

Miner PTO General Meeting

June 4, 2019

Thank you all for a great year! The PTO is nothing without the support of our amazing parents, teachers, and staff!

Agenda

6:00 Welcome

6:00 - 6:05 Special Topic: Proposed PTO Equity Committee

6:05 - 6:15 Principal's Report

6:15 - 6:35 Special Topic: Year in Review Survey Results

6:35 - 6:45 LSAT Election Results and Committee Report

6:45 - 6:50 PreK Parent Committee Report

6:50 - 6:55 PTO President & VP Report

6:55 - 7:00 Treasurer & Teacher Representative Reports

7:00 - 7:05 Garden Team Report

7:05 - 7:15 Committee Reports

7:15 - 7:25 SY19-20 PTO Leadership

7:25 - 7:30 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: TBD September 2019
- Reading of the minutes from the May General Meeting

Special Topic

Proposed PTO Equity Committee

Kindred at Miner

- This spring, Kindred has hosted two parent dialogue groups to discuss race and equity in our society and at Miner.
 - Thank you Principal Jackson and Community School Coordinator Ms. Woodson for bringing Kindred to Miner!
- The dialogue groups have been very successful in creating strong relationships between black and white parents
 - Kindred will be back next fall for the next phase of their program and expand the groups to more parents!

Proposed PTO Equity Committee

- However, the parents in the groups felt strongly that a grassroots parent effort should be undertaken in the meantime to strengthen and expand the work Kindred has started
 - The goal is a unified Miner community, not only between black and white parents, but between parents and teachers/staff and the administration
- It was proposed that the PTO would be an appropriate “home” for this effort, in the form of an Equity Committee
 - Although it would start with parents, all parts of the Miner community are wanted and are welcome!
- Per PTO bylaws, membership must formally vote to approve the establishment of a new committee.

Principal's Report

Principal Jackson

Principal's Report

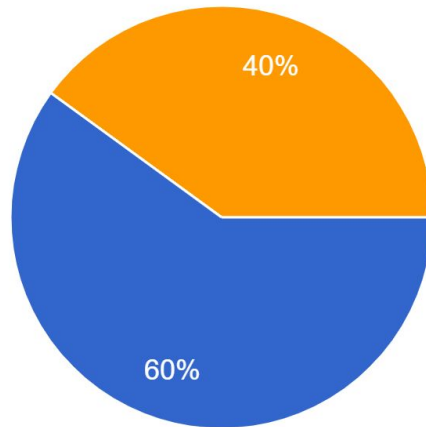
- Enrollment is ahead of last year but below June 1 DCPS goal of 80%. Enrollment is expected to be close to 400 at official count in October.
- Promotions start Friday – events will start exactly on time with reception afterwards
- Field Day is June 11
- PAL Board of Directors elected to exit school-base programming, so PAL aftercare will not be back next year. Miner is looking into replacement programs, with final fallback position of hosting standard DCPS afterschool programming.
- One of 3 goals for the administration next year will be related to family engagement. Admin is looking for parent feedback and ideas as to what that would look like.
- Miner will be a free meal site again this summer – breakfast and lunch for any student under 18 year of age.
- Playdates for July/August are in planning. Admin will host one, likely at the school, and ECE will host one

Special Topic

Year in Review Survey Results

Are you a:

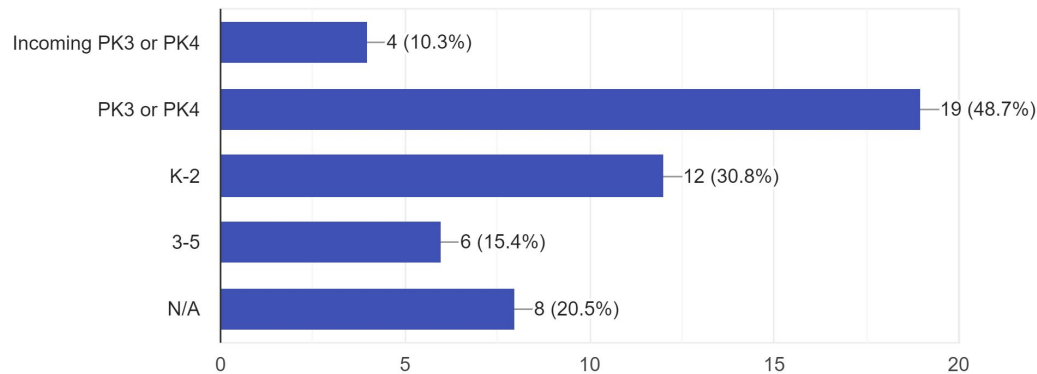
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- Current Parent
- Prospective or Incoming Parent
- Teacher or Staff
- Community Member

