Miner PTO and LSAT elections are taking place NOW! Please be sure to cast your vote by visiting minerelementary.org/ballot
Agenda

6:00 - 6:05 Welcome & Introductions

6:05 - 6:15 Principal's Report

6:15 - 6:20 Community School Update

6:20 - 6:25 Kindred Report

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   6:35 Green Team
   6:40 LSAT
   6:45 PreK Parent Committee

6:50 - 6:55 PTO President & VP Report

6:55 - 7:00 Treasurer & Teacher Representative Reports

7:00 - 7:10 PTO Committee Reports

7:10 - 7:15 Upcoming Events, Reminders, Opportunities

Open Comment: Other joys, concerns, or questions?
Welcome!

- Welcome to our first Virtual PTO General Meeting!
- Please remain on mute if you aren’t speaking.
- All questions can be asked in the chat box - we will do our best to answer them all but if we miss yours, please ask again or feel free to email us at minerpto@gmail.com and we will be sure to answer!
- After the meeting, please reach out to us at minerpto@gmail.com to let us know what you did/did not like about the virtual format - we would LOVE your feedback!
- PTO Elections are now open. Cast your vote by 6pm Friday, September 18 at minerelementary.org/ballot!
- Next PTO meeting date: Tuesday, October 6, at 6:00pm
Principal’s Report

Principal Jackson
Principals Report
September PTO Meeting
SY 20-21

15 September 2020
Welcome Back!

The building may be closed, but we are open for learning!
Meeting Norms

1) Please remain on mute while others are talking

2) Raise your hand to participate OR place an = sign in the chat if you cannot raise your hand

3) Use the chat box as needed!

4) Remain respectfully to all participants during the meeting. It is okay to disagree with ideas
Thank you!

1st, thank you to the students for logging in every day and putting forward their best effort!

2nd, thank you to the teachers for ALL of the new learning and ways of teaching they are engaged in this year!

3rd, thank you to the parents and guardians! Without your patience, grace, and support this would not be possible!
Leadership Team Vision

Our vision for Miner Elementary School is to create a connected community that fosters academically prepared and socially conscious citizens who persevere through challenges to become leaders in a 21st century society.
## New Staff

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SY 20-21 Stats
Same Great People, new roles

Kyra Hayes – Instructional Coach - ELA

Leah Hoxie – Urban Teacher Resident

Kyeonshae Richardson – ECE Teacher

Katherine Tran – Special Education Teacher
Student Enrollment

390

390 was EXACTLY the enrollment projection for SY 20-21
Medical and Dental Forms

Forms were due on August 28th, 2020!

Must be turned in by 11/6 or whenever we return to in person learning.

Submit them by emailing documents to: MinerESenroll@k12.dc.gov
Attendance

Student attendance will be taken daily.

- Attendance will be recorded when students log into Canvas each day.

- Absence notes should be submitted via an email whenever a student missed school
  - DCPS will still accept attendance notes for the same reasons as previous years.
  - Email to Chelsea.joseph@k12.dc.gov or bruce.Jackson@k12.dc.gov

- If technology issues arise, parents should contact the teachers immediately via email.

- NOTE: while attendance is only recorded by logging into Canvas, student participation will be a component of the grading policy with DCPS and Miner Elementary School.
Communication

Newsletter (via Remind app):
• Week 1 – Teachers/Grade Level
• Week 2 – Leadership Team
• Week 3 – Special Subjects
• Week 4 – Leadership Team

Communicate With Teachers:
• DCPS Email
• Microsoft Teams
• Remind App

Live Engagement Sessions:
• Monthly Town Hall Meetings with leadership
• Community Events/Celebrations throughout the year

9/15/20
Upcoming Events

Thursday (September 17th) – Back to School Night @ 5:30pm! (link will be sent tomorrow)

Thursday (September 24th) – Admin Town Hall (time TBD)

“Wednesday Recess” – begins next week! This is for K-5th Grade
Questions?

What can we try and answer for you?
Community School Update

Ms. Monica Woodson

https://www.minerelementary.org/community-school.html
Eligible Services

- School-aged child-care services include before-school and after-school services and full-day programming that operates during school holidays, summers, vacations, and weekends;
- Programs designed to facilitate parental involvement in, and engagement with, their children’s education. This includes activities that involve supporting, monitoring, and advocating for their children’s education, promoting parental leadership in the life of the school, and building parenting skills;
- Primary medical/dental care that will be available to students and community residents;
- Programs designed to increase attendance, including reducing early chronic absenteeism
- Youth and adult job-training services and career-counseling services
Upcoming Events

