

Miner PTO General Meeting

December 3, 2019

Our 4th Annual Holiday Greenery and Baked Goods Sale is this weekend: Friday, December 6 (5-8pm) and Saturday, December 7 (9am-2pm). Please join us as volunteers, bakers, or shoppers!

Agenda

6:00 - 6:05 Welcome & Reading of the Minutes

6:05 - 6:25 Principal's Report

6:25 - 6:30 LSAT & PreK Parent Committee Reports

6:30 - 6:35 Garden Team/FoodCorps Report

6:35 - 6:40 Equity Team Report

6:40 - 6:45 PTO President & VP Report

6:45 - 6:50 Treasurer & Teacher Representative Reports

6:50 - 6:55 Committee Reports

6:55 - 7:00 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: Tuesday, January 7, at 6:00pm
- Reading of the minutes from the November General Meeting



Principal's Report

Principal Jackson



LSAT Report

Co-Chairs: Sara Saxton and Mr. Jason Yoho
Next Meeting: December 17 at 5:00PM



PreK Parent Committee Report

Co-Chairs: Hunter Milhous and John Muir



Garden Team/FoodCorps Report



Garden Team/FoodCorps Report

- Thank you DOEE and Anacostia Watershed Society for transforming the green space next to the ECE playground into an amazing “Discovery Garden.” The garden includes native pollinator plants, paw paw trees, outdoor classroom space, storage bins, a sink, and instructional signage. What an amazing resource for our youngest Bears!
- The Garden Team looks forward to redesigning and rebuilding the Peace Garden over the winter so it’s ready for student use in the spring. DCPS and the PTO will be building multiple raised beds and the garden will be fully ADA-compliant.



Equity Team Report

Co-Chairs: LaShawn Oliver and David Treat



Equity Team

- The last meeting on November 18 was very well attended by parents and staff, and we had a great starting discussion about many of the approximately 60 ideas and suggestions for improving equity and inclusion at Miner.
- Our next meeting will be held Monday, December 9 from 5:00-6:30 PM in the Large Group Instruction Room. We will continue the discussion about the ideas and suggestions, and begin prioritizing them.
- Equity and Inclusion bulletin board has started going up in the main hallway.



Regular PTO Business



President & VP Reports

- Our 4th Annual Holiday Greenery and Baked Goods Sale is this weekend (Friday, December 6, 5-8pm and Saturday, December 7, 9am-2pm)! We are teaming up with our friends from Eliot-Hine Middle School and Amidon-Bowen Elementary. Please visit www.minerelementary.org to volunteer to help, to donate baked goods, or if you would like to pre-order your tree or other greenery (pre-orders are accepted through Thursday, December 5).
- My School DC Lottery opens December 16. If you know anyone interested in attending Miner, please encourage them to fill out the application and attend one of our open houses. The first ECE open house is this Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10am in the ECE common space. Children are welcome! <https://www.myschooldc.org/>



Treasurer Report (This Period)

Cash Summary 6/30/19-12/2/19

Balance as of June 30, 2019:	\$	18,097
Plus: Income (Jul 1 - Dec 2, 2019):	\$	13,989
Less: Expenses (Jul 1 - Dec 02, 2019):	\$	(23,510)
Balance as of December 02, 2019:	\$	8,576



Treasurer Report (Fiscal Year)

Budget to Actuals

SY 19 - 20				
7/1/19-6/30/20				
As of 12/2/19				
		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>DELTA</u>
Beginning Balance as of 6/30/19:			18,097	
SY 19- 20 Income by Category				
	Income Code			
DONATIONS	DON		7,745	
FUNDRAISING SALES	SALES		6,244	
OSSE GRANT REIMBURSEMENTS	OSSE		-	
OTHER GRANTS	Other Grants		-	
Total Income			13,989	
SY 19-20 Expenses by Category				
	Expense Code			
ADMINISTRATIVE	A&O	2,500	656	1,844
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	CS	8,600	200	8,400
SCHOOLWIDE SUPPORT	SWS	15,750	3,183	12,567
FIELD TRIP SUPPORT	FTS	7,400	-	7,400
APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION	A&R	3,000	458	2,542
COMMUNICATIONS	COM	5,500	4,333	1,167
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	CE	400	72	328
EQUITY	EQ	1,850	420	1,430
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT & EVENTS	FE&E	4,000	1,710	2,290
FUNDRAISING & GRANTS	F&G	10,450	3,023	7,427
GARDEN	GAR	30,350	9,455	20,895
Total Expenses		89,800	23,510	66,290
<i>change in Cash Balance</i>			9,521	
Ending Balance as of 12/2/19			8,576	



