team" along with the Executive Board
  - The chair also becomes the "owner" of the committee's budget account
- New committees may be established if needed, or unnecessary committees disbanded during the school year by vote of PTO membership



# SY17-18 PTO Year In Review

# What PTO did this year - Family Engagement

1. Oktoberfest (October)
2. Winter Dance (January)
3. Go Green Playdate (March)
4. Spring Dance (April)
5. Community Day Playdate (April)
6. Growing Peace in the Family (April)
7. Yoga Night (part of Every Kid Healthy Week) (April)
8. "Head to Toes" Fitness Night (part of Every Kid Healthy Week) (April)
9. Final Spring Playdate (May)

# What PTO did this year - Family Support

1. School Uniform Drive (Aug-Sept)
2. Thanksgiving Food Drive (November)
3. Christmas Toy Drive (December)
4. Mother's Day Flowers (May)
5. Adventure Camp Scholarships (Summer 2018)

# What PTO did this year - Appreciation & Recognition

1. Welcome Back Breakfast (September)
2. Welcome Back Gifts (October)
3. Principal Appreciation Week (October)
4. Fall Staff Lunch (November)
5. Holiday Treats (December)
6. Winter Staff Lunch (January)
7. Valentine's Day flowers (February)
8. Spring Break Care Packs (March)
9. Assistant Principal Appreciation Week (April)
10. Administrative Staff Appreciation Day (April)
11. Teacher Appreciation Week Activities (May)
12. Spring Staff Breakfast (May)
13. & more to come!

# What PTO did this year - Direct Classroom & School Support

1. Classroom grants (\$7,600)
2. Bounce castle for VIP days
3. Spelling Bee registration
4. Kennedy Center dues
5. Scholastic Book Fairs (November & March)
6. STEM Speaker Lunch (April)
7. Field Day (June)

# What PTO did this year - Fundraisers

1. Move! Play! Grow! (Fall) - \$14,000 (\$6,000 from families, \$8,000 from business sponsors)
2. Holiday Greenery Sale (December) - \$4,000
3. Black History Month Book Drive (February) - more than 160 books
4. Yard Sale (April) - \$2,000
5. Mother's Day/Father's Day Book Drive (April/May) - ongoing, over \$1300 so far
6. &Pizza (May)
7. Supported Scholastic Book Fairs in November (\$3,300) and March (\$5,000)

## What PTO did this year - Grants

1. Office of the State Superintendent for Education (OSSE) for garden - \$35,000 (over two years)
2. ANC6A for outdoor benches - \$899
3. Capitol Hill Community Foundation (CHCF) for outdoor benches & tables - \$2,000
4. CHCF mini-grant for books - \$350
5. Whole Kids Foundation for garden - \$2,000
6. RiverSmart Schools for ECE garden - amount dependent upon scope of work
7. CHCF for classroom tech - \$2,000 (pending)

## What PTO did this year - Outreach & Communications

1. T-shirt sales: \$2,460
2. Number of PTO emails: over 150 - about 4.5 per week
3. Community Events:
  - a. Walk to School Day (October)
  - b. Hilloween (October)
  - c. DC United Game (October)
  - d. Bike to School Day (May)



# What PTO did this year - Outreach & Communications

1. MPG Principal Sponsors (\$1k):
  - Tom Faison - Real Estate in DC
  - Fulcrum Group
  - Chris Hardgrave Group
  - Phil & Jeanne & Meg Team
  - The Smith Team
  - Trent & Co.
2. MPG Scholar Sponsors (\$500)
3. Allied Title & Escrow
4. City Chic Real Estate
5. Congressional Capital LLC
6. DC Properties Group
7. The Rob & Brent Group
4. Chick-Fil-A
5. Solid State Books
6. H Street Community Development Corp (Toy Drive Sponsor)
7. Insight Property Group (Thanksgiving basket sponsor)
8. Reach Incorporated (Black History Month donor)

[The Miner PTO would like to thank the above local organizations and businesses for sponsoring, donating, serving, and partnering with Miner Elementary this school year!](#)

