Miner PTO General Meeting

March 5, 2019

March Events:

● March 8 - Parent Teacher Conferences (no school for students)
● March 9 - Community Yard Sale & Spring Playdate
● March 11-15 - Scholastic Book Fair
● March 29 - Lottery Results Released
Agenda

6:00 - 6:05 Welcome and Approval of the Minutes
6:05 - 6:15 Principal’s Report with AP Townsend
6:15 - 6:25 Special Topic: Master Site Plan Update
6:25 - 6:30 LSAT & PreK Parent Committee Reports
6:30 - 6:35 PTO President & VP Report
6:35 - 6:40 Treasurer & Teacher Representative Reports
6:40 - 6:45 Garden Team Report
6:45 - 6:55 Committee Reports
6:55 - 7:00 Upcoming Events, Reminders, Opportunities

Open Comment: Other joys, concerns, or questions?
Welcome!

- Babysitting is provided free of charge (including dinner) by Christ City Church DC in room 103
- 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 2, at 6:00pm
- Reading of the minutes from the February General Meeting
Principal’s Report

AP Townsend
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Special Topic

Master Site Plan Update
K-5 Playground Design Concept
Next Steps:

- Sally Parker of DCPS will give feedback to Kompan and they’ll prepare a revised concept.
- That document will serve as the basis of design that the winning contractor will use to solicit competitive bids from Kompan and at least two other vendors.
- General contractor bids were due March 4th and are currently being reviewed.
- Once awarded, the construction planning and estimating will really pick up.
- For the kickoff meeting, they will present all site info we’ve collected to date, including all site challenges, programming requirements, etc.
LSAT and PreK Parent Committee Reports
Regular PTO Business
President & VP Reports

● 4th Annual Community Yard Sale
● Spring Playdate
● Scholastic Book Fair
● Bike to School Day is May 8
  http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/
● Summer camp at Miner - online registration is now open at https://dcadventurecamp.com/ (Miner families get free aftercare from 3-6pm)
● Vote for Miner! We’re competing to win up to $10,000 from WTOP’s Click for Kids contest. The school with the most votes wins, so click the link to vote daily!
4th Annual Community Yard Sale

● Date: March 9, 9am - 1pm
● We are now accepting donations of large items
● E-waste and hazardous waste can be dropped off the morning of the sale from 9am until noon
● Volunteers needed before and during the sale
● Donations of baked goods needed
● Visit our website at https://www.minerelementary.org/yardsale.html for more information
Treasurer Report (This Period)

Cash Summary 1/29/19-2/28/19

Balance as of January 29, 2019: $27,977

Plus: Income (Jan. 29 - Feb. 28, 2019): $128

Less: Expenses (Feb. 28 - Feb. 28, 2019): $(2,505)

Balance as of February 28, 2019: $24,916
Treasurer Report (Fiscal Year)

Budget to Actuals

**Miner is anticipated to miss fundraising goals, and therefore, 2019 revised budget will reflect this shortfall**
Teacher Representative Reports

Ms. Unger (Grades 3-5)
Mr. Riddick (Grades K-2)
Ms. Cummings (ECE)
Garden Team Report

- As part of the Master Site Plan process which will reconfigure the north fields, garden, blacktop, and playgrounds, Miner will most likely relocate its vegetable garden (i.e. “Peace Garden”). If you have any ideas about what features or design elements you’d like to see included, please let David Treat know at dtreat2mars@gmail.com
- Miner applied for a FoodCorp program for next year. We should know whether we were chosen later this month.
- Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, at 3:30PM. All are welcome to attend!
Garden Team Report

Apogee Farms was selected by the city to build a greenhouse on the Kramer Street site, just a half block from Miner. Apogee has teamed with Cultivate the City and together they plan to engage with Miner students and community to expand opportunities to learn about urban agriculture.

Recent news article:
Committee Reports

- **Appreciation & Recognition**: Jessica Burniske, Justin Burniske, and Emily Cahill
- **Communications**: Jen Barrie
- **Community Engagement (acting)**: Katy Thomas
- **Facilities & Grounds**: Billy Lynch and David Treat
- **Family Engagement & Events**: Ms. Theresa Dorsey and Mariana Jones
- **Family Support**: Bernadette Wittschen and Julie Muir
- **Fundraising & Grants**: Maggie Ben-Or
Appreciation & Recognition

- Last month, the Appreciation and Recognition Committee gave roses to the teachers and staff on Valentine's Day.
- This month, we're attempting a new project to help increase awareness of and recognition of teachers and staff at Miner. We'll be putting together a newsletter (to be sent home in students' folders, but also available online) featuring interviews with teachers and staff by students!
- If anyone has ideas for the project more broadly, or is interested in helping with the interviews or with the editing and layout of the newsletter, please let the co-chairs (Emily, Jessica, and Justin) know!
Community Engagement Committee

- Thursday, March 7, at 7 pm, the DC Democratic State Committee and the Ward 6 Democrats are holding a program on **Addressing Educational Inequality in DC**. The program will be moderated by Sam Ford, a reporter for WJLA and ABC7. Panelists will include Maisha Riddlesprigger, DC principal of the year in 2018, Faith Hubbard, DC chief student advocate, Elizabeth Davis, president of the Washington Teachers Union, and Ed Lazere, executive director of the DC Fiscal Policy Institute. The program will be held at the Hal J. Gordon Building, 124 15th St., SE.

