

Miner Elementary School PTO

PTO General Meeting: December 6, 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 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: January 10, 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 November meeting passed.

Principal's Report:

- Ms. Tonya Combs, AP, tonya.combs@k12.dc.gov
- All teacher positions have been filled; still have some paraprofessional openings
- K-5 Award Ceremonies December 8
- PARCC testing begins in approximately 90 days
 - ELA and Math: 3rd, 4th, 5th grades
 - Science: 5th grade only
 - Ms. Hayes will send a calendar when dates are set
- Spirit Week: Dec. 19-22; [click here for flyer](#)

Community School Update:

- Ms. ShaLisa Richardson, Community School Coordinator, sricharson@ebfsc.org
- Accepting donations of:
 - New coats (or VERY gently used, but new is preferred)
 - New or gently used uniforms (particularly pants for our ECE children)
 - *Please use non-fragrant detergent when washing any clothes for donations*
- Holiday Health and Hygiene Initiative
 - Working with 5th graders (may include 4th graders later on)
 - Nurse Grey will give a presentation to students and EBFSC will provide hygiene kits

Kindred Update

- 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
 - Next Community Table will be December 17
 - Need volunteers as well as donations of 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)
 - Next meeting: tomorrow (Dec. 7) at 3:45pm in room 121 or [on Zoom](#)
 - 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. Jason Yoho, Co-Chair, minereslsat@gmail.com

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- Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/lSAT.html> to learn more about who we are and what we do
- 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: December 20 at 5pm; we will be gearing up for budget season

Regular PTO Business

President and Vice President's Report:

- Abby McGill, Vice President
- Thank you to all who participated in the 7th Annual Holiday Greenery Sale – we made over \$5,000! Detailed numbers coming soon!
- CPS School Lottery opens December 12
 - Virtual EdFEST is this weekend - sign up at <https://edfest.expopatform.com/>
- Miner Open House Schedule Coming Soon (1st ECE Open House will be Dec. 20 at 11am)
- Apply to the lottery at <https://www.myschooldc.org/>
- 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

Treasurer's Report:

- Nicholas Heitger, Treasurer (minerptotreasurer@gmail.com)
- Overview of receipts and expenses
 - Huge influx of receipts in November thanks to greenery sale
 - Now that we are more comfortable (around \$11,000 in the bank) we can start accepting Classroom Grant Requests
 - Send all money-related requests to minerptotreasurer@gmail.com

Teacher Representative's Report:

- Ms. Kyra Hayes, Teacher Representative (kyra.hayes@k12.dc.gov)
- Next week: 2nd graders going on a field trip to US Botanic Garden (ties in with their unit on plants)
- Upcoming testing:
 - Testing that will be BEFORE winter break: 3rd-5th grade ANET (ELA)
 - Testing that will be AFTER winter break:
 - 3rd-5th ANET (math)
 - K-5 MOY
- This week is Computer Science and Coding Week; students have been learning coding and earning certificates during their STEM classes with Ms. Hillenbrand
- Thursday: K-5 Awards Ceremony (9:30am K-2; 1:30pm 3rd-5th)
- December 19-22: Winter Spirit Week (thanks to Ms. Hopkins and the Sunshine Committee for coming up with [this schedule](#))

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>

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- All Miner-branded gear is uniform approved!
- Family Engagement and Events: Chair TBD
- Fundraising & Grants: Abby McGill, Chair
 - Need help with outreach to local businesses (H Street)
 - Teachers can apply for \$200 classroom grants now that we have a comfortable bank account; please email links or receipts to minerptotreasurer@gmail.com
 - Thanks and congrats to Ms. Stoye for getting a grant for Lexia in the lower grades, as well as to Ms. Emma and parent Lexi Smith for getting two separate grants for the garden. All grants were awarded by CHCF.
 - 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! Going to do a big push in January.
 - Reach out to VP Abby McGill if interested in joining the Committee

Upcoming Events:

- January 10 PTO Meeting:
 - Would people attend if we dropped the hybrid option and just made meetings in person?
 - Idea to alternate in-person and virtual meetings every other month
 - Idea for January meeting to be in-person brainstorming session

Next Meeting: January 10 at 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.