Student(s) current grade level (check all that apply)

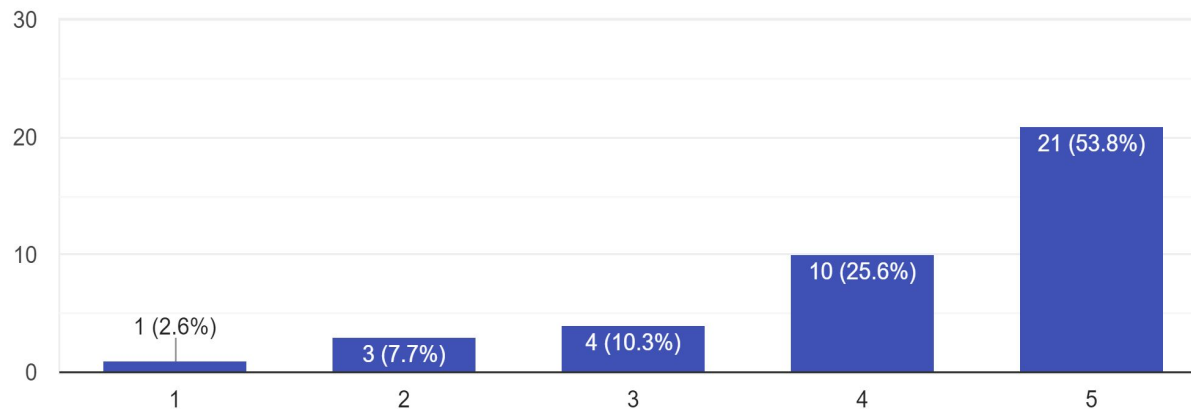
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Please rate how effective, useful, and/or worthwhile the following PTO efforts were this year (1 being very ineffective, 5 being highly effective):

Family Engagement (such as Oktoberfest, Movie Night, Spring Dance)

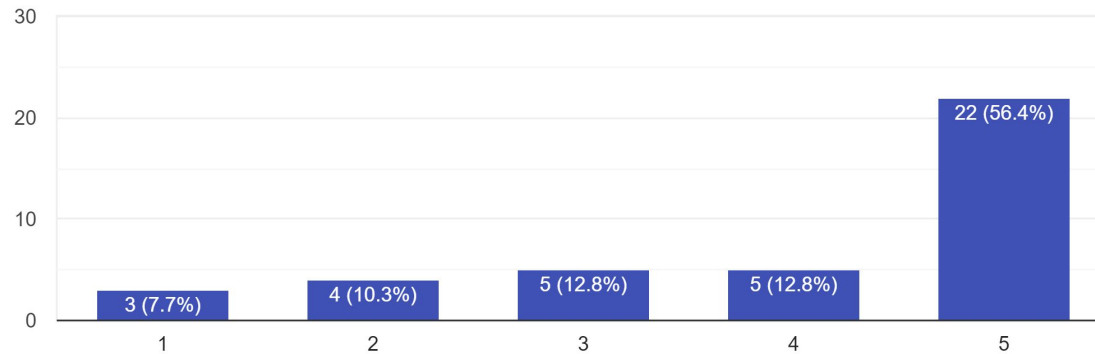
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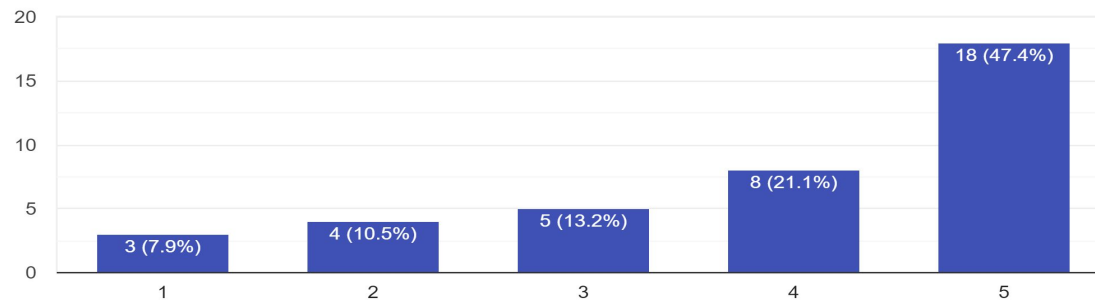
Appreciation & Recognition (such as thank you meals, treats, and gifts to teachers and staff)

