

Miner PTO General Meeting

March 3, 2020

Miner has two school gardens: the “Peace Garden” on the north side of the building and the “Discovery Garden” on the ECE playground. We also have a staff-run Garden Club for our K-5 students. If you’re interested in the school’s garden programming, please consider joining the Green Team!

Agenda

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

6:05 - 6:10 Principal's Report

6:10 - 6:15 Community School Update

6:15 - 6:25 Special Topic: Green Team

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

6:30 - 6:35 Equity Team Report

6:35 - 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, April 7, at 6:00pm
- Reading of the minutes from the February General Meeting



Principal's Report

Principal Jackson



Community School Update

Ms. Monica Woodson



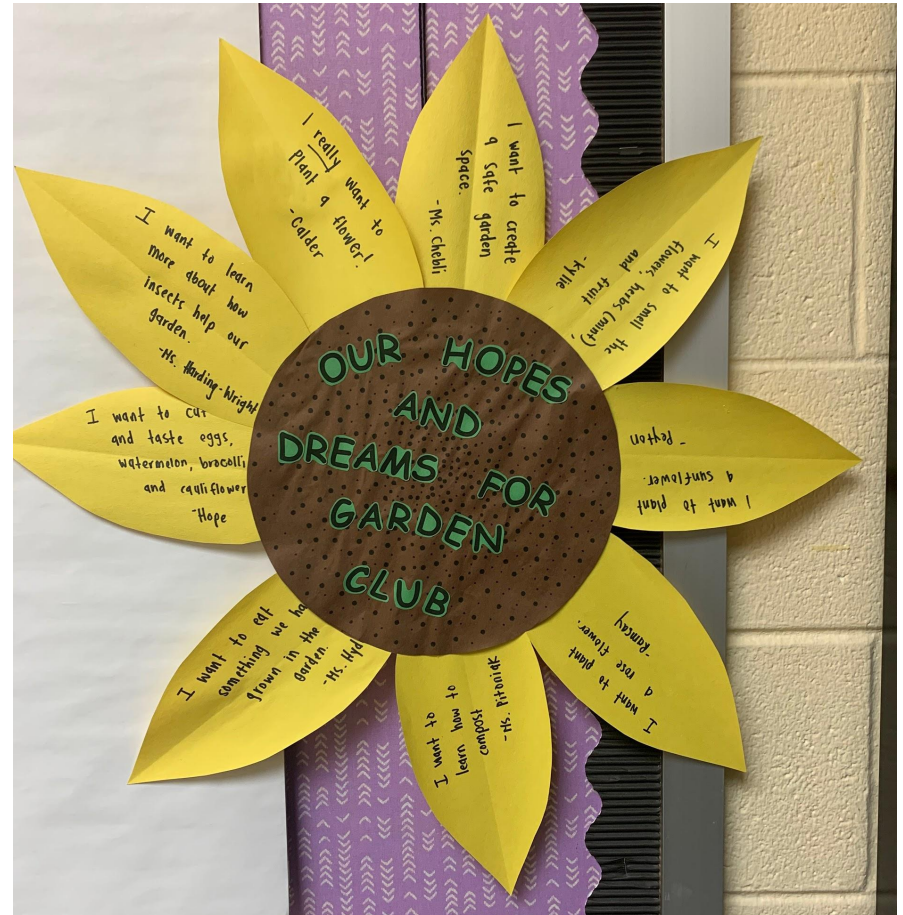
Special Topic: Miner Green Team

Ms. Salsa Chebli, Miner FoodCorps Servicemember



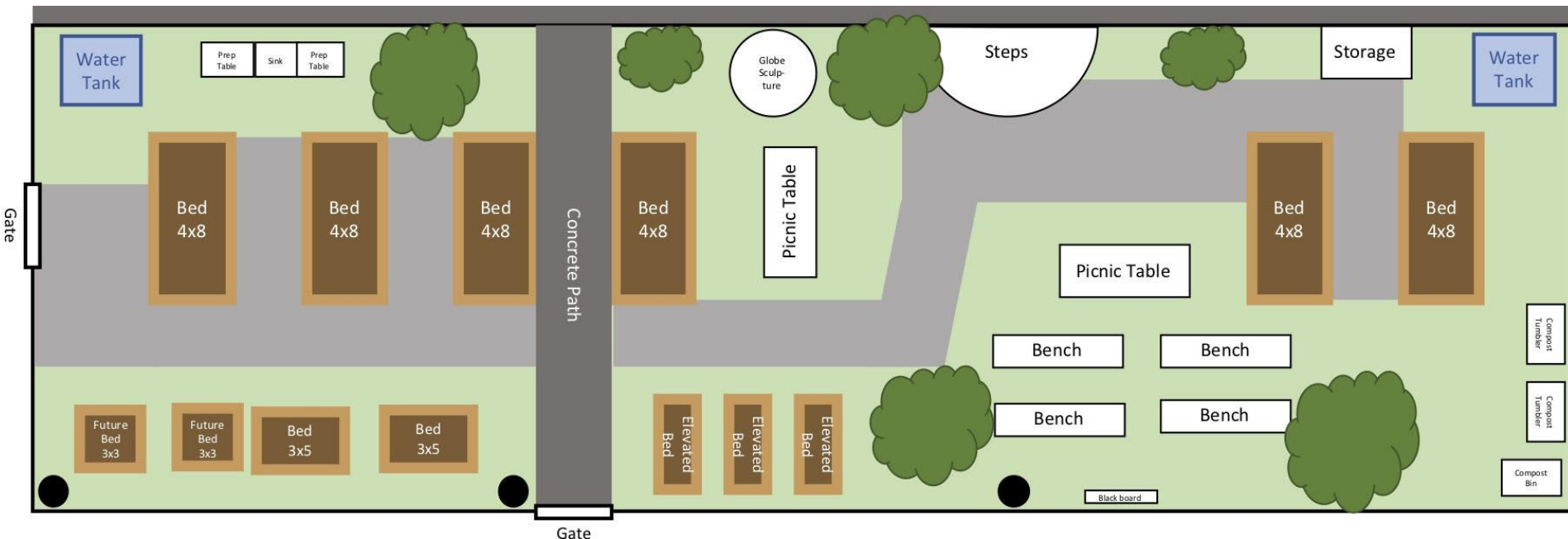
Gardening with our Miner Bears

- In class garden science based lessons (soon to be outdoor hands-on lessons!)
- Garden club
 - Every Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30.
 - All students K-5 are welcome to join.
 - See Ms. Chebli or Ms. Pitoniak for permission slips.



The Peace Garden

- We are so excited to get out in the garden this spring!
- Potential March garden work day before March 20 - standby for details
- Peace Garden “debut” party: Saturday, April 25th (along with the Spring Playdate)