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86187635134

Meeting ID: 861 8763 5134
Contact Information

Monica Woodson
202-520-0788
mwoodson@ebfsc.org
Kindred Report

Ms. Azeb Kinder
Miner/Kindred Partnership Year 2 Recap

Black Affinity Group

- 8 participants
- Co-facilitated by Kindred staff and a Kindred Alum (Azeb Kinder, Nikki Wiggins)

White Anti-racist Group

- 9 participants
- Co-facilitated by Kindred alum (Chris Deutsch, Amy Treat)
- 2 participants were members of the PTO Executive Board
- 4 participants were actively engaged on the MET

The two groups had two joint sessions where they landed on two actions:

- schedule playdates at the Miner playground where members from both groups would attend and invite others into an intentional space where they would continue to develop and deepen relationships
- be involved in Principal Jackson’s missioning/visioning to ensure that all parents voices were heard
School Committee Reports

Equity Team
Mutual Aid Network
Green Team
LSAT
PreK Parent Committee
Equity Team Report

Co-Facilitators: LaShawn Oliver and David Treat
Next Meeting: September 23 at 4:30pm
https://www.minerelementary.org/equity-team.html
Equity Team Background

- In 2018, Miner partnered with Kindred, a non-profit organization that brings diverse groups of parents together to engage in dialogue and work toward racial equity and inclusion at Miner.

- In these groups, parents explored their histories and identities, developed trusting relationships, and decided on a collective action to create a more inclusive, equitable school community that cares for all children as if they were their own.

- This collective action was to form an equity committee, supported by Kindred, to carry forward the work they have begun. This committee, now called the Miner Equity Team, began its work in the fall of 2019.
What is the Equity Team?

A decentralized working group consisting of Miner parents, teachers, staff, and community members...

...Working collaboratively to advance equity and inclusiveness at Miner...

...While incorporating the trust and relationship-building components of a Kindred dialogue group...

...And focusing heavily on taking action to address equity-related challenges within the school community
What is the Purpose of the Equity Team?

To build and strengthen the Miner community by ensuring that everyone is represented, and that everyone has a voice that is heard. This is done by:

- Advising school leaders (administration, PTO, LSAT) about issues relating to equity and inclusiveness
- Taking direct action within our school community toward these same goals

*Simply put: ADVISE and ACT to ensure and advance racial equity for Miner students, families, and community*
Equity Team Priorities

During fall 2019 and winter 2019/2020, the team identified our top priorities and began planning to establish “Direct Action Teams” to work them. These were:

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

This work had just begun when the COVID-19 pandemic struck and work of the team temporarily paused
Direct Action Teams

In summer 2020, the Equity Team had five active Direct Action Teams:

**Communications:** focused on improving communications at Miner. The team completed a draft school-wide Communications Plan and worked with Miner's administration to finalize the document. The plan will be distributed to the Miner community soon.

**Miner Mutual Aid Network:** formed community relationships and collected resources to help members of the greater Miner community that may need extra assistance because of the pandemic. Hosted two very successful “Community Table” events at Miner to distribute those resources, and is planning a third for September 26.

**Solidarity:** Held an incredibly successful March for Black Lives Matter. Currently planning additional events and activities that demonstrate Miner's support for social justice and racial equity.

**Return to Learning:** Identified over a dozen areas for further investigation to try and ensure equity for all students and families in this new, all virtual learning environment. Work is ongoing.

**Mighty Bear Learning Network:** Working on equitable ways to ensure that any Miner student or family who wants to be a part of an in-person "learning hub" (i.e. “pod”) with other students is able to do so, regardless of income or family situation. Work is ongoing.
Join the Equity Team!

Interested in joining the team, or just learning more about it?

Membership is open to anyone in the Miner community who has an interest in increasing equity and inclusiveness in our school and our community. Team members are the heart of Miner's equity work, and are responsible for taking the lead to identify needs, develop ideas, and put plans into action.

To join:
- Email minerequityteam@gmail.com
- Come to any meeting
- Reach out to our two co-facilitators: LaShawn Oliver (lashawnoliver81@yahoo.com) and David Treat (dtreat2mars@gmail.com)

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 23 from 4:30-6:00 PM on Zoom (link TBD)

Tired of meetings? Our most important work occurs between meetings, so attendance at the meetings themselves is not mandatory: come to as many or as few as you like

For more information, visit the Equity Team page on Miner’s website: https://www.minerelementary.org/equity-team.html
Miner Mutual Aid Network

Part of the Miner Equity Team
Chris Deutsch, LaShawn Oliver, Azeb Kinder

https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html
Miner Mutual Aid Network

Created as an equity committee action team in May to support the Miner Community during and after the pandemic

Mutual Aid is solidarity. Whether you need help or have help to give the Mutual Aid Network exists to provide support.