39 responses



Family Support (such as Uniform Drive, Thanksgiving Food & Toiletries Drive, Holiday Toys for Tots)

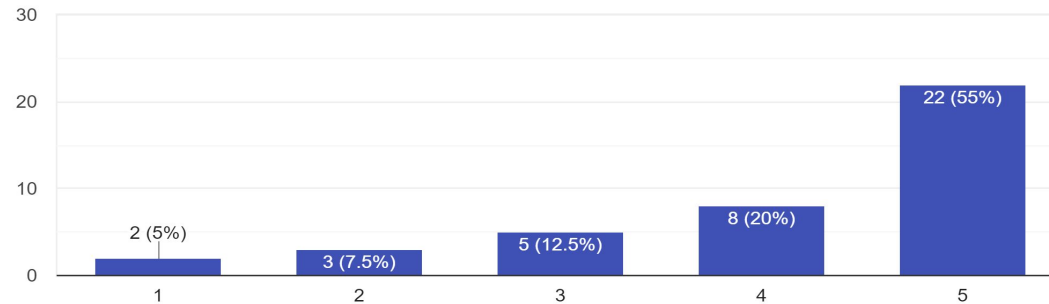
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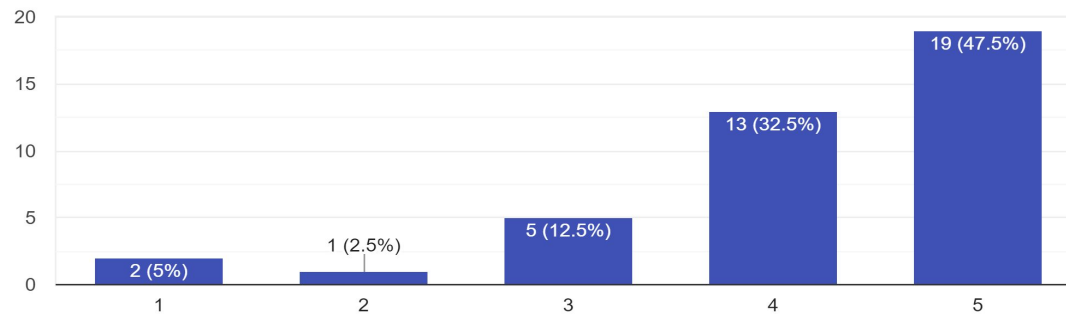
Teacher & School Support (such as classroom/club/field trip grants and funding for technology)

40 responses



Fundraisers (such as Bear Paw Fund, Move!Play!Grow!, Holiday Greenery & Baked Goods Sale, and Community Yard Sale)

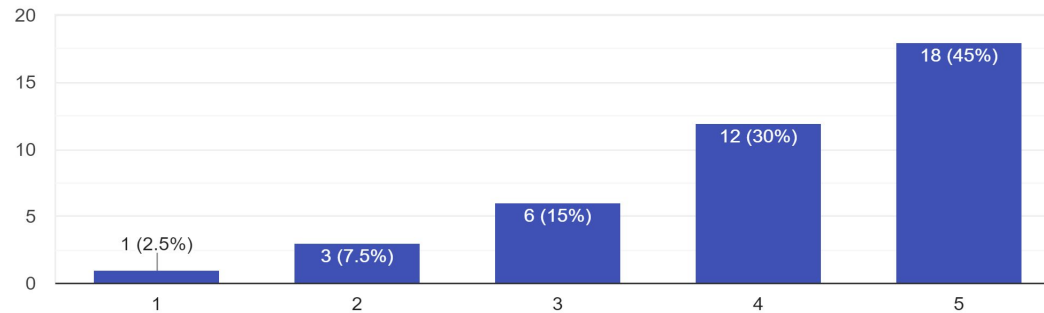
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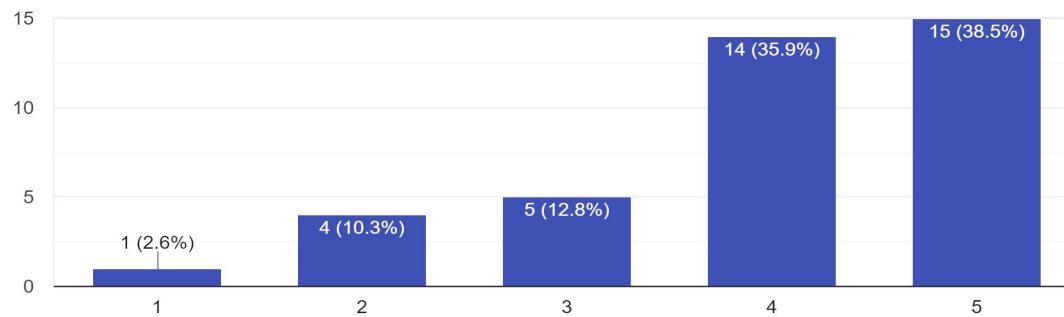
Communications (such as email, twitter, flyers, calendar, website, and Spirit Store)

