

Miner PTO General Meeting

September 21, 2021

Welcome to the first PTO General Meeting of the 2021-22 school year! Did you know that you can add all PTO meetings (and any Miner event) to your phone's calendar? Follow the instructions on our [home page](#) to sync your calendar with Miner's so you can always know what's going on!

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 Introduction of City Year

6:25 - 6:45 School Committee Reports

6:25 Equity Team

6:30 Miner Mutual Aid Network

6:35 Green Team

6:40 LSAT

Regular PTO Business

6:45 - 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 PTO General Meeting of the year!
- Please remain on mute if you aren't speaking.
- All questions can be asked in the chat box or by using the “raise hand” button - 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, October 5, at 6:00pm



Introduction of PTO Executive Board

- President - Julie Muir (2nd and K Parent)
- Vice President - Brandon Scott (5th and 1st Parent)
- Treasurer - Abby McGill (K Parent)
- Secretary - Amy Treat (4th and 1st Parent)
- Teacher Representatives-
 - Ms. Shamayne Coles (Math Coach)
 - Ms. Emma Halley (3rd- 5th SPED)
 - Ms. Kyra Hayes (ELA Coach)
- Principal - Ms. Katrell Angry



Principal's Report

Principal Angry



Community School Update

Ms. Monica Woodson

<https://www.minerelementary.org/community-school.html>





Community School Update:

EBFSC is offering a Food Protection Manager Class, on September 21st and 22nd from 4pm – 8pm. You must have access to a laptop or desktop computer in order to take the course and exam. Space is limited! Please contact Joe Wilson at (202) 520-0773 or email jwilson@ebfsc.org.

Community School is partnering with Miner's Green Team and we're hosting, Community Clean Up on September 25th at 10 AM- 11 AM

Through a partnership with United Medical Center, please come out Tuesday, October 12 between 10 AM- 5PM to receive the first dose of the Moderna vaccine. The 2nd round will return Nov 9th. The consent forms will be uploaded to the Miner ES website. I reserved 100 vaccines, there is no need to sign up or register. For any questions, please contact Monica Woodson at mwoodson@ebfsc.org

October 12th- Community School Advisory Board Meeting (virtual)
Topics: Parent Engagement
Time 6 PM
Link will be on Miner ES website

Teachers and Miner Staff: We're partnering with the American Red Cross for the Adult and Pediatric First/ Aid/ CPR/ AED and Bloodborne Pathogens Course. This course will be in-person on Saturday, October 16th at 9 AM. Only 12 slots available. Please sign up at mwoodson@ebfsc.org



MINER STRONG

City Year Introduction

Ryan Nguyen, City Year Impact Manager

<https://www.cityyear.org/>





WHAT IS CITY YEAR?

City Year provides students with personalized support and additional developmental relationships while also providing schools with increased capacity to implement research-based reforms.

At City Year, we know that every child can succeed, and that when students thrive, we all benefit!

City Year AmeriCorps members are inspiring young adults, ages 18–25, who share a commitment to a cause greater than themselves. While our corps members come from all walks of life, they bring to their service experience similar characteristics: they are deeply empathetic, they are strong at building relationships, and they cultivate a “growth mindset”—the belief that abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work.



80% of students in City Year schools will reach the 10th grade on track to graduation.



City Year AmeriCorps Members serve in 20 schools within Washington, DC.

Our Team

Impact Manager- Ryan S. Nguyen

Team Leader- Grace Stephenson

AmeriCorps Members:

- **ShaNiah Curtis**
- **Ben Stern**
- **Miranda Singer**
- **Eilise O'Connor**
- **Jheirian McNair**
- **Olivia Moyer**

Service

At Miner Elementary School, AmeriCorps Members support ELA & Math in 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, and 5th Grade.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.CITYYEAR.ORG



School Committee Reports

Equity Team
Mutual Aid Network
Green Team
LSAT



Equity Team Report

Co-Facilitators: Latoya McCarthy-Scott and Amy Treat

<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



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: TBD in October (be sure to sign up for the email list so you receive the Zoom link)

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

Chris Deutsch

<https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html>



Miner Mutual Aid Network

Created as an equity committee action team in May 2020 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.





How Can I Help?

Financial and in-kind donations to support Miner Mutual Aid can be made through the Miner PTO via the [Donation page](#).

Mutual Aid goes beyond financial support. We ask every member of our community to challenge themselves to consider other ways they can be of service. This may include:

- Groceries, toiletries, medicine, cleaning supplies or other essentials
- Administrative help: legal support, social services, applying for unemployment benefits
- Transportation for individuals, or to pick up groceries and other supplies
- Childcare
- Tech Support for distance learning
- Checking in via phone calls, video chats, texting



How Can I Receive Help?

Requests for support can be made by filling out [an online Google form](#). The requests are only seen by the members of the Mutual Aid Network Team and will never be shared.

Alternatively, you can also reach out to any Miner teacher, the Community School coordinator, or Social Worker.



