

**Miner Elementary School PTO**  
PTO General Meeting: September 13, 2022 - 6:00 pm  
**Meeting Minutes**

*The meeting came to order at 6:05pm. The meeting was conducted via Zoom.*

Welcome and Introductions:

- Welcome to the first PTO General Meeting of the school year!
- Future meetings will be hybrid in-person/virtual with free babysitting available
- Next meeting: October 4 at 6pm
- SY22-23 PTO Executive Board:
  - President, Brandon Scott
  - VP, Abby McGill
  - Treasurer, Nicholas Heitger
  - Secretary, Julie Muir
  - Teacher Rep, Ms. Kyra Hayes
  - Principal, Mr. Lawrence Dance

Principal's Report:

- Mr. Lawrence Dance, Principal; [Lawrence.Dance2@k12.dc.gov](mailto:Lawrence.Dance2@k12.dc.gov)
- Welcome to week 3 of school!
- 2 initial goals for the year, with progress monitoring in place:
  - Build staff/community morale
  - Create a safe environment for our students
- AP Combs will be back in the building soon, we look forward to her healthy return
- Community School
  - LEGO Club has received a \$3,000 grant for robotics from our Community School Partnership with Edgewood Brookland via our Community School Coordinator (CSC), Ms. ShaLisa Richardson
  - CSC also provide Kona Truck with ices at both Community Day and Back to School Night
  - She has lots of uniforms on hand for anyone who needs one
- Beginning of year (BOY) testing has begun for ELA (iReady now, DIBBLES coming soon)
- PBIS rolling out this month
  - Positive behavior events
  - Class Dojo points to make “purchases” in school store
- Fish Pond – maintenance with help from parents and PTO
- Security Officer Appreciation Week – next week; be sure to say thank you to our 2 officers
- Newsletter going out from Principal Dance this week
  - Every week to staff
  - Every 2 weeks to parents

Community School Update:

- Ms. ShaLisa Richardson, Community School Coordinator, [sricharson@ebfsc.org](mailto:sricharson@ebfsc.org)
- Still building – totally open to suggestions and questions
- Goal is to serve as a resource to the entire Miner Community
- Uniforms available; accepting donations (greatest area of need in sizes 6-8)
- Working to build diaper and wipes bank
- Will work with ECE to have pullups on hand for their students
- Potential for coat drive in winter (may also do it through Mutual Aid Network)
- Book donations can go to Ms. Stoye or Ms. Sawyer

School Committee Reports:

- Equity Team: contact TBD; [minerequityteam@gmail.com](mailto:minerequityteam@gmail.com)
  - Currently rebuilding with the help of Kindred this year
  - Equity Team history and information can be found on the website at <https://www.minerelementary.org/equity-team.html>

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- Follow us on Twitter at @EquityMiner
- Mutual Aid Network: Chris Deutsch, [minermutualaid@gmail.com](mailto:minermutualaid@gmail.com)
  - Started in May 2020 to support the Community during the pandemic
  - They hold monthly Community Tables
  - “Neighbors helping neighbors”
  - Always looking for volunteers, donations, and people to spread the word
  - Currently looking for volunteers to help walk two students to/from school
  - Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html> for more info
- Green Team: Ms. Emma Creamer, Food Corps Representative ([emma.creamer@foodcorps.org](mailto:emma.creamer@foodcorps.org)) and Ms. Ashley Luttmer, School Garden Coordinator ([Ashley.Luttmer@k12.dc.gov](mailto:Ashley.Luttmer@k12.dc.gov))
  - Thank you to all who joined us for Community Day and cleaned up the garden!
  - Follow the garden on Instagram at @minerelementarygarden
  - Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/green-team.html> for more info or to join the Green Team!
- Local School Advisory Team (LSAT): Mr. Yoho, Co-Chair, [minereslsat@gmail.com](mailto:minereslsat@gmail.com)
  - Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/lsat.html> to learn more about who we are and what we do
  - Special Election for 3 Parent Representatives currently on-going
  - All meetings except February Budget Meeting are open and everyone is encouraged to attend
  - Next meeting: October 18 at 5pm (will share whether virtual or in-person in the coming days)

**Regular PTO Business**

**President and Vice President’s Report:**

- Brandon Scott, President and Abby McGill, Vice President
- Website is up to date! Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/> to have all your questions about Miner answered!
- Miner School and PTO social media is full of valuable information--  
<https://www.minerelementary.org/social-media.html>
  - Twitter: @MinerPTO
  - Instagram: @Miner.PTO
- Bear Paw Fund will kick off soon
  - Major fall fundraising effort
  - Any contribution helps
  - Funds raised help with field trips, classroom grants, garden support, teacher appreciation, and more
  - Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/bear-paw-fund.html> to learn more
  - Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/donate.html> to donate today!
- How to Connect?
  - Sign up for PTO emails on our homepage, <https://www.minerelementary.org/>
  - Follow us on social media, <https://www.minerelementary.org/social-media.html>
  - Volunteer! [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2bZ5P\\_TYTGLj5-1huUIBdc2Ze2zJMVzuT2-MlBqvqU\\_oOUA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2bZ5P_TYTGLj5-1huUIBdc2Ze2zJMVzuT2-MlBqvqU_oOUA/viewform)
  - Email [minerpto@gmail.com](mailto:minerpto@gmail.com) when you can’t find your answers on our website

**Treasurer’s Report:**

- Nicholas Heitger, Treasurer ([minerptotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:minerptotreasurer@gmail.com))
  - Overview of receipts and expenses
  - Majority of income during November (Greenery Sale)
  - Majority of expenses during December (payment for greenery)
  - We need to put a big focus on fundraising this year!

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- Ms. Kyra Hayes, PTO Teacher Representative/Miner ELA Coach, [kyra.hayes@k12.dc.gov](mailto:kyra.hayes@k12.dc.gov)
- LEGO Club
  - Meets on Mondays
  - Great turnout and looking forward to an amazing year
  - K-2 students meet with Mr. Yoho and Ms. Woodard
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> students meet with Ms. Hillenbrand and Ms. Stoyle
- DC Scores
  - First player meeting was today, practice starts tomorrow
  - Junior Scores (grades 1-2) are coached by Ms. Mears and Ms. R. Jackson
  - Elementary Scores (grades 3-5) are coached by Mr. Gee and Ms. Hopkins
  - Zoom info session for parents Thursday at 6:30pm:  
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/4158983547>

PTO Committee Reports:

- Community Engagement Committee: Chair TBD, [minerpto@gmail.com](mailto:minerpto@gmail.com)
  - Ward 6 Public School Parent Organization (W6PSPO) elections are coming up. Must be a Ward 6 resident
  - Upcoming Candidates Forum for Ward 6 State Board of Education (SBOE)
    - Candidates: Brandon Best and Joshua Wiley
    - September 28, 7pm
    - Registration link: <https://www.mobilize.us/ward6demsdc/event/498054/>
    - Send questions to: [debate@hillrag.com](mailto:debate@hillrag.com)
  - Walk to School Day: October 12, 7:45am, Lincoln Park – more info to follow!
- Communications: John Muir, Chair
  - Visit the Miner Spirit Store at <https://www.minerelementary.org/spirit-store.html>
  - All Miner-branded gear is uniform approved!

Upcoming Events:

- September 18 at noon: nomination period for Special Election Closes
- September 19-21: Special Election voting period (electronic)
- Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/upcoming-events.html>

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*Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.*