40 responses



Community Engagement (such as Bike/Walk to School Day, Hilloween, Play Dates, and Advocacy)

39 responses



What did the PTO do this year that you liked?

- Recognition of teachers/staff
- Communication (specifically weekly emails)
- Events (Spring Dance, Yard Sale, Holiday Greenery Sale)
- Kindred
- Play dates
- Classroom technology
- Classroom grants
- Field trip grants

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

- Lacking communication (not know about things like Teacher Appreciation Week or Classroom Grants)
- Please separate ECE and K-5 events so focus at events so ECE kids can enjoy
- Focus less on ECE
- More flyers for events, not just emails
- PTO should be more involved/vocal in the hiring process
- Slow email response time

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

- Focus on grades other than ECE
- Change meeting time
- Provide pre/post event details
- School should offer before-care
- Engage more upper grade families
- Expand diversity
- Add all teachers to PTO email list

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

- Support K-5
- Put pictures of Leadership on the website and/or a bulletin board so people know who they are
- Parent mentor program where upper grade families are paired with ECE families to help with transition to upper grades and help with retention
- Address and listen to teacher concerns
- More parent collaboration at meetings
- More parent engagement
- More involvement in school budget process
- PTO bulletin board
- Increase diversity (race, religion, socio-economic)
- Have teacher reps for K-2 and 3-5, not just ECE
- Use more surveys to collect input
- Leaders should personally invite families to meetings
- Communicate better with ECE

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

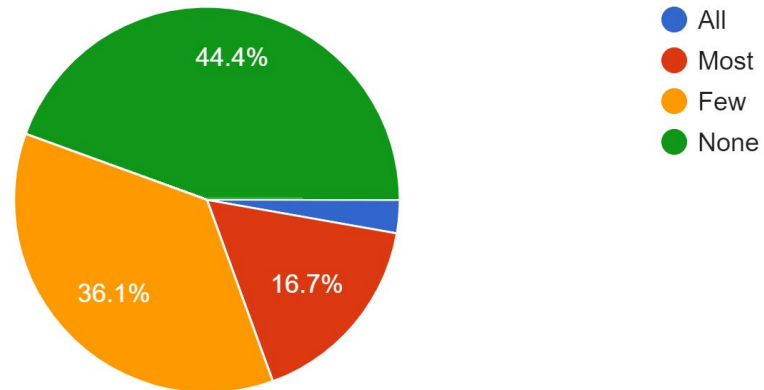
- Virtual meetings/facebook live/zoom
- Schedule meetings for later at night (after dinner) so more parents can come
- Schedule meetings earlier in the day (or have multiple meetings a week) so more teachers can come
- Involve upper grade kids in the meetings
- Invite parents in person
- Send reminder emails
- Free child care is GREAT
- Offer opportunities to give feedback (in person or virtually)
- Have grade level reps who reach out to parents in their grade
- Add all families to the PTO email list
- Invite speakers, have kids perform
- Change the meeting day
- Set up table at events like Back to School Night and the first day of school to introduce people to the PTO
- Year at a glance calendar of events

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

- Send notes after the meeting for people who can't attend
- Find a way to ensure unused/unexpired milk isn't wasted
- Advocate for all kids - some need more help than others
- More diversity!