# What PTO did this year - Special Topics at General Meetings

- September
  - Special Topic Interest Survey (Treat)
- October
  - Ms. Eugenia Young - Eliot-Hine Principal
  - OSSE Garden Grant (Victoria Mirowski - Cultivate the City)
  - Special Topic Interest Survey Results (Treat)
  - SY17-18 PTO Budget Outbrief (Herr)
- November
  - OSSE Report Card (Josh Laskey)
  - Miner's ELA Curriculum (Ms. Thorne, Ms. Coles, Ms. Cummings)
- December
  - Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts (Monniquer McCaskill)
  - Social & Emotional Learning (Principal Jackson)
- January
  - Summer Programs (Treat)
  - "Special" Curriculum (Treat)
- March
  - Playworks (Topher Anuzis)
- April
  - DCPS Restorative Justice (Anise Walker)
  - Garden Activities (Miner Garden Team)

[Presentations from every PTO General Meeting this year are available on the PTO page of Miner's website.](#)

# What PTO did this year - Civic Liaison

## Hearings attended, testimonies submitted, letters sent

- October 4, 2017 - Letter to Mayor Bowser re: outdoor campus improvements
- October 11, 2017 - Ward 6 Coalition letter to Mayor & Chancellor re: ECE Field Trips
- November 14, 2017 - DCPS Budget Field Hearing (testified)
- January 24, 2018 - DDOT Traffic Calming petition (submitted)
- February 20, 2018 - DGS Oversight (testimony submitted)
- February 21, 2018 - DCPS Oversight (testimony submitted)
- March 18, 2018 - Ward 6 Coalition letter to Mayor & Chancellor re: ECE Field Trips
- April 18, 2018 - FY19 DCPS Budget Oversight (testified)
- April 23, 2018 - Ward 6 Budget Town Hall

## Number of DCPS or city officials met with

- Mayor Bowser - (October)
- Tynisha Owens - (October+ongoing)
- CM Charles Allen (March+ongoing)
- ANC6A - Phil Toomajian (Chair); Stephanie Zimny (SMD6A06 Rep); Roni Holloman (Community Outreach Committee Chair) (ongoing)
- Sally Parker (Sustainability Office - DCPS) (April)
- Trihn Doan (RiverSmart Schools - DOEE) (ongoing)
- Jeff Marootian (DDOT Head) - (pending in May)

Rate effectiveness, usefulness, or how worthwhile PTO activities were (5 is highest):

	Rating (1 - not at all . . . . . 5 - extremely)				
	1	2	3	4	5
Family Engagement	0%	0%	11%	33%	55%
Family Support	0%	0%	11%	33%	55%
Appreciation & Recognition	0%	0%	0%	55%	44%
Teacher & School Support	0%	0%	11%	11%	78%
Fundraisers	0%	0%	0%	22%	78%
Outreach & Communications	0%	0%	11%	22%	67%

*9 responses received so far*

## What did the PTO do this year that you liked?

- Loved the Family Engagement events
- Build great school culture and spirit. Hold activities for families. Fundraise so resources available to round out the school experience, and improve facilities. Support teachers, educational goals, etc. Communicate constantly with families and try to involve.
- Raised money to help family in need
- Everything
- Spring dance, teacher appreciation
- I think that the PTO was awesome this year.
- I really appreciate the ways in which the PTO engages in activities that directly benefit both students and teachers. Things like the Black History Month book drive, for instance, seemed to involve input from the staff and responded to a real need. It's rewarding to see the tangible impact of the PTO's work in projects like that. The dances also seemed like a great success and very much enjoyed by students and families.
- Christmas Tree Sale, Yard Sale, helping the teachers feel appreciated
- Communication was better

## What did the PTO do this year that you didn't like?

- Did not raise money to have a summer program
- An area for growth in the PTO should be its outreach and inclusion of all Miner parents and families. I would like to continue to work towards an environment that is supportive of and open to new ideas and contributions. As it continues to work on this area of outreach, the PTO needs to ensure it is a place where people and ideas will be welcomed, heard, considered, and valued.
- It still feels like there is a real lack of opportunity to engage in the classrooms or otherwise with the students, or even with the teachers. It also still feels like many events are either for the bigger kids or the littler kids and the divides within our school are evident in events.
- Spent \$1500 on spring dance
- too many emails. . . but that's OK!

