

Miner Elementary School PTO
PTO General Meeting: February 7, 2023 - 6:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

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

Welcomes 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: March 7, 2023
- 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 January meeting passed.

Principal's Report:

- *Principal Dance*, Lawrence.dance2@k12.dc.gov
- ANET Assessments for grades 3-5 on-going
- K-5 Open Houses 2/9 at 11am and 4pm
- Newsletter went out today and is linked on website
- Spelling Bee was last week—shout out to Ms. Hayes and her amazing team for organizing a great event
- Report cards have gone out electronically and will be mailed; contact the office if you're having trouble with ASPEN
- Miner basketball team got their first win last week versus Browne EC!
- Huge thanks to our amazing partners at Christ City Church for their generous \$10,000 donation to Miner!

Capitol Hill Little League:

- *Doug Rawald*, www.chlldc.org
- Miner is in boundary for CHLL
- Now is the time to register for Spring ball
- Baseball and softball for girls and boys who turn 5 by August 31
- No questions asked scholarships available
- Champions league for kids who may need something at a different pace so that all are included

Community School Update:

- *Julie Muir on behalf of Ms. ShaLisa Richardson, Community School Coordinator*, sricharson@ebfsc.org
- Accepting donations of new or gently used uniforms (particularly pants in sizes 4-6)
- Be on the lookout for some events coming soon
- Kindred is still looking for more people to sign up for dialogue groups and should have an update by the end of the month. 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: *Abby McGill and RuthAnn Clark on behalf of* MinerMutualAid@gmail.com
 - Next Community Table will be February 18
 - Need volunteers
 - Asking for donations from unused EBT cards

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- Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html> for more info
- Green Team: *Principal Dance on behalf of Ms. Emma Creamer, Food Corps Representative (emma.creamer@foodcorps.org) and Ms. Ashley Luttmer, School Garden Coordinator (Ashley.Luttmer@k12.dc.gov)*
 - Family Cooking Night is February 16 at 5:30pm. [Click here](#) for the Zoom link and recipe; [click here](#) to donate; [click here](#) to volunteer.
 - 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): *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
 - Next meeting: TBD; it will be this month but we won't be able to set the date until DCPS releases their budget (hopefully soon). The meeting will be in person in the LGI and we invite everyone to come and share their budget priorities with us. The meeting may have to go into closed session at some point when specific positions are discussed in the budget planning. We will share the date/time as soon as it is scheduled.

Special Guest: ANC 7Do6 Commissioner:

- *Marc Friend, 7Do6@anc.dc.gov*
- Newly elected Commissioner for the newly formed District, which includes Miner
- Looks forward to supporting the school and the PTO anyway he can
- Grants will soon be available—he will let us know as soon as they are and we will discuss reaching out
- Grant availability is broad while we are still under a public health emergency but once the Mayor lifts it, we will be more restricted in what we can request.

Regular PTO Business

President and Vice President's Report:

- *Brandon Scott, President and Abby McGill, Vice President minerpto@gmail.com*
- Bear Paw Fund
 - Biggest fundraiser for the PTO
 - Flyers went home in backpacks and will again for those who didn't receive them
 - Thank you to Abby, RuthAnn, and the Fundraising team for their hard work
- Other Upcoming Fundraising Efforts
 - Bear Paw Fund: <https://www.minerelementary.org/bear-paw-fund.html>
 - February: Krispy Kreme fundraiser: <https://www.groupraise.com/offer-campaigns/8446>
 - February Coin Drive – classes compete and the winning class wins a Krispy Kreme party!
 - February 17 – Atlas Brew Works fundraiser ([click here](#) to see the event flyer)
 - March 18-19 – Capital Candy Jar fundraiser (more info to follow)
- Volunteers needed for business outreach – email minerpto@gmail.com to help
- DCPS School Lottery is open through March 1
 - www.myschooldc.org
 - Results released on March 31
 - Upcoming Miner Open Houses:
 - Feb. 9 (K-5): 11am and 4pm
 - Feb. 16 (ECE): 4pm
 - Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/admission-and-lottery.html> for more info
- How to Connect?
 - Sign up for PTO emails on our homepage, <https://www.minerelementary.org/>

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- 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
 - Really in a good place (which will be even better thanks to donation from Christ City Church)
 - Send all money-related requests to minerptotreasurer@gmail.com

Teacher Representative's Report:

- *Ms. Kyra Hayes, Teacher Representative* kyra.hayes@k12.dc.gov
- Cluster 4 Spelling Bee is tomorrow – congratulations and good luck to our 3 winners!
- 100th Day of School is February 9 – [click here](#) for the event flyer
- Black History Month Spirit Week is February 13-17 – [click here](#) for the flyer
- Valentine's Day Events
 - ECE Drop Off event
 - Dance Party during specials for all grades
- Test to Return: All students will receive a covid test Feb. 15-17 and be required to take and upload a test on Feb. 26 to return on Feb. 27 after break.

Upcoming Events:

- See [Upcoming Events](#) page of our website.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.