Miner PTO General Meeting

September 10, 2019

Welcome to our first PTO General Meeting of the 2019-20 School Year!
Agenda

6:00 - 6:05 Welcome, Reading of the Minutes, & Executive Board Introductions

6:05 - 6:15 Principal's Report

6:15 - 6:25 LSAT Report & Election

6:25 - 6:40 Special Topic: Master Site Plan Update

6:40 - 6:45 PreK Parent Committee Report

6:45 - 6:50 Treasurer Report

6:50 - 7:05 PTO President & VP Report

7:05 - 7:10 Teacher Representative Reports

7:10 - 7:15 Garden Team/FoodCorps Report

7:15 - 7:25 Committee Reports

7:25 - 7:30 Upcoming Events, Reminders, Opportunities, & Announcement of New LSAT Parent Rep

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, October 1, at 6:00pm
- Reading of the minutes from the June General Meeting
SY19-20 PTO Executive Board

President - Julie Muir
Vice President - Portia Terry
Treasurer - Jamie Milhous
Secretary - Keana Bedney
Teacher Rep - Ms. Tarren Cummings
Principal - Mr. Bruce Jackson
Principal’s Report

Principal Jackson
LSAT Report

Next Meeting: September 17 at 5:00PM
SY 2019-2020 LSAT Representatives

Parent Representatives:

- Tammy Alexander (5th Grade)
- Sara Saxton (1st & PreK-4)
- Bernadette Wittschen (1st & PreK-3)
- TBD (Will be elected tonight)

Community Representative: TBD (Elected by LSAT)

Parent Organization Representative: PTO President (Julie Muir, K & PreK-3 Parent)

Staff Representative:

- Ms. Loving (ECE Instructional Aide)

Teacher Representatives:

- Ms. Pitoniak (K Teacher)
- Mr. Yoho (K Teacher)
- Dr. Ramsey (School Psychologist)
- TBD (Elected by teachers)

WTU Building Representative:

- Ms. Luttmer (ECE Teacher)
LSAT Parent Representative Candidates

Naneesha Campbell (K Parent)
Shawnita Campbell (PreK-3 Parent)
Chris Deutsch (PreK-3 Parent)
Kelahni Hargrove (K and PreK-4 Parent)
LaShawn Oliver (1st Grade Parent) - winner
Melody Riggins (4th Grade Parent)
Shantina Williams (K Parent)
Andrea Woods (PreK-3 Parent)
Special Topic

Master Site Plan Update
Next Steps

In the coming days you can expect to see the following activities on site:

1. Rough grading
2. Play equipment delivered 9/6, will take 3 weeks to install
3. Concrete work (curbs, walkways, etc.)
4. More updates to come every two weeks (next update will be tomorrow)
No gate here, existing mosaic stairs are not an acceptable path of travel.
RAISED GARDEN BED

BASEBALL BACKSTOP

OUTDOOR BENCH

CONCRETE SEATWALL
PreK Parent Committee Report
Regular PTO Business
Treasurer Report (This Period)
Cash Summary 6/30/19-9/03/19

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
## Treasurer Report (Fiscal Year)

### Budget to Actuals

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Treasurer Report (Fiscal Year)

2019-2020 Budget Highlights

- $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

2019-2020 Budget Pending Final Approval
President & VP Reports

- Back to School Night is TOMORROW!
- Welcome Back Breakfast for Teachers & Staff is September 20
- We need a Fundraising & Grants Committee Chair! Please contact MinerPTO@gmail.com if you’re interested or know someone who might be!
- Walk to School Day is October 2! Join us and other Capitol Hill Schools at Lincoln Park at 7:30am (coffee is provided)!
- Kindred update
- Vote required: elimination of Facilities & Grounds and Family Support Committees
- Vote required: approval of the budget
- Bear Paw Fund kick-off!
  https://www.minerelementary.org/bear-paw-fund.html
WHAT IS THE BEAR PAW FUND?
The Miner Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is excited to launch the 2019-2020 Bear Paw Fund fundraising campaign. The Fund will enable the PTO to support Miner students and teachers in grades pre-K through 5th grade to Explore! Excite! Expand! throughout the school year!

EXPLORE!
Miner scholars can achieve their full potential exploring the natural world outside of the classroom. Miner's garden program encompasses our Peace Garden and FoodCorps service member who provides regular garden, food, and nutrition programming.

EXCITE!
Celebrating student achievement and hosting school-wide events (Fall Festival, Winter Movie Night, Spring Dance) designed to excite students, families, and staff about our school community.

EXPAND!
Students will expand their knowledge of our community and our region via teacher organized field trips. The PTO will support trips with resources for transportation and admission.

SUGGESTED DONATION LEVELS
- $1-$49 (Small Paw)
- $50-$249 (Medium Paw)
- $250-$499 (Large Paw)
- $500+ (Grand Paw)

Any amount helps - please give what you can!
MINER BEAR PAW FUND

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Step 1
Fill out the donation/pledge form and return it to the main office, or leave it with your teacher or any PTO leader.