## What would you like the PTO do differently in the future?

- More engagement by the upper class parents
- To create a summer program for the kids that will prepare them for their next grade level
- hold mtgs in conjunction w/ECE Parent Cmte to better engage them
- improved representation from all parent groups
- I would like to see an effort to include parents in other grades and activities for all grade levels, not just PK students.
- I have advocated for, and wish the PTO would make a priority next year, working to understand how we can reach out to, include, and involve more Miner families in the PTO. I believe this would help us meet this part of our mission: "to develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging family and teacher involvement."
- Continue to work to bring the community together
- just a few less emails each week, sorry

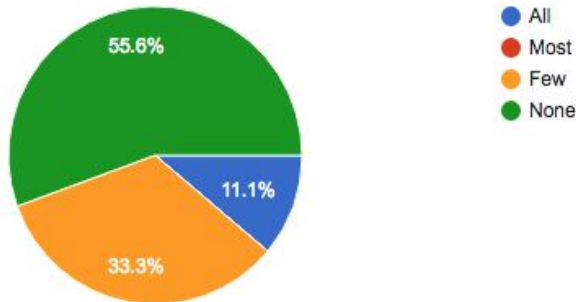
## Do you have any suggestions for improvement for the PTO leadership?

- More openness to ideas and ways to approach things
- improved representation from all parent groups. prepared playlists for dances/events that don't include music with inappropriate language
- Not for lack of trying but keep looking for ways to hear from or include families who aren't very connected to PTO
- Current leadership is amazing - so please don't be offended! - but how would things be different if PTO leadership was more people of color, paid positions if needed? any other models to explore?
- Try to raise money for smocks so that the kids aren't messing up their uniform shirts when doing arts and crafts
- Leverage community business more strategically -- ask them for \$\$
- More diversity in leadership.
- I would recommend trying to manage meeting time more efficiently. I also would support efforts to help PTO committees work more closely together to support each others' work when there are opportunities for collaboration.

# PTO Meeting Participation

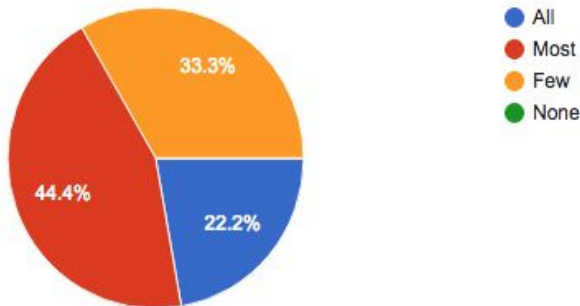
## How many PTO meetings did you attend this year?

9 responses



## How many PTO events did you attend this year?

9 responses



## Do you have any suggestions for how to increase attendance at PTO meetings and events?

- I guess I would ask around at other schools. look for best practices. Maybe survey parents (on enrollment forms? or somewhere that reaches everyone) when is best time for school events?
- Combine PTO/ECE Parent Cmte mtgs; add business partners/sponsors for events to help fund/advertise/draw attendees; co-host non-fundraising events with other nearby schools; work closer w/feeder school PTO's.
- Meetings: Start at 6:30, potential for remote participation (Skype? probably not easy)  
Events: not so many on Saturday mornings, when many kids have other activities. Try afternoons or Sundays also.
- Cheap/free food
- reduce the fear for being conscripted into managing PTO sponsored activities
- Staff has family obligations that make it difficult to attend but the emails keep us informed.
- This would be a good question to ask families at the beginning of next year. I think surveying families (through email and paper surveys) could help the PTO understand whether awareness of activities and meetings could be improved, or whether the days and times of meetings and other volunteer opportunities are not always workable for families.