Partnered with the Ward 6 Mutual Aid Network to provide PPE, food, household items and other supports to the Miner community

Established monthly Community Table events for the Miner community to access food, PPE, household items, children's books and toys, and distance learning support (next event is September 26 from 3-5pm at Miner).
MINER MUTUAL AID NETWORK

AUGUST COMMUNITY TABLE

Community Table

Saturday, September 26
3pm - 5pm

Miner Elementary School
601 15th St NE

Come by Miner if you are in need of:

- food boxes
- masks
- cleaning supplies
- household items
- children's books
- toys
- school supplies
- tech support
- distance learning support

Drive-through and walk-up available
Social distancing guidelines will be observed

Hosted by the Miner Mutual Aid Network in solidarity with Ward 6 Mutual Aid
Green Team Report

Ms. Sydney Lawson,
FoodCorps Service Member
Hello! My name is Sydney Lawson. I am a Maryland native born and raised in Prince George’s with family roots in D.C. I graduated from Bowie State University with a B.S. in history and plan to pursue African Diaspora and Food Studies for my graduate degrees. I love nature, food, writing, and watercolor. This year, as the resident FoodCorps service member, I look forward to supporting the incredible work being done at Miner Elementary to encourage health, wellness, and knowledge in the community.

Contact Ms. Lawson at sydney.lawson@foodcorps.org to become involved or learn more about the garden!
LSAT Report

Chair: TBD
Next Meeting: September 22 at 5:00pm
https://www.minerelementary.org/lsat.html
Local School Advisory Team

The LSAT consists of the following members:

- 4 teacher representatives
- 1 staff representative
- 1 Washington Teacher’s Union representative
- 4 parent representatives
- 1 parent organization representative
- 1 community representative

Parents/guardians elect the parent representatives (vote now at minerelementary.org/ballot)

School conducts elections for teacher and staff representatives

LSAT members elect the community representative

For more information on the Miner LSAT, visit https://www.minerelementary.org/lsat.html
PreK Parent Committee Report

Chair: John Muir
Next Meeting: TBD

https://www.minerelementary.org/prek-parent-committee.html
Regular PTO Business
President & VP Reports

- Elections are happening NOW! Please be sure to cast your ballot online at minerelementary.org/ballot
- PTO is looking for Committee Chairs and Members
  - Appreciation and Recognition
  - Communications
  - Community Engagement
  - Family Engagement & Events
  - Fundraising & Grants (Chair: Abby McGill)
- For more info on the PTO or any of its Committees, visit: https://www.minerelementary.org/parent-teacher-organization.html
- Bear Paw Fund kicks off tonight! https://www.minerelementary.org/bear-paw-fund.html
- Possible Community Day September 26 to coincide with Mutual Aid Network Community Table event
- Playground evening and weekend hours - is there a way to open the grounds for time after virtual learning/on weekends?
PTO and LSAT Candidates
Vote now at minerelementary.org/ballot

PTO Executive Board Candidates:
Note: parents/guardians AND teachers/staff may vote for up to 1 candidate per position

President -
● Julie Muir, 1st and PK4 Parent

Vice President -
● Brandon Scott, K Parent
● Portia Terry, 4th and PK3 Parent

Treasurer - no candidate

Secretary -
● Amy Treat, 3rd and K Parent

Teacher Rep -
● Ms. Emma Halley, Special Education Teacher 3rd-5th Grade, SLS

LSAT Parent Representative Candidates:
Note: only parents/guardians may vote (choose up to 4)

● Marissa Gunn, K Parent
● Latoya McCarthy-Scott, K Parent
● David Treat, 3rd and K Parent
● Bernadette Wittschen, 2nd and PK4 Parent

Candidate statements can be found on the ballot.

Remember: only one ballot can be cast per family!
WHAT IS THE BEAR PAW FUND?
The Miner Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is excited to launch the 2020-21 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 (virtually until we can return safely) designed to excite students, families, and staff about our school community.

EXPAND!
Students will expand their knowledge of our community and our region via virtual or in-class field trips when we return to school. The PTO will support all permissible trips (including virtual and in-school trips) with these funds.

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!
HOW TO DONATE

**Step 1**
Fill out the electronic donation/pledge form or email the paper form to minerpto@gmail.com. Then we will follow up with you!