Green Team Report

Ms. Ashley Luttmmer, School Garden Coordinator

<https://www.minerelementary.org/green-team.html>



Garden Programs



FoodCorps



Other Initiatives

- Casey Trees
- Audubon Naturalist Society
- Anacostia Watershed Society



Follow the Garden on Instagram!

<https://www.instagram.com/minerelementarygarden/>



minerelementarygarden

Follow

99 posts

247 followers

475 following

Miner Elementary School Garden

The Learning Garden at Miner Elementary School 🌈🌻

POSTS

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Upcoming

- Community Clean Up:
September 25th 10-11 am
- Green Team meeting:
September 30th 4:30 pm on
Zoom
- Please contact Ms. Ashley
Luttmer with questions or to
attend the meeting
ashley.luttmer@k12.dc.gov

General Meeting - September 21, 2021

Miner Elementary School Presents
in partnership with Miner's Green Team

COMMUNITY
CLEANUP DAY

SEPTEMBER 25TH | 10 AM

TRASH PICKUP | PARENT ENGAGEMENT |
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS WILL BE PROVIDED
* SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED
* MASK ARE ENCOURAGED



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO
MONICA WOODSON AT MWOODSON@EBFSC.ORG

LSAT Report

Co-Chairs: Mr. Jason Yoho and David Treat

Next Meeting: October 19 at 5:00pm

<https://www.minerelementary.org/lsat.html>



Local School Advisory Team

- LSAT is present in every DCPS school and is comprised of elected representatives of parents, teachers, staff, and a community member - plus PTO leader and WTU building rep.
- Primary purpose is to advise the Principal on school priorities, goals, budget, and annual school plan. Principal Angry has asked that the LSAT be her “thought partner,” which we are happy to do.
- SY2021-22 Co-Chairs: Mr. Jason Yoho (K educator) and David Treat (4th & 1st parent)
- September 14 meeting highlights: COVID protocols and planning, technology update, Comprehensive School plan update, parent communications, Kindred status
- All meetings are open to the public, and all members of the Miner community are welcome to listen in and ask questions. Exception is during closed budget deliberations in February.
- For more information on the Miner LSAT, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/lSAT.html>



Regular PTO Business



President & VP Reports

- Website update! <https://www.minerelementary.org/>
- PTO is looking for Committee Chairs and Members
- How to Connect
- Walk to School Day!
- Bear Paw Fund kicks off tonight!

<https://www.minerelementary.org/bear-paw-fund.html>



PTO Committees

- Appreciation & Recognition
- Communications (Chair: John Muir)
- Community Engagement (Chair: Brandon Scott)
- Family Engagement & Events
- Fundraising & Grants

Please visit

<https://www.minerelementary.org/parent-teacher-organization.html> to learn about the role of each Committee.

Contact minerpto@gmail.com if you would like to join or even lead one of our PTO Committees!



How to Connect

- All parents, guardians, teachers, and staff are automatically members of the PTO
- To receive PTO email updates, “The Week Ahead” newsletter, and more, we encourage you to subscribe to the PTO email list by filling out this form:
<https://www.minerelementary.org/join-the-pto.html>
- Follow us on [social media](#)
 - School social media:
 - <https://twitter.com/MinerElementary>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/MinerDCPS/>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/minerelementaryschool/>
 - PTO social media:
 - <https://twitter.com/MinerPTO>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/Miner.PTO/>
 - Other Miner social media:
 - Miner Equity Team: <https://twitter.com/EquityMiner>
 - Miner Green Team: <https://www.instagram.com/Minerelementarygarden/>
- How to share messages: email minercomms@gmail.com and specify which platforms you would like your messages shared on (schoolwide messaging, social media only, etc)
- Follow the school calendar on the [Miner homepage](#)! You can even add it to your phone’s calendar.



Walk to School Day



- When: October 6, 7:30am
- Where: Lincoln Park
- What: Annual international event encouraging safe routes to school
- <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>

Each October Miner families and staff join other Capitol Hill schools at Lincoln Park for a fun event hosted by the [Ward 6 Public School Parents Organization \(W6PSPO\)](#).

Traditionally we have guest speakers (past speakers have included Rep. John Lewis, Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, Mayor Bowser, CM Charles Allen, and more). presenters (including Eastern HS band, NPS, DC Water, and more), and after a fun event we walk to school together.



What is the Bear Paw Fund?



The Miner Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is excited to launch our 2021-2022 **Bear Paw Fund** Fall 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 (Fall Festival, Winter Movie Night, Spring Dance) designed to excite students, families, and staff about our school community.

EXPAND! Students will expand their knowledge of our community and our region via teacher organized field trips. The PTO will support trips with resources for transportation and admission.

Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/bear-paw-fund.html> for more information or to donate today!



How does the PTO plan to spend the money raised this year?