# Do you have any other ideas, suggestions, or comments that you would like to share?

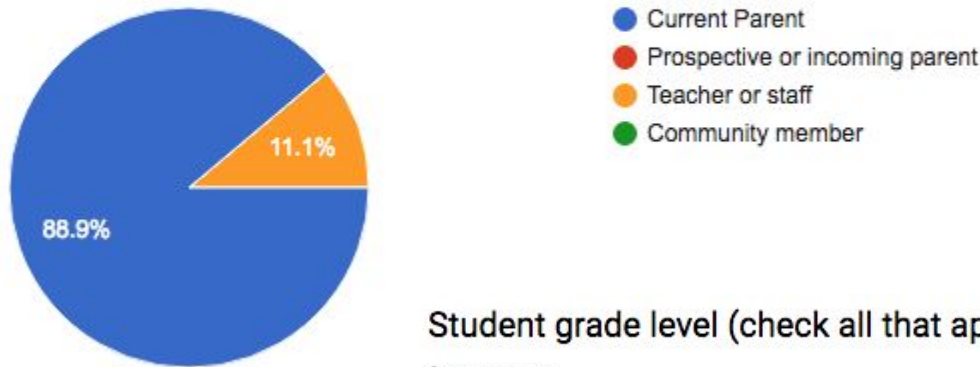
- The relationship between the PTO and school administration makes me glad my son is enrolled at Miner
- Thank you!!!!
- try to have different dances such as father daughter dance, mother and son dance, maybe a day for mom to have breakfast with child and doughnuts with dads and also have a day to honor grandparents some
- grandparents are very active in their grandchild's life
- outdoor movie nights!
- I am very proud of the PTO at Miner!
- Keep up the good work!



# Online Survey Demographics

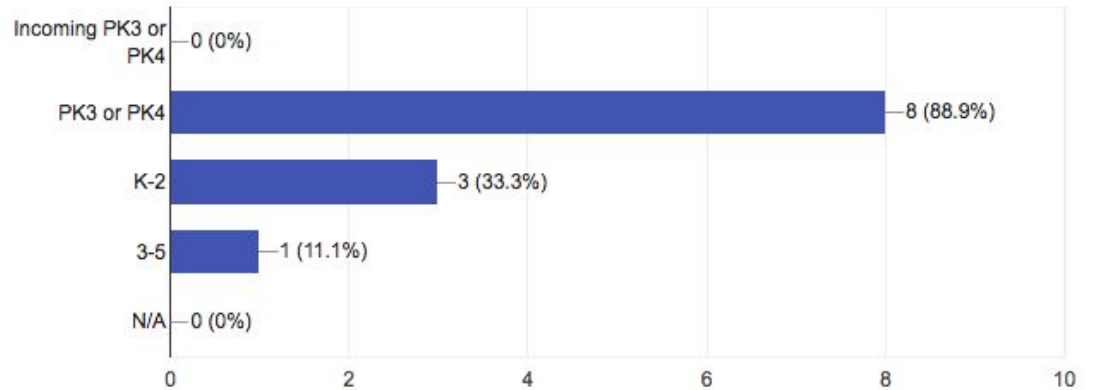
Are you a:

9 responses



Student grade level (check all that apply)

9 responses



# The Year In Review Survey is still open!

- PTO leadership definitely wants to hear from as many members of our community as possible, including YOU!
- Responses accepted through the end of May
- Online here: <https://goo.gl/forms/z00GQbzF0xUFvz6g2>
- Or [download a printable version](#)
  - Just fill it out and drop it off in the Main Office or with your teacher.