- Our goal is to make the garden an accessible, welcoming space for all grades



Schoolwide Goals

- Continue and expand recycling program
- Support and streamline cafeteria compost program
- Reinstitute the “Share Table” at mealtimes
- Increase environmental literacy through experiences for every grade
 - Audubon Naturalist Society, Washington Youth Garden, Anacostia Watershed, Casey Trees
 - In school and off campus field trips
- All parents and staff are welcome to attend Green Team meetings and to help plan and put on Green Team parties and events.
- For more information about the Green Team, contact Miner’s School Garden Coordinator, Ms. Pitoniak (K) at Sarah.Pitoniak@k12.dc.gov





LSAT Report

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



PreK Parent Committee Report

Co-Chairs: Hunter Milhous and John Muir
Next Meeting: March 5 at 8:45am



Equity Team Report

Co-Chairs: LaShawn Oliver and David Treat
Next Meeting: March 12 at 4:30pm



Equity Team

The Equity Team has been hard at work identifying areas that would benefit from direction action. From an initial list of ideas, team members prioritized them and then signed up to work on those topic of interest to them. Each topic has a self-selected "Direct Action Team" assigned to work it. To see the full list of actions and teams working them, [click here to download the file](#). If you're interested in any of these topics, you're always welcome to join any team. Just contact any of the team members, or email the Equity Team at minerequityteam@gmail.com.



