

# 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.
- Azeb 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).

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### **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](mailto: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*