# Regular PTO Business

# Administrative - Bylaws Amendments

- There are 11 proposed changes to the bylaws - see three following slides
  - Current version of the bylaws were adopted on April 17, 2013 and haven't been amended since
  - A copy of the current bylaws is available for download from the PTO page of the Miner website:  
<https://www.minerelementary.org/parent-teacher-organization.html>
- Per Article VI of the bylaws: "Amendments presented at a PTO meeting shall be considered for voting at a subsequent meeting. 2/3 approval of all Voting Members present and voting is required to adopt an amendment to the Bylaws."
  - Therefore the 11 presented at last month's will be voted upon by the membership tonight
- Comments/suggestions by PTO leadership team were incorporated into the text on the following pages. No comments were received by the general membership.
- Vote result: **APPROVED**

# Treasurer Report

- Current Bank Balance: \$24,321.28
- Major revenue transactions
  - \$2,000 Whole Kids Grant
  - \$350 CHCF mini grant for books
  - \$1,500 in Yard Sale and Mother's Day revenue posted to date
  - Another \$1,500+ will post to the bank on 5/2
- Major expense transactions
  - \$2,200 in Classroom Support
  - \$1,350 for Spring Dance

# Treasurer Report

- As we approach the end of the school year, there is still quite a lot of unused funding in the PTO's budget allocated to school and classroom purposes.
- Note to admin, teachers and staff: please claim your allocation by informing the PTO of your intent to use the funding by the following dates:
  - School-wide allocations (e.g. enrollment incentives, PBIS, Field Day): **TODAY**, May 1
  - Classroom allocations (e.g. \$200 per class): June 1
- Any allocations not claimed by these dates will be released back into the PTO General Fund for other uses. The funds don't actually have to be used by these dates.
- If you have any questions, please contact the PTO Treasurer, Derek Herr ([dh32019@gmail.com](mailto:dh32019@gmail.com)).

# New Funding Requests/Obligations

- Requires Membership Approval
  - Fifth Grade “Sendoff” Week - costs for transportation and tickets to Six Flags are approximately \$3,000
  - Executive Board identified \$1,950 in the PTO budget that can be re-allocated to this purpose and recommends approval by the PTO membership.
  - Vote result: **APPROVED**
  
- Requires Executive Board Approval
  - None at this time

# Teacher Representative Report

- “Nifty Fifty” STEM speaker Janet Hubka
- Every Kid Healthy Week
- Carton2Garden contest
- RiverSmart Schools training and development of a plan for the ECE Discovery Garden
- Uniyah Campbell trip to Switzerland for DC Scores
- ECE field trip to Port Discovery
- PARCC testing status
- Teachers are still looking for interested parents to volunteer in the classroom or chaperone field trips. If interested, please see your student’s teacher!



# Fundraising & Grants Committee

- **Hill's Kitchen:** Received \$25 as part of their "School Support Week"
- **Third Annual Community Yard Sale:** We raised \$2,000! Thank you all who donated, volunteers, and purchased at the sale!
- **May 15 - &Pizza Fundraiser:** \$2 from every pizza sold from 3-8 PM in the store (1118 H St NE) will be donated to Miner!

# Communications & Outreach Committee

- Upcoming **Playdates** for incoming & prospective families:
  - May 19 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
  - Thank you to all parent “Ambassadors” who’ve come out to share the good news about Miner!
- **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

- Provided gifts for **AP Week** (April 9-13) and **Administrative Professional Day** (April 25)
  - Thank you AP Anderson!
  - Thank you Ms. Cain, Ms. Offor, Ms. Stapleton, and Ms. Kirby!
- **May 7-11 - Teacher Appreciation Week:**
  - 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

- Planning to provide **Mother's Day flowers** to some special moms who may not otherwise receive them.

# Family Engagement & Events

- Thank you to all who helped make the following Engagement events so successful!
  - Spring Dance
  - “Peace in the Family” workshop
  - Every Kid Healthy Week, including Yoga Night and Fitness Night
- No further PTO-sponsored Family Engagement events are planned this year

# Facilities & Grounds Committee

- **May 5 (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM) - Peace Garden Infrastructure Improvement Day**
  - Cultivate the City will be repairing beds and installing new ones
  - PTO will be cleaning out the old tables and benches and painting new ones

# Civic Liaison

- The Office of the State Superintendent of Education, working with community partners and city agencies, is building a new school report card tool. The tool will give parents and families one place where they can get the information they need about our city's public schools, both DCPS and charter.
  - Survey link:  
<https://64d26337.optimalworkshop.com/questions/n3un6n60>
  - Deadline: May 4

# Thank You!

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