Miner Elementary School PTO
General Meeting: September 10, 2019 - 6:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

The meeting came to order at 6:07pm.

Opening Remarks:
● Thank you to Christ City Church for providing babysitting and food in room 103.
● The next meeting will be on October 1 at 6:00pm.
● The minutes from the June 2019 meeting are not yet available.
● The members of the 2019-20 Executive Board were introduced. All were present.

Principal’s Report - Mr. Jackson:
● Restorative Justice program is a new way of interacting with discipline; 1st - 5th grade teachers are trained; grant was renewed so now teachers will be trained in responsive approaches; hope is for grant to be renewed for one more year.
● MBI partnership provides additional counseling resource - this will begin mid-September to early October.
● Playground is taking shape (more detail to come later in the meeting).
● Volunteering in classrooms and on field trips requires TB testing, background check, and fingerprinting. Please consider becoming a volunteer.
● Community Day in August was a huge success. Thanks to all attendees and Ms. Monica Woodson and her team for organizing.
● Back to School Night is tomorrow, Sept. 11, at 5:30pm.
● Kindred Partnership - we are honored they’ll be back for years 2 and 3 (more detail to come later in the meeting).
● We have already reached our enrollment projection.
● This year the administration’s goal is to create and mission and vision. The goal is for 75% of families to participate in some way.
● Thank you to all of our amazing staff. We are looking forward to a great year.

LSAT Report:
● LSAT Representatives were introduced.
● Election for Parent Representative was conducted. Winner is LaShawn Oliver.
● Teachers need to elect one more Teacher Representative.
● SY18-19 LSAT Co-Chair Tammy Alexander provided information on/explanation of the LSAT.
● First meeting is Tuesday, September 17 at 5:00pm in the Large Group Instruction Room.

Treasurer Report:
● Bank Balance:
  ○ Balance as of June 30, 2019: $20,590
  ○ Plus: Income (Jul 1 - Sep 6, 2019): $811
  ○ Less: Expenses (Jul 1 - Sep 6, 2019): $(6,543)
  ○ Balance as of September 6, 2019: $14,858
● Budget Highlights (pending vote to approve the budget):
  ○ $7,400 for field trips for all grade levels
  ○ $3,000 for additional classroom technology
  ○ $8,600 for teacher and grade-level “mini” grants
  ○ $4,000 for family engagement events
  ○ $3,000 for staff appreciation events
  ○ $1,000 for additional facility repairs and upgrades
  ○ $1,850 for the equity committee
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- A motion to approve the 2019-20 budget was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Special Topic--Master Site Plan Update:**
- Timeline: October 14 per DCPS; realistically closer to November 1.
- In the coming days you can expect to see the following activities on site:
  - Rough grading
  - Play equipment delivered 9/6, will take 3 weeks to install
  - Concrete work (curbs, walkways, etc.)
  - More updates to come every two weeks (next update will be tomorrow)
- Discussion regarding plans for the garden and fencing issues led to concerns.

**PreK Parent Committee Report:** No report

**President/Vice President Report:**
- Back to School Night is tomorrow (Sept. 11). PTO will have a table set up.
- Welcome Back Breakfast for Teachers and Staff is September 20. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer food or time.
- Join a Committee! All Committees are open for new members to join, but we are specifically looking for a Chair for our Fundraising & Grants Committee.
- Walk to School Day is October 2. Please join us in Lincoln Park at 7:30am as we listen to special guests and then walk to school together.
- Azub Kinder of Kindred presented the play for SY19-20, including parent “affinity groups” as well as dialogue groups.
- A motion to eliminate the Facilities & Ground Committee and the Family Support Committee was seconded and approved unanimously.
- The Bear Paw Fund was officially kicked off. The goal for SY19-20 is $10,000 and 50% of family involvement.

**Teacher Representative Report:**
Welcome back to school!

**Committee Reports:**

**Appreciation & Recognition** - please let us know if you can help with the Welcome Back Breakfast; thank you to all who contributed items to welcome our teachers back during the first weeks of school.

**Communications** - Spirit Store is open!

**Community Engagement** - 4 subcommittees have been proposed for anyone who is interested in joining; a full-time Committee Chair is needed; W6PSPO meetings are held at 6:30pm the 3rd Tuesday of the month (the next one is September 17 location TBD).

**Equity** - technically a school Committee but housed within the PTO; please sign up to participate in the Committee or to join a Kindred dialogue group; this new Committee grew from the racial and equity work started by Kindred last year.

**Family Engagement & Events** - Oktoberfest is October 31; please sign up for “trunk or treat”; first planning meeting is September 25; additional events this year include Santa’s Workshop at the Holiday Greenery Sale, Winter Movie Night, Spring Dance, and a date night with babysitting!

**Fundraising & Grants** - Committee Chair needed! Events this year are Bear Paw Fund (fall fundraiser), Holiday Greenery and Baked Goods Sale (Dec. 6-7), and Community Yard Sale (March 21).
Garden Team Report:
- Partnership with Apogee Farms (future greenhouse on Kramer St) being explored
- OSSE garden grant expires Sept. 30
- FoodCorps program underway
- We will be looking for resources to rebuild our garden
- Looking for parent members of the School Garden Team
- Parent & Teacher Garden Party hosted by Cultivate the City at their H Street Farms - NEW DATE: September 27, 4-6pm

Upcoming Events:
We reviewed the upcoming events for the next few weeks. They are available on the Miner Elementary Website and in the slide presentation.

Reminders & Opportunities:
- Fundraising and Grants Committee Chair needed
- Community Engagement permanent Chair needed
- Food and time donations needed for Welcome Back Breakfast on Sept. 20
- Join a Committee! Email minerpto@gmail.com to sign up.
- If you are interested in being a classroom volunteer or field trip chaperone, there are requirements to have a TB test and a background check. The background check consists of an application & fingerprinting: https://octo.quickbase.com/db/bg37a864v?a=dbpage&pageID=26.
  For more information, visit the DCPS classroom volunteer page: https://dcps.dc.gov/page/volunteer-our-schools

Open Comments/Discussion:
Friends of Kingman Park (FOKP) Block Party is on Saturday, September 14 from 3-7pm on E Street NE between 24th and 25th Streets. Please join us!

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm