

Miner Elementary School PTO
PTO General Meeting: October 4, 2022 - 6:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

The meeting came to order at 6:05pm. The meeting was conducted both in-person and via Zoom.

Welcome and Introductions:

- Welcome to the first in-person PTO General Meeting in over 2 years! And welcome to all who are joining virtually as well.
- Thanks to Christ City Church for providing babysitting and dinner for our kids in the library.
- Next meeting: November 1, 2022
- 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
- We are in the 6th week of school
- Current vacancies:
 - 3 aides/paras: 2 ECE and 1 ELS
 - 2 teachers
 - 2nd grade math (Mr. Alexander still filling the role until a replacement is found)
 - 4th grade ELA (Ms. Jenkins has been a long-term sub and may apply for the position full-time)
- Thank you to our amazing custodial team – Sunday was National Custodian Appreciation Day
- Still working with DGS to consistently pick up trash
- Crossing guards: we made the news; now we have had 2 crossing guards consistently
- October is anti-bullying month; social workers will meet with classes to help stop bullying
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 6; virtual or in person
- Attendance: DCPS policy is on our website; send excuse notes with students when they return or email Ms. Joseph
- Updated visitor policy:
 - DCPS is returning to pre-pandemic rules so families can be in the building
 - PreK families may now walk students into the building
- Instruction: BOY testing is done
- Family Engagement
 - Amazing LEGO Night – thank you to Mr. Yoho, Ms. Hillenbrand, Ms. Stoye, and Ms. Woodard
 - Next event: Trunk-or-Treat on October 28
- Immunizations: After October 5, students who are not in compliance will not be able to attend school
- Old Miner Update:
 - SIT will be formed soon (parents/staff/community members)
 - Still in early stages; likely no actual construction this calendar year
- PARCC scores should be shared soon (school just received them)
- Families may bring store brought nut-free food items for birthday celebrations (must get permission from teacher)

Admin Update/Principal Appreciation Month:

- Ms. Tonya Combs, Assistant Principal, tonya.combs@k12.dc.gov
- Thank you Principal Dance!
- Staff, students, PTO, and more will be thanking him all month

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- Follow us on social media as we show our thanks

Community School Update:

- Ms. ShaLisa Richardson, Community School Coordinator, sricharson@ebfsc.org
- Pull-ups and wipes available for ECE and community (email if you need them)
- Thank you for all the uniform donations – so many that we are running out of space (but still need prek sizes for accidents, plus pants in all sizes)
- Coffee Corner for any staff (or parents who are in the building)—stop by room 130 for a pick me up (or a space to cool down)

Kindred Update

- Dana Mitchell will be our contact
- Email will be going out soon to set up empathy interviews so we can see what the partnership will look like
- If you would like to be involved you can sign up via the Equity Team

Instructional Update

- Ms. Kyra Hayes, ELA Instructional Coach, kyra.hayes@k12.dc.gov
- K-5 BOY testing is complete (100% of students tested)
- ELA and Math testing (DIBELS, Reading Inventory, iReady, ANET, RCT, Heggerty – this actually starts in PK4)
- Results show approximately 75% of students are either below or far below grade level
- This is partially a result of learning loss during the pandemic but also shows a lot of work needs to be done at Miner, which will include appropriate interventions
- Students can work at home via the Clever platform
- Parents can request individual student results at parent-teacher conferences
- At-risk funding will become available later this month and can be used to help (specifically we are looking into Saturday School and a STEM based aftercare program, YOUR)
- Staff will share testing windows for students for MOY testing

School Committee Reports:

- Mutual Aid Network: Jon Clark, minermutualaid@gmail.com
 - Cancelled October 1 Community Table due to weather
 - Next Community Table will be October 29
 - Need volunteers as well as donations of fresh food
 - Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html> for more info
- Green Team: Ms. Emma Creamer, Food Corps Representative (emma.creamer@foodcorps.org) and Ms. Ashley Luttmer, School Garden Coordinator (Ashley.Luttmer@k12.dc.gov)
 - Applied for grants to help with a shed and FoodCorps programming
 - 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
 - Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/lsat.html> to learn more about who we are and what we do
 - Congratulations to new Parent Reps Andrea Jones and Katrice Fuller-Whitaker
 - All meetings except February Budget Meeting are open and everyone is encouraged to attend
 - Next meeting: October 18 at 5pm (virtual): we will elect a parent co-chair and a secretary at this meeting

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Regular PTO Business

President and Vice President's Report:

- Brandon Scott, President and Abby McGill, Vice President
- 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
 - 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
 - Email minerpto@gmail.com when you can't find your answers on our website

Treasurer's Report:

- Nicholas Heitger, Treasurer (minerptotreasurer@gmail.com)
 - Congratulations to Nick on his election to treasurer (no longer interim)
 - Overview of receipts and expenses
 - We need to put a big focus on fundraising this year!
 - Currently has approximately \$4,000

PTO Committee Reports:

- Community Engagement Committee: Julie Muir, Chair
 - Walk to School Day: October 12, 7:45am, Lincoln Park – please join us!
- Communications: John Muir, Chair
 - Visit the Miner Spirit Store at <https://www.minerelementary.org/spirit-store.html>
 - All Miner-branded gear is uniform approved!
- Family Engagement and Events: Chair TBD; Trunk-or-Treat: October 28
- Fundraising & Grants: Chair TBD
 - Team meeting tomorrow (October 5) at 8pm via Zoom
 - Reach out to VP Abby McGill if interested

Upcoming Events:

- October 6: Parent-Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL
- October 7: PD Day NO SCHOOL
- October 10: Indigenous Peoples' Day NO SCHOOL
- October 12: Walk to School Day
- October 28: Trunk-or-Treat
- November 7: PD Day NO SCHOOL
- November 8: Election Day NO SCHOOL
- November 11: Veterans Day NO SCHOOL

Next Meeting: November 1 at 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.