Equity Team

The "Top Ten" list of direct actions, in order of descending priority, are:

- 0-1. Develop ideas for improving communications from school leaders (admin, PTO, LSAT) to parents and families.
- 0-2. Assist the school with outreach and communications to families for the school's mission/vision work, as well as support feedback collection.
- 3-6. Identify any issues hindering good day-to-day customer service in the school. Then recommend solutions to the admin if needed.
- 4-1. Develop ideas for how to get more parents involved as leaders and as general volunteers.
- 3-5. Reach out to Latino families and make them feel welcome.
- 5-2. Recommend equity-related school priorities to LSAT and admin in advance of budget season.
- 1-2. Bring in a group on how to talk to kids about race.
- 5-1. Assist in updating school-wide needs assessment if the school undertakes such an assessment.
- 3-2. Host a "Meet & Greet" event for the Grade 3-5 team (or presentation by them).
- 1-5. Help white families learn/understand how to be charitable and directly help families in need without being a "white savior."



Regular PTO Business



President & VP Reports

- We raised approximately \$250 from our Capital Candy Jar fundraiser.
- Our 5th Annual Community Yard Sale is scheduled for March 21. We are looking for volunteers, shoppers, and donors! Volunteers are needed on March 20 and March 21. Visit our Yard Sale webpage here:
<https://www.minerelementary.org/yardsale.html>
- Save the date for the Spring Dance on April 3!
- Summer Camp concerns - DCPS has designated Miner as a location for both summer school and ESY, thus taking up all the space despite our partnership with Adventure Camp. Please let us know if you would like to help with our advocacy efforts to keep Adventure Camp at Miner. You can sign our petition here:



Miner Elementary

YARD

SALE

March 21

9am-1pm

601 15th Street NE

**Kid and adult clothing, furniture, toys,
housewares, games, strollers, bikes, and
more!**

Cash and credit cards accepted

Fifth Annual Miner Community Yard Sale

www.minerelementary.org/yardsale

The Miner Elementary PTO invites you to our
Fourth Annual Community Yard Sale!

Saturday, March 21
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Miner Elementary School
601 15th Street NE

Clothing for adults, kids, and infants /
baby gear / furniture, housewares &
décor / toys & games

The Miner PTO is a 501(c)3 charitable organization for tax purposes, and can provide a donation receipt for your gently used clothing, books, toys, household goods and other items. All proceeds from the sale will go into the PTO general fund.

How to Volunteer

Interested in volunteering to help out with the sale? Sign up via the link on the school's Yard Sale webpage: www.minerelementary.org/yardsale

How to Donate

Drop off your gently used donations at the school!

Monday – Friday, February 24 through March 20
During school hours: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

- Let the security guard at the entry desk know you're there to drop off donations.
- Drop your items in the area in the main office marked "Yard Sale Donations."

On the day of the yard sale, you can drop off your e-waste and hazardous waste from 9:00 AM until Noon.

Sorry, we CANNOT accept:

- Car seats

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF MINER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

Miner Elementary

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Hawaiian Spring Party

Save the Date

School Gymnasium

Friday, April 3rd, 2020

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm



Treasurer Report (This Period)

Cash Summary 6/30/19-3/3/20

Balance as of June 30, 2019:	\$	18,097
Plus: Income (Jul 1 - Mar 03, 2020):	\$	38,226
Less: Expenses (Jul 1 - Mar 03, 2020):	\$	(34,969)
Balance as of March 03, 2020:	\$	21,354



Treasurer Report (Fiscal Year)