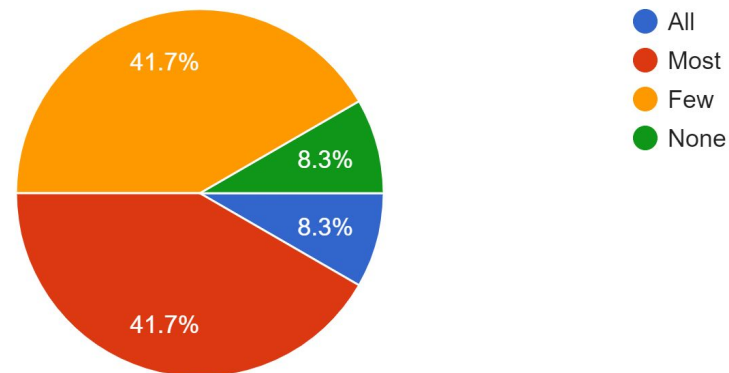
How many PTO meetings did you attend this year?

36 responses



How many PTO events did you attend this year?

36 responses



LSAT Election Results & Committee Report

Congratulations to our SY19-20 LSAT Parent Reps

- Tammy Alexander (*4th grade parent, current LSAT co-chair*)
- Sherilyn Rigby (*PreK-4 parent*)
- Sara Saxton (*K and PreK-3 parent, current LSAT rep*)
- Bernadette Wittschen (*K parent*)

SY19-20 LSAT

SY 2019-2020 Teacher & Staff Representatives:

- Ms. Pitoniak (K)
- Mr. Yoho (K)
- Dr. Ramsey (school psychologist)
- Ms. Smith (4th grade)
- Ms. Luttmer (ECE, WTU Building Rep)
- TBD (Staff representative will be elected in Fall)

Community Representative: TBD (elected by LSAT)