Teacher Representative Report

Ms. Tarren Cummings



Committee Reports

- Appreciation & Recognition: Jessica Burniske & Justin Burniske
- Communications: Jen Barrie
- Community Engagement (acting): David Treat
- Family Engagement & Events: Ms. Theresa Dorsey & Mariana Jones
- Fundraising & Grants: Abby McGill



Appreciation and Recognition Committee

- Holiday Treats for Teachers and Staff
 - Thursday, December 19
 - Email will go out next week
 - Donations of store-bought or home baked goods (nut free) will be greatly appreciated!
 - Any non-food items for teachers who don't want treats are also appreciated (tea candles, pens, etc)
 - Please email jessica.burniske@gmail.com to sign up to donate or with any questions.



Community Engagement Committee

- Representatives from multiple Ward 6 schools met at Miner on November 19. Best practices for PTO meetings were shared and this has prompted Miner's PTO leadership to reassess the purpose of our monthly General Meetings, in order to make them more interesting and useful to parents and teachers alike.
- One possible idea: have the General Meetings be more like a "community meeting" where we discuss topics relating to the school itself. Possible benefits:
 - PTO would "host," but content would come from multiple sources outside of the PTO
 - Administration could share what's going on in the school: current programs, initiatives, progress, data, and so on
 - Provide opportunity for additional outside speakers to learn about what's going on in the greater community
 - School committees and teams could report on activities: LSAT, PreK Parent, Wellness, Garden, Equity, etc.
 - Open forum for parents and teachers to have more time to discuss and share, rather than listen to committee reports
 - The PTO would still hold separate monthly Leadership Team meetings to discuss internal PTO matters (although any decisions needing a vote of the membership would be done at the proposed community meeting)



Upcoming Events, Reminders, & Opportunities



Upcoming Events (1 of 2)

Friday, December 6

- **5:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the north parking lot // Holiday Greenery Sale:** The Miner PTO will be selling Christmas trees and other holiday greenery. [Visit the event page for all the details.](#)

Saturday, December 7

- **9:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the north parking lot // Holiday Greenery Sale:** The Miner PTO will be selling Christmas trees and other holiday greenery. [Visit the event page for all the details.](#)
- **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM in the ECE Common Area // ECE Open House:** This is one of several opportunities for prospective parents and families interested in Miner for PreK3 or PreK4 to come hear about our Early Childhood program and what we have to offer. Children are welcome to attend!

Thursday, December 12

- **9:30 AM - 2:30 PM // "Holiday Personality" Photo Day:** Studio K will be at Miner to take "holiday personality" photos. Order forms will be sent home in student backpacks, or can be obtained from the front office. Cash is only accepted form of payment.
- **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>



Upcoming Events (2 of 2)

Monday, December 16 - Friday, December 20

- **Holiday Spirit Week:** Every day will have a different and fun theme during the final week before Winter Break.

Monday, December 16

- **MySchoolDC Lottery opens:** New families wanting to join the Miner family apply [here](#). If you're already enrolled at Miner and wish to continue, there is no need to reapply.

Tuesday, December 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](#).

Thursday, December 19

- **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM in TBD location // Holiday Treats for Staff:** The PTO will sponsor a "dessert bar" with a wide selection of baked goodies to express parents' continued appreciation of what Miner's teachers, staff, and administrators do for our students.

Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 1

- **School Closed:** Winter Break starts (school resumes on Thursday, January 2)



Reminders & Opportunities

- Volunteers are needed for the Holiday Greenery and Baked Goods Sale, as are donations of baked goods. If you are interested in either, please visit our website at <https://www.minerelementary.org/greenery2019.html>.
- Contact Jessica Burniske at jessica.burniske@gmail.com if you are able to donate baked (or store-bought) goods for the Holiday Treats for Teachers and Staff (December 19).
- Contact Hannah Williams at williams.hannah@gmail.com if you are interested in contributing to or helping set up our monthly Teacher Appreciation Snacks.
- 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?