- CHPspeo will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 19, location TBD.

- Friday, March 22 = CHPspeo Lobby Day @ Wilson Building If you are interested in participating in the Wilson building visits, please e-mail Danica Petroshius at dpetrishius@yahoo.com.

- Ferebee Friday in Ward 6 is March 29, from 8 - 9:30 am at the Pretzel Bakery across the street from Payne (257 15th St., SE).

- On Friday, March 29, at 10 am, the Committee on Education and the Committee of the hold will hold the DCPS budget oversight hearing. If you wish to testify you must sign up online at: [http://bit.do/educationhearings](http://bit.do/educationhearings) or call 202-724-8061.
Family Engagement & Events

Spring Dance

- April 12
- 6-8pm
- Enrollment event
- Next committee meeting - Monday, March 11 at 5:45pm
Family Support

The Family Engagement & Events Committee will be hosting a boutique for students who may not own appropriate attire to pick out a dress or nice outfit to wear to the Spring Dance.

If you have a new or gently used outfit or any accessories, please contact Mariana Jones (marikjones@gmail.com) or Ms. Dorsey (theresa.dorsey@dc.gov) to donate.
Upcoming Events, Reminders & Opportunities
Upcoming Events (1 of 4)

**Friday, March 8**

- **No school for students:** Parent Teacher Conferences

**Saturday, March 9**

- **9:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the Cafeteria and Gym // 4th Annual Community Yard Sale:** You're invited to shop, donate, or volunteer for this important PTO fundraiser. See the dedicated [Yard Sale webpage](#) for all the details on how you can get involved.
- **12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in the Gym // Incoming & Prospective Family Playdate:** We would like to welcome all incoming and prospective families from all grade levels 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 to tire out the little ones just in time for nap!

**Sunday, March 10**

- **Daylight Saving Time Begins:** Remember to "spring forward" and set your clocks ahead one hour.
Upcoming Events (2 of 4)

Monday, March 11 through Friday, March 15

- **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!

**Monday, March 11**

- **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM in the Library // Scholastic Book Fair:** Come check out the great selection of books and support literacy at home and at school.

**Tuesday, March 12**

- **8:30 AM - 3:00 PM in the Library // Scholastic Book Fair:** Come check out the great selection of books and support literacy at home and at school.

**Wednesday, March 13**

- **8:30 AM - 6:00 PM in the Library // Scholastic Book Fair:** Come check out the great selection of books and support literacy at home and at school.
Upcoming Events (3 of 4)

Thursday, March 14

- **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM in the Library // Scholastic Book Fair:** Come check out the great selection of books and support literacy at home and at school.
- **3:30 PM - 4:30 PM in the ECE Kitchen // School Garden Team Meeting:** The monthly status meeting about Miner's garden program. All interested in Miner's gardens are welcome to attend.
- **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](http://anc6a.org)

Friday, March 15

- **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM in the Library // Scholastic Book Fair:** Come check out the great selection of books and support literacy at home and at school.

Tuesday, March 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](#).
Upcoming Events (4 of 4)

Monday, March 25

- **In-School Dental Screening**: Gordon Dental Associates will provide **FREE** dental screening for Miner students. They are 100% covered by Medicaid/CHIP, and take private dental insurance as well. This is a great opportunity to complete your student’s oral exam for the 2019-20 school year. Click to [download the flyer](#) and contact Ms. Brissett (*Eilanete.Brissett@dc.gov*) or Ms. Woodson (*mwoodson@ebfsc.org*) with any questions.

Tuesday, April 2

- **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, April 4

- **No School for Students**: Professional Development Day for Teachers

Friday, April 5

- **No School for Students**: Professional Development Day for Teachers and Records Day
Reminders & Opportunities

● Community Engagement Committee
  ○ Chair
  ○ CHPSPO Representative

● Fundraising and Grants Committee
  ○ Volunteers and donations needed for the Community Yard Sale. Please see our website, https://www.minerelementary.org/yardsale.html and email minerpto@gmail.com if you are able to help out

● Classroom Volunteers Needed!
  ○ Requirements:
    ■ TB test
    ■ Background Check (application & fingerprinting). To find the fingerprint application, click here
  ○ For more information, visit the DCPS classroom volunteer page here
Thank You!

Any joys, questions, or concerns that you’d like to share?