

Miner Elementary School PTO

General Meeting: November 12, 2019 - 6:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

The meeting came to order at 6:06pm. The following members of the Executive Board were present: Julie Muir, Portia Terry, Keana Bedney-Wallace, Jamie Milhous, Principal Bruce Jackson.

Opening Remarks:

- Thank you to Christ City Church for providing babysitting and food in room 103.
- The next meeting will be on December 3 at 6:00pm.
- The minutes from the October 2019 meeting were posted to the website approximately 2 weeks ago. A motion to approve the minutes without reading them aloud was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the October 2019 minutes were approved.

Principal's Report - Mr. Jackson:

- Book-o-ween and Oktoberfest were huge successes. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.
- Several students joined the administration in trick-or-treating at Eastern HS on Halloween. It was a great joint feeder school event.
- The first major field trip of the year was November 7 to Sharp's Farm for ECE - 1st grade students
- Both 5th grade homerooms were selected for the Embassy Adoption Program. Ms. Tran's class is paired with Denmark; Ms. Hughes's class is paired with the European Union.
- After school clubs have begun. The Lego Club is by far the most popular (an additional staff member has been added due to the student interest).
- Mission and vision planning will begin in December. Goal is 75% participation by families.
- Completion of the grounds is still TBD, though the playground is open!

Special Topic - Y.O.U.R. (Andrew Montgomery):

- Y.O.U.R. is a STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, art, and math) based aftercare and tutoring group geared toward 2nd - 5th grade students.
- Experienced staff is all STREAM trained.
- Ms. G. Harris of Miner is involved

Special Topic - Eastern High School (Liz Braganza, Regina McClure, Heather Scholl):

- IB program
 - Only school in DC that offers IB all 4 years
 - Builds international mindedness
 - 11th and 12th graders offered IB diploma that gives college credit (similar to AP classes, but 2 years long)
- Eastern Academy of Health Sciences (EAHS)
 - Medical program for students
 - Requires a paid internship at a hospital
 - Community service requirement - students are happy to be involved in the community
 - March 25 - STEAM Fair with the Department of Forensics
- Heather Scholl (PTO)
 - Eastern is thriving! Lots of extracurricular activities and clubs
 - Many partnerships within the community
 - Open house December 12 from 6-7pm
 - Feeder Fest is November 16 from 10am-1pm. There will be student performances, tours of Eastern, popcorn, cotton candy, face painting, a live DJ, and more. Miner will have a booth (Principal Jackson and Ms. Offor will be there). We hope you can attend!

Special Topic - Eliot-Hine Middle School (Principal Marlene Magrino):

- Goal is a comprehensive well-rounded feeder experience
- IB Program begins at Eliot-Hine

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- Fully integrated program, no longer in name only
- 2 big showcase projects this school year
- Lots of growth in terms of enrollment, academics, and social/emotional learning (still work to do but making progress to help students thrive and grow)
 - Rebranded colors and mascot this year
 - Archery team is in championships
 - 25+ girls on cheer squad
 - Extracurriculars and clubs are growing (lot of options for various interests, all routed in IB)
 - Upcoming open houses Nov. 19, Dec. 19 at 10:15am; Jan. 25, Feb. 26 at 10:15am and 6pm
 - Buddy days: all 5th graders, some 4th graders will have an experience
 - 8th graders are often available to volunteer at events at elementary feeders
 - We have started connecting 5th and 6th grade teachers (haven't at Miner yet)

Special Topic - Community School Coordinator (Monica Woodson):

- Community School Coordinator (CSC) is tasked with bringing partnerships to Miner
 - UDC student teacher
 - iRead started with pk parent Hannah Williams
- Upcoming events/workshops
 - Positive Discipline Workshop 11/13
 - TB Testing/Fingerprinting 11/18 and 11/20
 - Job Readiness program 11/18
 - First Aid/CPR/AED training 11/20

LSAT Report:

- Next meeting 11/19 at 5pm
- Topics at next meeting will include BOY data and mission/vision work

PreK Parent Committee Report:

- Co-chairs Hunter Milhous and John Muir
- Met before PTO meeting to finalize meeting schedule, upcoming events, and parent volunteering.
- Next meeting TBD (email will go out)

President/Vice President Report:

- Annual Holiday Greenery and Baked Goods Sale has official kicked off! Visit www.minerelementary.org to pre-order, volunteer, or sign up to bring baked goods!
- Please keep bringing non-perishable Thanksgiving type foods for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. If you would like to donate a turkey, email minerpto@gmail.com.
- The Bear Paw Fund has exceeded our monetary goal, but we still are hoping for 50% family participation. Every little bit helps, so please consider donating. And huge thanks to all who have already done so!

Treasurer Report:

- Balance as of June 30, 2019: \$19,347
- Plus: Income (Jul 1 - Nov 12, 2019): \$8,693
- Less: Expenses (Jul 1 - Nov 12, 2019): \$(19,972)
- Balance as of November 12, 2019: \$7,018
- We've had a lot of funds going out for OSSE expenses and greenery purchases. OSSE expenses will be reimbursed (around \$7,000).

Teacher Representative Report:

- Huge thanks to volunteers on records day. Teachers were grateful to all support.

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- Thank you to everyone who donated monthly snacks.

Garden Team Report:

- Construction update:
 - DCPS will rebuild several garden beds
 - PTO has purchased materials to rebuild others
 - PTO plans to make a crushed rock path (ADA compliant)
 - PTO has also purchased materials to fill the beds
- PTO will buy materials to start seedlings this winter.
- We were awarded a grant from ANC6A toward our Food Corps program.
- We are looking for parents to join the garden team! Email minerpto@gmail.com if interested.

Committee Reports:

Appreciation & Recognition - We had another successful playdate/committee meeting where we brainstormed some ideas for the coming months. Hannah Williams organized the snacks/drinks for teachers again this month. We had a successful volunteer day on November 4. Several teachers had tasks, so we plan to try this again on the next teacher workday. This is School Psychology Awareness Week - we want to thank Dr. Ramsey for all she does for our students! Upcoming Projects: December snacks/drinks for teachers and Holiday treats for staff on December 19.

Community Engagement - W6PSPO will meet at Miner on Nov. 19 at 6:30pm. The topic will be PTO best practices and we will present with some other ward 6 schools. The Ward 1 counterpart to W6PSPO is meeting to discuss the DCPS clearance process. We will keep you updated. Eastern Feeder Fest is Nov. 16 from 10am - 1pm.

Equity - Next meeting is on November 18 (3:45pm and 5:15pm). Bulletin board in the main hallway will be dedicated to the Equity Team. Equity team survey is still available online at <https://forms.gle/pbnwMwqc2h1bJCE28>. A motion to give the Miner Equity Team a \$500 budget for expenses was seconded. The motion passed and the PTO budget will be updated to reflect this vote.

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:

- Please continue to bring donations for the Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- Contact Hannah Williams at williams.hannah@gmail.com if you are able to contribute snacks or time for our monthly Teacher Appreciation Snacks.
- Sign up at minerelementary.org/greenery2019.html if you are interested in volunteering at the Holiday Greenery and Baked Goods Sale or if you are interested in donating baked goods.
- Permanent Community Engagement Chair. Email minerpto@gmail.com if you are interested.
- 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: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.