Miner PTO General Meeting

May 4, 2021

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week to our amazing Miner teachers. We are so grateful for you!
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: Election Q&A

6:25 - 6:40 School Committee Reports
   6:25 Equity Team
   6:30 Green Team
   6:35 LSAT

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

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

6:50 - 6:55 PTO Committee Reports

6:55 - 7:00 Upcoming Events, Reminders, Opportunities

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

● Welcome to our May 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!
● Next PTO meeting date: Tuesday, June 1, at 6:00pm (our final PTO meeting of the school year)
Principal’s Report

Principal Jackson
Community School Update

Ms. Monica Woodson
mwoodson@ebfsc.org

https://www.minerelementary.org/community-school.html
March of Dimes 3K Run/Walk

Miner Elementary School is proud to present a Run & Walk 3K event to support the March of Dimes. All proceeds will go to the March of Dimes Foundation.

**When:** Saturday, May 15th. Doors open at 9:00 AM, Race to begin at 9:30 AM

**Where:** Miner Elementary School Track & Field (601 15th St NE)

**How to Register:** EventBrite

**Volunteer sign up:**
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044AAD A828A31-miner

For more information, see the Miner Team Page, or contact: Ms. Foskin (sheniqua.foskin@k12.dc.gov) or Ms. Woodson (mwoodson@ebfsc.org)
Gardening Club

Is your 3rd - 5th grade Miner Bear interested in gardening? Please join the virtual interest meeting for our School Gardening Club!

**When:** Wednesday, May 5 at 6pm

**Where:** Via Zoom - Meeting ID 865 5642 8735

**Who:** Parents/guardians and interested students!

For more info, please email [Ms. Lawson](mailto:syndey.lawson@foodcorps.gov) or [Ms. Woodson](mailto:mwoodson@ebfsc.org)!
Special Topic: Election Q&A

Election Webpage:
https://www.minerelementary.org/election.html
Election Timeline

- **Wednesday, May 5 at 5pm**: Join PTO Executive Board Members and LSAT Parent Representatives for an election information session

- **Monday, May 17 at 5pm**: Nominations (including self-nominations) for PTO Executive Board and LSAT Parent Representative must be submitted

- **Monday, May 24**: Electronic ballot will open. Please remember, ONE VOTE PER FAMILY

- **Friday, May 28 at 5pm**: Ballot closes

- **Tuesday, June 1 at 6pm**: Winners announced and introduced at PTO General Meeting; new PTO Executive Board term begins immediately following the meeting

- **Tuesday, June 15 at 5pm**: Final LSAT meeting of current board; newly elected members are encouraged to attend

- **Tuesday, June 22 at 5pm**: PTO Leadership Team Meeting with outgoing and incoming Executive Board and Committee Chairs

- **Thursday, July 1**: New LSAT term begins
LSAT Parent Representatives

● 4 parents will be elected
● Meetings are held monthly
● Position description: Work with teachers and staff representatives on implementation of the Comprehensive School Plan (CSP). Review data in order to be informed about school needs and trends. Use assessment results to develop specific strategies for research-based school improvement. Ensure school alignment with strategic and specific goals and objectives of DCPS.
● Term: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022
● [https://www.minerelementary.org/lsat.html](https://www.minerelementary.org/lsat.html)
PTO Executive Board

- Positions:
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Teacher Representative(s)
  - Principal (not elected)

- Teacher Representative must be a teacher; all other elected positions can be held by staff or parents

- Treasurer is a 2 year position

- [https://www.minerelementary.org/parent-teacher-organization.html](https://www.minerelementary.org/parent-teacher-organization.html)
PTO Leadership Team

- Consists of Executive Board plus Committee Chairs
- PTO Committee Chairs are volunteer positions
- PTO Committees:
  - Appreciation and Recognition
  - Communications
  - Community Engagement
  - Family Engagement and Events
  - Fundraising and Grants
School Committee Reports

Equity Team
Green Team
LSAT
Equity Team Report

Co-Facilitators: Dominique Foster, Billy Lynch, & Latoya McCarthy-Scott

Next Meeting: May 11 at 5pm
https://www.minerelementary.org/equity-team.html
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
- Fill out this form: https://forms.gle/BZeYZHByi4GHVrDKA

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 11 at 5pm 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
Green Team Report

Ms. Sydney Lawson
FoodCorps Service Member
sydney.lawson@foodcorps.org
Garden Update

Thanks to everyone who helped build the new garden shed!

The Earth Day Event was a huge success. Thanks so much to all the students who joined us in the garden for a fun day of activities!