**Step 2**
Choose an option to make your contribution. We prefer online payments during virtual learning--let us know if this is a problem and we can work something out!
- In one contribution at any time during the school year
- Monthly or quarterly over the school year
- Investigate a matching contribution from your employer (see the donation/pledge form for details)
- Visit [https://www.minerelementary.org/bear-paw-fund.html](https://www.minerelementary.org/bear-paw-fund.html)

The Miner PTO is a 501c3 charitable organization and all gifts are tax deductible - tax receipts will be provided
Treasurer Report
# Treasurer Report (This Period)

*Cash Summary 8/1/20 - 9/10/20*

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Teacher Representative Report
Committee Reports

- **Appreciation & Recognition:**
- **Communications:**
- **Community Engagement:**
- **Family Engagement & Events:**
- **Fundraising & Grants:** Abby McGill
Miner Spirit Store

Two ways to purchase:

- Purchase car magnets, yard signs, and t-shirts (sizes 3T - adult XXL) by emailing minerpto@gmail.com
- Visit our online spirit store at https://www.cafepress.com/minerelementaryschoolspiritstore
Additional Report: The Fishing School

For more information on The Fishing School and their programming, or to enroll, please contact Senior Site Manager Ashley Johnson at ajohnson@fishingschool.org or visit their website at www.fishingschool.org/enrollment
Upcoming Events, Reminders, & Opportunities
Upcoming Events (1 of 3)

Thursday, September 17

- **5:30 PM - 7:00 PM on Teams // 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.

Friday, September 18

- **6:00 PM // PTO and LSAT Ballots due**: Submit your ballots for candidates for the PTO Executive Board and for Parent Representatives to Miner's Local School Advisory Team (LSAT).

Tuesday, September 22

- **5:00 PM - 6:30 PM on Zoom // LSAT Meeting**: All are welcome to observe the Local School Advisory Team’s discussions with Principal Jackson. More information about the LSAT [here](#).

Wednesday, September 23

- **4:30 PM - 5:00 PM on Zoom // Miner Equity Team meeting**: All members of the Miner community are welcome to join the Equity Team as we build relationships and develop ideas and actions to improve racial equity and inclusion at Miner. Visit the [Equity Team webpage](#) for all the details. Email minerequityteam@gmail.com for the meeting login information.

Thursday, September 24

- **Time TBD on Zoom // Administration/Family Townhall**: All families are invited to join Principal Jackson and AP Lee in a discussion about current matters of interest.
Upcoming Events (2 of 3)

Saturday, September 26

● **11:00 AM - 5:00 PM at Miner // Miner Community Day:** Join us for a day of togetherness: garden tours, playground fun, a chance to drop off your hazardous and e-waste, and mutual aid support table. Masks will be required and social distancing rules will be in place.

● **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the Peace Garden // Garden Tour & Activities:** Miner’s Green Team will be offering tours of the incredible Peace Garden and have fun activities for the kids, including healthy snacks.

● **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Miner // Campus Cleanup:** Miner’s recently renovated field and landscape need a little TLC to remove weeds, trash, and debris. Bring a pair of gloves to spruce up the grounds while your little ones enjoy the garden or playground. PTO will provide trash bags. Thank you for helping keep Miner clean, green, and beautiful!

● **11:00 AM - 5:00 PM by the loading dock // Hazardous Household & E-Waste Dropoff:** Time to clean out your storage area or garage of paint, chemicals, old electronics and other items not fit to go into a landfill. We’ll have an area set aside to collect these items for transport up to the Fort Totten Transfer Station for proper disposal. Information on accepted/prohibited hazardous waste is here: [dpw.dc.gov/node/466802](http://dpw.dc.gov/node/466802). Information on accepted e-waste is here: [dpw.dc.gov/node/414902](http://dpw.dc.gov/node/414902).

● **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM in the Miner Parking Lot // Miner Mutual Aid Network Community Table:** Join us for the Miner Mutual Aid Network’s Monthly Community Table event for the Miner community to access food, PPE, household items, children's books and toys, and distance learning support.
Upcoming Events (3 of 3)

**Tuesday, September 29**

- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM via Zoom // **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.

**Tuesday, October 6**

- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Zoom // **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.

**Friday, October 9**

- **No instruction for students**: Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Monday, October 12**

- **School Closed**: Indigenous Peoples Day Holiday
Reminders & Opportunities

- Don’t forget to vote in the PTO and LSAT election at minerelementary.org/ballot
- If you would like to volunteer at the Miner Mutual Aid Network’s next Community Table (or support them in another way), visit https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html and email minermutualaid@gmail.com
- If you are interested in becoming more involved in the garden/with the Green Team, contact Ms. Sydney Lawson at sydney.lawson@foodcorps.org
- If you are interested in joining the Equity Team, visit https://www.minerelementary.org/equity-team.html and email minerequityteam@gmail.com
- If you are interested in joining the PreK Parent Committee, visit https://www.minerelementary.org/prek-parent-committee.html and email minerpto@gmail.com
- If you are interested in joining a PTO Committee, visit https://www.minerelementary.org/parent-teacher-organization.html and email minerpto@gmail.com
Thank You!

Any joys, questions, or concerns that you’d like to share?