Parent Organization Representative: PTO President

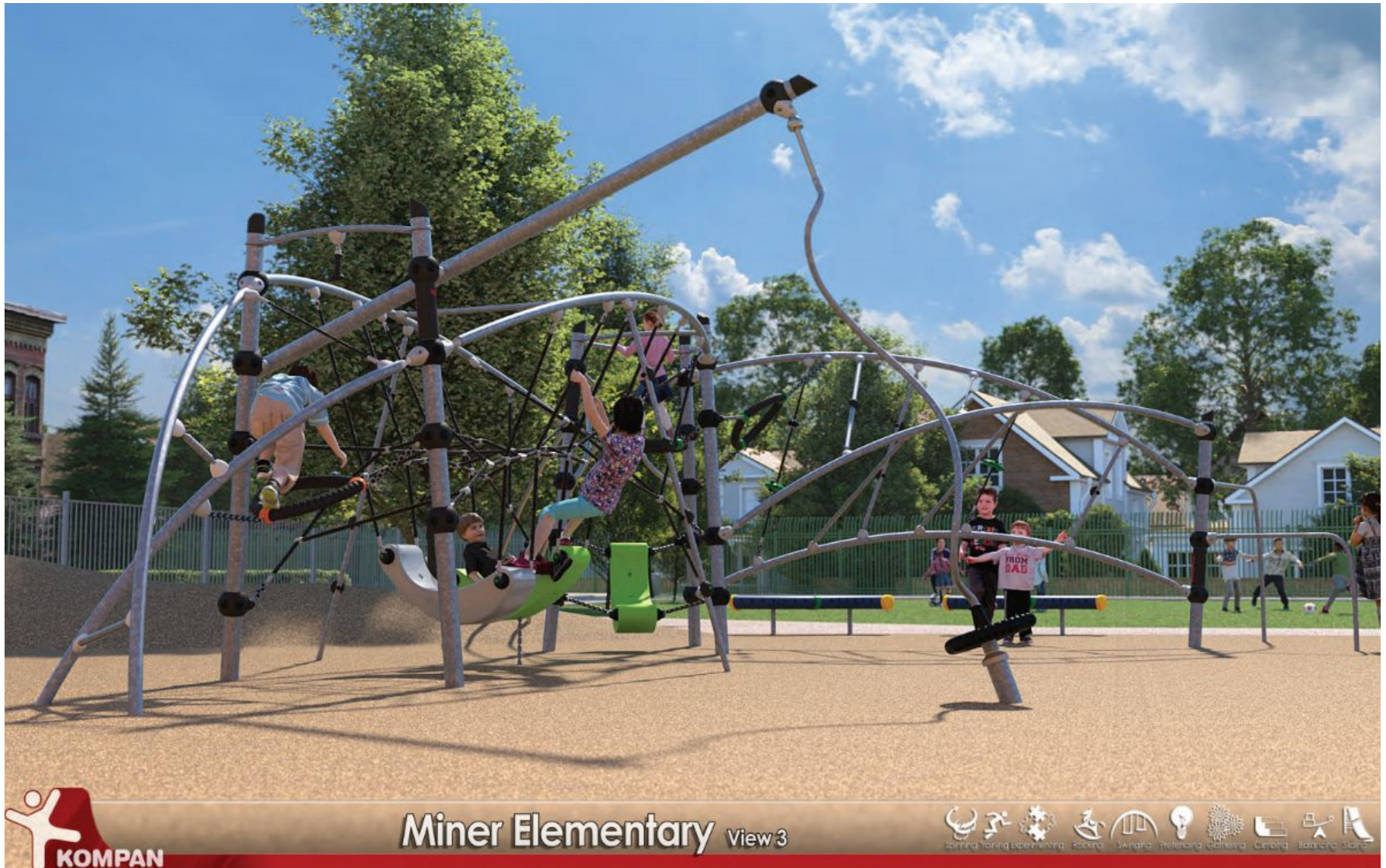
PreK Parent Committee Report

Regular PTO Business

President & VP Reports

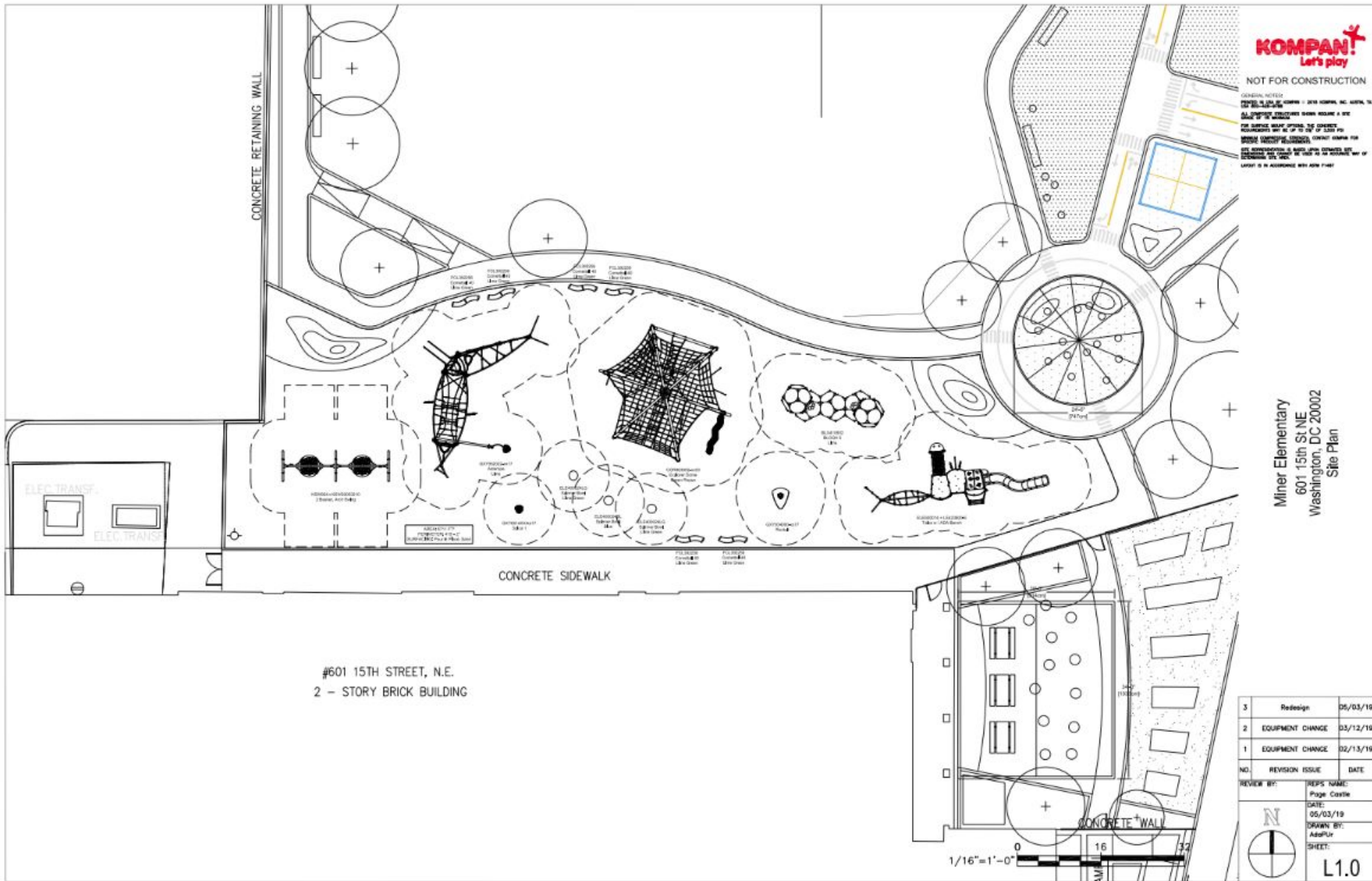
- Enroll today! Forms are available online at <https://enrolldcps.dc.gov/node/71>
- Technology Reminder: David Treat will be contacting staff who received PTO tech to collect at end of the year
- Annual report
- DC Solar partnership
 - They will donate \$300 to the PTO for each installation they do for a Miner family/friend/neighbor
 - Ideas on what to do with the funds?
- Thank you to the Leadership Team and everyone who volunteered this year!
- Master Site Plan update