Budget to Actuals

SY 19 - 20				
7/1/19-6/30/20				
As of 3/3/20				
		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>DELTA</u>
Beginning Balance as of 6/30/19:			18,097	
<u>SY 19- 20 Income by Category</u>				
	<u>Income Code</u>			
DONATIONS	DON		13,887	
FUNDRAISING SALES	SALES		16,164	
OSSE GRANT REIMBURSEMENTS	OSSE		7,176	
OTHER GRANTS	Other Grants		1,000	
Total Income			38,226	
<u>SY 19-20 Expenses by Category</u>				
	<u>Expense Code</u>			
ADMINISTRATIVE	A&O	2,500	921	1,579
CLASSROOM SUPPORT	CS	8,600	402	8,198
SCHOOLWIDE SUPPORT	SWS	15,750	4,775	10,975
FIELD TRIP SUPPORT	FTS	7,400	714	6,686
APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION	A&R	3,000	767	2,233
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	1,664	2,336
FUNDRAISING & GRANTS	F&G	10,450	8,946	1,504
GARDEN	GAR	30,350	11,955	18,395
Total Expenses		89,800	34,969	54,831
<i>change in Cash Balance</i>			<i>(3,257)</i>	
Ending Balance as of 3/3/20			21,354	



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



Community Engagement

- CM Charles Allen Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for playground/north campus on March 21.
- In coordination with the Fundraising & Grants Committee, we're seeking volunteers to approach local businesses about donating money to Miner (i.e. sponsorships) as part of our annual Bear Paw Fundraiser.
- We met with DDOT about traffic calming/speed humps on 16th Street yesterday. We will keep you posted!
- The 2020 census is coming soon and it's online for the first time: <https://dccensus2020.dc.gov/>.



Family Engagement and Events

- Spring Dance
 - Friday, April 3
 - Theme: Hawaiian Spring Party
 - Volunteers are needed to assist with planning
 - Contact Mariana Jones if you would like to join the planning team: marikjones@gmail.com



Upcoming Events, Reminders, & Opportunities



Upcoming Events (1 of 3)

Thursday, March 5

- **8:45 AM - 9:30 AM in the Library // PreK Parent Committee Meeting:** The PreK Parent Committee will hold their monthly meeting to discuss upcoming events and the Head Start Policy Council. All ECE parents are welcome to attend.

Thursday, March 12

- **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>

Tuesday, March 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, March 20

- **No School for Students:** Professional Development Day for Teachers



Upcoming Events (2 of 3)

Saturday, March 21

- **9:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the Cafeteria and Gym // 5th Annual Community Yard Sale:** You're invited to shop, donate, or volunteer for this important PTO fundraiser. See the dedicated Yard Sale webpage (coming soon) for all the details on how you can get involved.
- **12:00 PM on the K-5 Playground // Ribbon Cutting with Charles Allen:** Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen will be on hand for an official ribbon-cutting for Miner's new playground, field, and garden.
- **12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in the Gym // Incoming & Prospective Family Playdate:** We would like to welcome all incoming and prospective families from all grade levels to come and meet current parents and staff and hear about all the great things happening at our school! The bounce castle will be up and running to tire out the little ones just in time for nap!

Tuesday, March 24

- **5:00 PM - 6:30 PM in Room 143 // PTO Leadership Team Meeting:** the monthly meeting of the PTO Executive Board and Committee Chairs is open to anyone interested in attending and/or providing feedback to PTO leadership.

Friday, April 3

- **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Gym // Spring Dance:** All Miner families are welcome to celebrate our students and Miner community by coming together for an evening of fun and elegance. We are looking forward to everyone coming out with their dancing shoes and dressed to impress for an evening to remember! RSVP and volunteer on the dedicated Dance webpage (coming soon).



Upcoming Events (3 of 3)

Tuesday, April 7

- **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. More information about the PTO [here](#).

Wednesday, April 8

- **No School for Students:** Records Day for Staff

Thursday, April 9

- **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>

Monday, April 13 - Friday, April 17

- **SPRING BREAK!**



Reminders & Opportunities

- Volunteers are needed for the Community Yard Sale. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our Yard Sale webpage at <https://www.minerelementary.org/yardsale.html> for opportunities volunteer!
- Contact Mariana Jones at marikjones@gmail.com if you would like to join the Spring Dance planning team.
- If you are interested in helping with our summer programming advocacy, please email minerpto@gmail.com
- 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?