We are looking for volunteers to water the garden on weekends. Please email Ms. Lawson or the PTO if you’re interested!
LSAT Report

Co-Chairs: Mr. Jason Yoho & Bernadette Wittschen
Next Meeting: May 18 at 5:00pm
https://www.minerelementary.org/lsat.html
Regular PTO Business
President & VP Reports

- Happy Teacher Appreciation Week to our wonderful teachers!
- Tomorrow is Bike to School Day! Join us at 7:45am in Lincoln Park!
- Thursday, May 6 at 5:30pm is the Principal Selection Committee Meeting. Please join us on Microsoft Teams. We also hope you’ll take a few minutes to complete this short, anonymous “Sense of the Community” survey.
- Nominations (including self-nominations) for PTO Executive Board and LSAT Parent Representative must be received by 5pm on Monday, May 17. Visit our dedicated election webpage for more info. Join us tomorrow at 5pm for a Q&A Session on how to become more involved in all Miner Committees.
- March of Dimes 3K Run/Walk is May 15! Contact Ms. Woodson or Ms. Foskin with any questions.
- So far we have purchased over 400 KN95s and N95s. We will continue to purchase as needed, so we are still collecting funds for PPE. If you are interested in donating, please visit our donate page and indicate that your donation is for PPE supplies. Thank you!
Bike to School Day

- 7:45am Wednesday, May 5
- Join fellow Ward 6 schools and Councilmember Charles Allen in Lincoln Park (near the Mary McLeod Bethune statue)
- Share your vision for social justice (make a poster!)
- Learn about walk-up vaccine locations
- Sing along to “Old Town Ride”
- Ride your bikes/scooters or walk around Lincoln Park to support equality, justice, and safe routes to school!
- Visit the W6PSPO website for more info!
Principal Selection Committee Meeting

**When:** Thursday, May 6 at 5:30pm via Microsoft Teams at bit.ly/minerinfosession. You can also call in at (202) 539-1291 (conference ID: 978076630#)

See the flyer to the right and scan the QR code below for more information!

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**Overview**

Miner Elementary School is seeking family, community, and staff input as we begin the process of selecting a new principal for the 2021-2022 school year. Join us to learn about the selection process and to share your ideas about the qualities needed to be a leader at Miner.

**Date and Time**

Thursday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams at bit.ly/minerinfosession. You can also call in at (202) 539-1291 (conference ID: 978076630#).

**Can’t Attend the Meeting?**

Share your ideas by email at bijan.verlin@k12.dc.gov or by phone at (202) 366-5055.
Sense of the Community Survey

● The Equity Team, LSAT, and PTO created a brief *anonymous* survey for members of the Miner Community to fill out.

● This survey will give you the opportunity to anonymously ensure that your voice is heard as we prepare to bring a new Principal to Miner.

● Click the [link here](#) or scan the QR code to complete the survey as soon as possible (and be sure to share it with anyone who is a stakeholder at Miner)!
Treasurer Report
Treasurer Report (This Period)  
Cash Summary 4/6/21 - 5/3/21

Balance as of April 6, 2021: $39,049

Plus:  Income (Apr 6 - May 3, 2021): $556*


Balance as of May 3, 2021: $38,938*

*Does not include a $195.30 PayPal donation for the Mutual Aid Network or a $441.95 check from The Capital Candy Jar from our March fundraiser.
Teacher Representative Report

Ms. Emma Halley, PTO Teacher Representative
PTO Committee Reports

● **Appreciation & Recognition**
  ○ Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

● **Communications**: *John Muir*
  ○ Spirit Store!

● **Community Engagement**: *Brandon Scott*
  ○ Bike to School Day tomorrow!

● **Family Engagement & Events**: *Latoya McCarthy-Scott*

● **Fundraising & Grants**: *Abby McGill*
  ○ Visit our [donate page](#) to contribute to the PPE fund
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.
Upcoming Events, Reminders, & Opportunities
Upcoming Events (1 of 2)

Monday, May 3 - Friday, May 7

● **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!**

Wednesday, May 5

● **7:45 AM in Lincoln Park // National Bike-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 bike/walk together to Miner to start the day! More information [here](#).

● **5:00 PM - 6:00 PM on Zoom // PTO/LSAT Election Info Session:** PTO and LSAT elections are coming up! To prepare, we are holding an informal information and Q&A session for parents interested in learning more about parent leadership opportunities at Miner. This includes PTO, Local School Advisory Team (LSAT), Equity Team, Green Team, and the school Personnel Committee.

Thursday, May 6

● **5:30 PM on Microsoft Teams // Principal Selection Community Meeting:** The entire Miner Elementary community is invited to participate in the Principal Selection Community Meeting. This will be an opportunity for all of the school community to provide input in the qualities we seek in our next principal for the 2021-2022 school year. [Click to download the flyer](#).
Upcoming Events (2 of 2)

**Tuesday, May 11**

- **5:00 PM - 6:30 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.

**Saturday, May 15**

- **9:00 AM - 12:00 PM on the Miner Track & Field // March of Dimes 3K Run & Walk:** The entire Miner community is invited to join in a Run & Walk 3K event to support the [March of Dimes](#). Useful links: [Event announcement](#), [event flyer](#), and [online registration form (via EventBrite)](#).

**Tuesday, May 18**

- **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](#).

**Tuesday, May 25**

- **5:00 PM - 6:00 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.
Reminders & Opportunities

● If you would like to run for PTO Executive Board or LSAT Parent Representative, please visit the election webpage, complete the nomination form, or email minerpto@gmail.com for more info.

● Please join us for Bike to School Day tomorrow morning!

● Please participate in the Principal Selection Committee Meeting on May 6 at 5:30pm and fill out this anonymous “Sense of the Community” survey.

● Please join us (as a runner, walker, or volunteer) for the March of Dimes 3K on May 15!

● If you would like to donate toward our PPE fund for teachers and staff, please visit https://www.minerelementary.org/donate.html

● If you are interested in becoming more involved in the garden/with the Green Team (including watering the garden on weekends), 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.
Thank You!

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