

Miner Elementary School PTO
PTO General Meeting: November 1, 2022 - 6:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

The meeting came to order at 6:06pm. The meeting was conducted both in-person and via Zoom.

Welcome and Introductions:

- Welcome to all who are joining us both in person and virtually.
- Thanks to Christ City Church for providing babysitting and dinner for our kids in the library.
- Next meeting: December 6, 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
- Motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting passed.

Principal's Report:

- Mr. Lawrence Dance, Principal; Lawrence.Dance2@k12.dc.gov
- Thank you to all who participated in Trunk-or-Treat. Shout out to the teachers who decorated a trunk.
- Hiring update:
 - Mr. Ben (Ben Stern) has been hired as our 2nd grade math teacher
 - Ms. Clark has been hired as our 4th grade ELA teacher
 - Ms. Amaya should be back in the next couple of weeks; thank you to Dr. Sawyer for allowing students to learn about the Library as a special for the first few months of the school year.
 - Open positions:
 - 2 paraprofessionals
 - Inclusion/resource teacher
- Cluster Support Team (CST) meeting tomorrow; will give a report at the December PTO Meeting.

Community School Update:

- Ms. ShaLisa Richardson, Community School Coordinator, sricharson@ebfsc.org
- No update this month.

Kindred Update

- Dana Mitchell will be our contact
- Interested in participating in Kindred? Sign up here:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEeqi-HR775SJBDC4IhrcoI7LumRRCxcLunu27m6vKw1-7Aw/viewform>

School Committee Reports:

- Mutual Aid Network: Jon Clark, minermutualaid@gmail.com
 - Thanks to all who volunteered at or donated to the October 29 Community Table
 - Next Community Table will be November 19
 - Need volunteers as well as donations of household items and paper products
 - 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)
 - Thanks to all who attended the Fall Garden Party!
 - Follow the garden on Instagram at @minerelementarygarden
 - Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/green-team.html> for more info or to join the Green Team!

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- Local School Advisory Team (LSAT): Julie Muir, Co-Chair, minereslsat@gmail.com
 - Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/lsat.html> to learn more about who we are and what we do
 - Mr. Jason Yoho and Julie Muir elected Co-Chairs
 - Andrea Jones and Brandon Scott elected Co-Secretaries
 - Ms. ShaLisa Richardson (Miner Community School Coordinator) elected Community Representative
 - All meetings except February Budget Meeting are virtual and everyone is encouraged to attend (February Meeting will be in person and will begin with open session before closed discussions)
 - Next meeting: November 15 at 5pm

Regular PTO Business

President and Vice President's Report:

- Brandon Scott, President and Abby McGill, Vice President
- Thank you to all who participated in Trunk-or-Treat, the Community Table, and the Fall Garden Party!
- PTO is looking for Committee Chairs and Members
- 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
- Holiday Greenery and Baked Goods Sale
 - Website: <https://www.minerelementary.org/greenery2022.html>
 - Volunteer sign up:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7oRC4gD5ptDvhoYKUB21SnDwhyPZet81AMHeMoHwnkz5lsw/viewform>
 - We will need lots of volunteers to help with
 - Set up (Dec. 2, 3:3-5pm; Dec. 3, 8-9am)
 - Clean up (Dec. 2, 8-9pm; Dec. 3, 2-3pm)
 - Sales (Dec. 2, 5-8pm; Dec. 3, 9am-2pm)
 - Bake Sale
 - We recommend that people purchase their greenery in advance!
- Election Day Bake Sale – more info to follow but if anyone is interested in volunteering please email minerpto@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report:

- Nicholas Heitger, Treasurer (minerptotreasurer@gmail.com)
- Overview of receipts and expenses
 - We need to put a big focus on fundraising this year!
 - Balance is currently \$6,323.06 but doesn't account for approximately \$1,400 to Cox Farms for ECE Field Trip
- SY22-23 Budget Presented; motion to approve budget passes
- Bear Paw Fund is a very important a necessary fundraising tool to raise money for classroom grants, field trips, events, and more. We really need support from our families to ensure our students have all they deserve!

Teacher Representative's Report:

- Ms. Kyra Hayes, Teacher Representative (kyra.hayes@k12.dc.gov)

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- Teachers hard at work with planning sessions and more in light of BOY data
- Ms. Kirby planning anti-bullying parade on November 9 at 10am. Parents are invited; info will go out on Remind and Class Dojo
- No school days in November:
 - Nov. 7 (PD Day for Staff)
 - Nov. 8 (Election Day)
 - Nov. 11 (Veterans' Day)
 - Nov. 23-25 (Thanksgiving Break)
- Report cards will be mailed Nov. 21; Admin will be able to help access Aspen to see them online

PTO Committee Reports:

- Community Engagement Committee: Julie Muir, Chair
- 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
- Fundraising & Grants: Abby McGill, Chair
 - Excited to have a great Committee
 - Idea to have a Miner t-shirt design contest; winning design will be sold on a t-shirt
 - Reach out to VP Abby McGill if interested in joining the Committee

Upcoming Events:

- November 7: PD Day NO SCHOOL
- November 8: Election Day NO SCHOOL
- November 11: Veterans Day NO SCHOOL
- November 15: LSAT Meeting
- November 16: K-5 Awards Ceremony
- November 23-25: Thanksgiving Break
- December 2-3: Holiday Greenery Sale

Next Meeting: December 6 at 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.