Miner Elementary View 3





Treasurer Report (This Period)

Cash Summary 5/5/19-6/3/19

Balance as of May 5, 2019:	\$	22,425
Plus: Income (May 5 - June 3, 2019):	\$	36
Less: Expenses (May 5 - June 3, 2019):	\$	(5,776)
Balance as of June 3, 2019:	\$	16,685

Treasurer Report (Fiscal Year)

Cash Summary 7/1/18-6/3/19

Balance as of July 1, 2018:	\$ 22,037
Plus: Income (July 1 - June 3, 2019):	\$ 59,608
Less: Expenses (July 1 - June 3, 2019):	\$ (64,960)
Balance as of May 5, 2019:	\$ 16,685

Treasurer Report (Fiscal Year)

Budget to Actuals

SY 18 - 19				
7/1/18-6/30/19				
As of 6/3/19				
		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>DELTA</u>
<u>SY 18- 19 Income</u>				
DONATIONS	DON		20,489	
FUNDRAISING SALES	SALES		23,263	
OSSE GRANT REIMBURSEMENTS	OSSE		12,957	
OTHER GRANTS	Other Grants		2,900	
Total Income			59,608	
<u>SY 18-19 Expenses</u>				
ADMINISTRATIVE	A&O	(2,300)	(1,538)	(762)
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	CS	(8,200)	(3,626)	(4,574)
SCHOOLWIDE SUPPORT	SWS	(20,250)	(17,310)	(2,940)
FIELD TRIP SUPPORT	FTS	(7,200)	(850)	(6,350)
APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION	A&R	(3,000)	(1,309)	(1,691)
COMMUNICATIONS	COM	(5,000)	(527)	(4,473)
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	CE	(500)	(147)	(353)
FACILITIES & GROUNDS	FAC	(5,500)	(2,826)	(2,674)
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT & EVENTS	FE&E	(4,000)	(4,537)	537
FAMILY SUPPORT	FS	(1,800)	(668)	(1,132)
FUNDRAISING & GRANTS	F&G	(10,650)	(11,124)	474
GARDEN	GAR	(22,450)	(20,498)	(1,952)
Total Expenses		(90,850)	(64,961)	(22,636)

Classroom Grants (Fiscal Year)