In consultation with Miner's administration and Miner's Local School Advisory Team (LSAT), the PTO's priorities for SY2021-22 are to fund:

- \$200 "Mini Grants" for teacher and grade-levels
- Field trips for all grade levels
- FoodCorps and garden programming
- Family engagement events
- Teacher and staff appreciation events
- And much more!

Suggested donation levels

\$1-\$49 (Small Paw)

\$50-\$249 (Medium Paw)

\$250-\$499 (Large Paw)

\$500+ (Grand Paw)

Any amount helps - please contribute what you can!

Miner Parents & Caregivers: Please consider donating a "Month for Miner"

Please consider donating the equivalent of a month's worth of tuition. Think about how much you would still be paying each month for private school, preschool, or daycare. Donate - or pledge to donate - as much as you're comfortable with. Donations by installments that you pay over the course of the year are welcomed! See below how to make a pledge.

How to donate:

Download, fill out, and email the [donation form](#) to minerpto@gmail.com or donate online at <https://www.minerelementary.org/donate-pledge-form.html>



Treasurer Report

Abby McGill



Treasurer Report (This Period)

Cash Summary 6/1/21 - 9/21/21

Balance as of June 1, 2021:	\$	33,065
Plus: Income (Jun 1 - Sept 20, 2021):	\$	5,714
Less: Expenses (Jun 1 - Sept 20, 2021):	\$	(6,392)
Balance as of September 21, 2021:	\$	32,387



Teacher Representative Report

Ms. Coles, Ms. Halley, Ms. Hayes



Back to School Video



Committee Reports

- Appreciation & Recognition:
- Communications: John Muir
- Community Engagement: Brandon Scott
- Family Engagement & Events:
- Fundraising & Grants:



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 3)

Wednesday, September 22

- **4:00 PM - 5:00 PM at Anne Beers ES // DC Scores Jr. Soccer:** Come cheer on our Junior Mighty Miner Bears!

Thursday, September 23

- **4:00 PM - 6:00 PM at JC Nalle Community School // DC Scores Soccer:** Come cheer on our Mighty Miner Bears! Girls' game at 4:00 PM and boys' game at 5:00 PM

Saturday, September 25

- **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM // Community Clean Up:** Miner's [Community School](#) program and Miner's [Green Team](#) have partnered to host a Community Clean-Up day ([see flyer for details](#)). Our target areas will include the playground, parking lot and garden. Parents please come out to meet other parents! Community Service hours will be provided to our 5th graders.

Wednesday, September 29

- **4:00 PM - 5:00 PM TBD // DC Scores Jr. Soccer:** Come cheer on our Junior Mighty Miner Bears!

Thursday, September 30

- **4:00 PM - 5:30 PM at TBD // DC Scores Soccer:** Come cheer on our Mighty Miner Bears!
- **4:30 PM - 5:30 PM on Zoom // Green Team Meeting:** All teachers, staff, parents, and caregivers who are interested in Miner's garden and environmental programs are welcome to attend!



Upcoming Events (2 of 3)

Tuesday, October 5

- **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 Angry, and special guests.

Wednesday, October 6

- **7:30 AM in Lincoln Park // Walk-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 walk together to Miner to start the day!
- **4:00 PM - 5:00 PM TBD // DC Scores Jr. Soccer:** Come cheer on our Junior Mighty Miner Bears!

Thursday, October 7

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

Friday, October 8

- **No school for students:** Teacher Professional Development

Monday, October 11

- **School Closed:** Indigenous Peoples Day Holiday



Upcoming Events (3 of 3)

Wednesday, October 13

- **4:00 PM - 5:00 PM TBD // DC Scores Jr. Soccer:** Come cheer on our Junior Mighty Miner Bears!

Thursday, October 14

- **4:00 PM - 5:30 PM at TBD // DC Scores Soccer:** Come cheer on our Mighty Miner Bears!

Tuesday, October 19

- **5:00 PM - 6:30 PM on Zoom // LSAT Meeting:** All are welcome to observe the first Local School Advisory Team meeting of the 2021-22 school year. [Click here for more information about the Miner LSAT.](#)

Wednesday, October 20

- **4:00 PM - 5:00 PM TBD // DC Scores Jr. Soccer:** Come cheer on our Junior Mighty Miner Bears!

Wednesday, October 27

- **4:00 PM - 5:00 PM TBD // DC Scores Jr. Soccer:** Come cheer on our Junior Mighty Miner Bears!

Thursday, October 28

- **4:00 PM - 5:30 PM at TBD // DC Scores Soccer:** Come cheer on our Mighty Miner Bears!



Reminders & Opportunities

- If you have ideas or suggestions to improve the Miner Website, please 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
- If you are interested in becoming more involved in the garden/with the Green Team, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/green-team.html> and email Ms. Ashley Luttmer at ashley.luttmer@k12.dc.gov
- If you are interested in joining the Equity Team, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/equity-team.html> and email minerequityteam@gmail.com
- If you would like more information on the Miner Mutual Aid Network visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html> and email minermutualaid@gmail.com



Thank You!

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