Step 2
Choose an option to make your contribution. The PTO accepts cash, checks, credit cards, and online.
- Today or anytime during the Bear Paw campaign
- Pledge today and pay monthly or quarterly over the school year
- Investigate a matching contribution from your employer

The Miner PTO is a 501c3 charitable organization and all gifts are tax deductible - tax receipts will be provided.
I would like to contribute to Miner Elementary PTO’s **BEAR PAW FUND**
Any amount is greatly appreciated!

**MY GIFT AMOUNT:** $______________

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**Suggested Amounts:**
- $1-$49 (Small Paw)
- $50-$249 (Medium Paw)
- $250-$499 (Large Paw)
- $500+ (Grand Paw)

**Child(ren) Name(s):** ____________________________________________________________

**Child(ren) Teacher(s):** _________________________________________________________

**Donor Name:** ____________________________________________ **Donor Contact (email or phone):** ________________________________

**Donor Address/City/State/Zip:** ___________________________________________________

Fill out the above information and return this form to the main office, or leave it with your teacher or any PTO leader.

**CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS**

The PTO accepts cash, checks (made payable to “Miner PTO”), credit cards, and online at [www.minerelementary.org](http://www.minerelementary.org).

- [ ] I would like to contribute my gift in full today via cash, check, or credit card.
- [ ] I would like to pledge my gift in **monthly** or **quarterly** installments by June 2020 (circle one - the PTO will send reminders).
- [ ] I will check with my employer to see if they match charitable giving. (Many employers/workplaces offer fully or partially matched donations made by employees. Share this opportunity with your employer to see if they’re willing to support the Bear Paw Fund too!).
Teacher Representative Report

Ms. Tarren Cummings
Committee Reports

- **Appreciation & Recognition**: Jessica Burniske & Justin Burniske
- **Communications**: Jen Barrie
- **Community Engagement (acting)**: David Treat
- **Equity**: LaShawn Oliver & David Treat
- **Family Engagement & Events**: Ms. Theresa Dorsey & Mariana Jones
- **Fundraising & Grants**: TBD
Community Engagement Committee

- Proposed subcommittees:
  - Government
  - Business
  - Cultural & Non-Profit
  - Eliot-Hine

- Seeking a permanent committee chair. Chair serves mainly to coordinate activities of the sub-committees and interface with PTO leadership

- Next W6PSPO meeting date: September 17
Equity Committee

- Co-Chairs: LaShawn Oliver and David Treat
- Kindred Facilitator: Azeb Kinder
- Outgrowth of racial equity work that Kindred did at Miner last year
- Committee is just getting established and will establish purpose and activities
- Functions as a school-committee, not just PTO
- Sign up sheet is being passed around if you’re interested in being a part - parents AND staff welcome!
- Outside of the committee, Kindred is back this year with another racial dialogue group and 2 “affinity” discussion groups
Garden Team Report

- OSSE Garden grant: 2-year, $35k grant coming to a close this month. Thank you Cultivate the City for being our garden partner these past 2 years! CTC will continue as a community partner.
- Apogee Farms - final planning for greenhouse on Kramer underway. Farm owner has discussed partnership with school staff.
- ECE garden - Thank you DOEE and Anacostia Watershed Society for turning our strip of grass into a beautiful “Discovery” garden for our youngest Bears!
- Peace Garden - DCPS has no current plans to rebuild the garden as part of our playground and field renovations. School and PTO will likely have to find alternate resources to rebuild.
- Seeking parent representatives for the team.
- Parent & Teacher Garden Party at H St Farms (CTC) - September 20th from 4-6 PM
Upcoming Events, Reminders, & Opportunities
Upcoming Events (1 of 2)

**Wednesday, September 11**

- **5:30 PM - 7:00 PM // Back to School Night:** Our first big event of the year! All Miner families are invited back to meet with the leadership team and staff at Miner. Learn what we have planned for the year and what your students will be learning this year.

**Tuesday, September 17**

- **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](#).

**Friday, September 20**

- **8:00 AM - 9:30 AM in Room 101 // Welcome Back Breakfast:** All of Miner's teachers and staff are invited to come by and pick up a "welcome back" breakfast courtesy of the PTO.

- **4:00 PM - 6:00 PM at Cultivate the City’s H Street Farm // Garden Party:** Please join our garden partner Cultivate the City as they host a garden party for Miner families and teachers on their rooftop garden.

**Tuesday, October 1**

- **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the cafeteria // PTO General Meeting:** Join us for the PTO's regular monthly meeting for membership to hear the latest news, developments, and plans from the PTO leadership, Principal Jackson, and special guests. Light refreshments and free babysitting provided.
Upcoming Events (2 of 2)

Wednesday, October 2

- 7:30 AM in Lincoln Park // Walk-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 walk together to Miner to start the day! More information here.

Thursday, October 10

- 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, October 11

- No school for students: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, October 14

- School Closed: Columbus Day Holiday

Friday, October 25

- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at Eastern Market // Helloween: Come out and have some Halloween fun at this Capitol Hill tradition!
Reminders & Opportunities

● Contact Jessica Burniske (jessica.burniske@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out with the Welcome Back Breakfast for Teachers & Staff
● Join a Committee! All PTO Committees are open. Please contact MinerPTO@gmail.com if you are interested in joining a Committee!
● Fundraising & Grants Chair is needed!
● Permanent Community Engagement Chair is needed!
● 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?