Budget to Actuals

Budget Line Item	Grade	Teachers		BUDGET	ACTUAL	DELTA
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	ECE	8	SCHOOL	\$1,600	(\$1,228)	\$372
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	K	3	SCHOOL	\$600	(\$393)	\$207
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	1ST	2	SCHOOL	\$400	\$0	\$400
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	2ND	2	SCHOOL	\$400	\$0	\$400
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	3RD	2	SCHOOL	\$400	(\$319)	\$81
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	4TH	2	SCHOOL	\$400	\$0	\$400
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	5TH	2	SCHOOL	\$400	(\$390)	\$10
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	SPED		SCHOOL	\$1,200	(\$296)	\$904
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	SOCIAL WORKERS		SCHOOL	\$400	(\$400)	\$0
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	COACH	2	SCHOOL	\$400	\$0	\$400
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	SPEECH	1	SCHOOL	\$200	(\$200)	\$0
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	ELL	1	SCHOOL	\$200	\$0	\$200
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	DEAN	1	SCHOOL	\$400	\$0	\$400
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	ART	1	SCHOOL	\$200	(\$200)	\$0
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	MUSIC	1	SCHOOL	\$200	\$0	\$200
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	PE	1	SCHOOL	\$200	\$0	\$200
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	SPANISH	1	SCHOOL	\$200	(\$200)	\$0
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	LIBRARY	1	SCHOOL	\$200	\$0	\$200
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	PSYCHOLO GIST	1	SCHOOL	\$200	\$0	\$200
CLASSROOM SUPPORT TOTAL				\$8,200	(3,626)	4,574

Teacher Representative Reports

Ms. Unger (Grades 3-5)

Mr. Riddick (Grades K-2)

Ms. Cummings (ECE)

Garden Team Report

- We have hired our FoodCorps service member
- We are seeking parent volunteers for the SGT. Please contact minerpto@gmail.com if you're interested.
- Thank you to everyone who helped install the ECE garden!



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

- Thank you to everyone who supported the Teacher Appreciation Week Breakfast by either donating food or your time.
- The Committee's final act for the year will be to thank some of the staff that doesn't get independently recognized throughout the year. They will receive gift cards and thank you notes from the PTO.

Congratulations to Our SY19-20 PTO Executive Board

SY19-20 PTO Executive Board

President - Julie Muir (*PreK-4 parent, incumbent*)

Vice President - Portia Terry (*2nd grade parent*)

Secretary - Keana Bedney-Wallace (*PreK-3 parent*)

Treasurer - Jamie Milhous (*PreK-3 parent*)

Teacher Representative - Ms. Tarren Cummings (*ECE, incumbent*)

Principal - Mr. Bruce Jackson

Our next Leadership Team Meeting (June 11, 4:45pm) is a transition meeting, so all outgoing and incoming LT members are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Events, Reminders & Opportunities

Upcoming Events (1 of 2)

Tuesday, June 4

- **5:30 PM - 7:30 PM in the Cafeteria // 5th Grade Dance:** It's an end-of-year celebration to help send off our 5th graders in style!
- **6:00 PM - 7:30 PM in the Large Group Instruction Room // 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 6

- **8:20 AM - 9:10 AM in TBD location // ECE Father's Day Breakfast:** Join us as we celebrate fathers and father-figures. Space is limited. Please RSVP to Ms. Brissett by June 4 (Eilanete.Brissett@dc.gov).

Friday, June 7

- **9:30 AM - 10:30 AM in the Gym // PreK-4 Promotion Ceremony:** It's a celebration as our PreK-4 students graduate from our ECE program!
- **2:00 PM - 3:00 PM in the Gym // 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony:** It's a celebration as our 5th grade students graduate from Miner on their way to Middle School! Congratulations!

Monday, June 10

- **9:30 AM - 10:30 AM in the Gym // Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony:** It's a celebration as our Kindergarten students are promoted to the 1st Grade!

Upcoming Events (2 of 2)

Tuesday, June 11

- **9:30 AM - 11:00 AM on the ECE Playground // ECE Field Day:** Families are invited to join their students for a fun morning of games and activities.
- **9:30 AM - 11:00 AM on the north field // K-2 Field Day:** Families are invited to join their students for a fun morning of games and activities.
- **1:30 PM - 3:00 PM on the north field // K-2 Field Day:** Families are invited to join their students for a fun morning of games and activities.

Wednesday, June 12

- **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, June 13

- **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, June 14

- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:** Students dismissed at 3:15 PM

Reminders & Opportunities

- Enrollment is open!
- Classroom volunteers
 - Volunteers are needed for any end of year events/field trips & next year
 - TB tests are \$20 and no appointment needed at MedStar PromptCare at Eastern Market (and usually no line)
- Congratulations to our newly elected LSAT Parent Representatives and PTO Executive Board!
- Thank you all for a great year!

Thank You!

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