

Miner Elementary School PTO
PTO General Meeting: March 7, 2023 - 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: April 4, 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 February meeting passed.

Principal's Report:

- *Assistant Principal Tonya Combs, Tonya.Combs@k12.dc.gov*
- Parent Teacher Conferences are Thursday, March 9 (no school for students)
- This week is Social Worker Appreciation Week. Huge thanks to our amazing social workers, Ms. Woodard and Ms. Braswell-Wright.
- Congratulations to our Boys' Basketball Team on making the playoffs! They will compete against Tyler ES on Monday at 5:30pm at Brookland MS. Principal Dance and a teacher will coach.
- Ms. Jenkins will serve as a permanent 2nd grade ELA substitute while Ms. G. Harris is out on leave
- Be sure to check out the latest [Mighty Miner Newsletter](#)
- Donuts with Dance is on March 17 from 8:15-9:15am

Green Team Presentation:

- *Ms. Ashley Luttmer, ECE Educator & School Garden Coordinator, Ashley.Luttmer@k12.dc.gov*
- Miner has 2 gardens
 - Pollinator Garden on ECE playground with native plants
 - Peace Garden next to K-5 playground with fruits, vegetables, and flowers
- We have hosted a few successful garden clean ups with huge support from the Community; stay tuned for our next one
- Family Cooking Night with Ms. Emma (our Food Corps Rep, emma.creamer@foodcorps.org) was a huge success – families made Stone Soup (and Mr. Dance read the book) together via Zoom.
- FoodCorps has been our garden partner for several years; Ms. Emma has been with us for 2. She sees all students, even PreK.
- The next Green Team meeting is tomorrow (March 8) at 3:30 in Room 121.
- Don't forget to follow the garden on Instagram:
<https://www.instagram.com/minerelementarygarden/>

Old Miner Building Renovation Update:

- *Mark Dixon on behalf of Gabriella Pino-Moreno, Project Manager, gabriella.Pino-Moreno@k12.dc.gov*
- Old Miner Building will house the PreK program
- Building has 3 floors with 3 classrooms each, plus common space, storage, etc.
- Miner Community will participate in the playground planning
- New playground will be located behind the old building, on the east side between the building the existing Peace Garden
- Community members are asked to complete a survey with their opinions about the playground- you can find it here: <https://forms.gle/F7WfN5TA4fLVXx9s9>

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- Questions arose about whether the new construction will affect the current Peace Garden

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)
- Donuts with Dance is March 17 at 8:15am
- 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: RuthAnn Clark on behalf of MinerMutualAid@gmail.com
 - Next Community Table will be March 25
 - Need volunteers
 - Asking for donations from unused EBT cards
 - Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html> for more info
- Local School Advisory Team (LSAT): Mr. Jason Yoho, K educator and LSAT Co-Chair, minereslsat@gmail.com
 - Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/lsat.html> to learn more about who we are and what we do
 - Budget Meeting was in February and the team voted on a budget. We cannot share more information until it is public.
 - Next meeting: March 21 at 5pm

Regular PTO Business

President and Vice President's Report:

- Brandon Scott, President and Abby McGill, Vice President minerpto@gmail.com
- Ongoing and Upcoming Fundraising Efforts
 - Krispy Kreme fundraiser: <https://www.groupraise.com/offer-campaigns/8446>
 - Coin Drive – classes compete and the winning class wins a Krispy Kreme party!
 - March 18-19 – Capital Candy Jar fundraiser
 - March 31 – Atlas Brew Works Happy Hour
- 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
- Upcoming Events
 - Spring Dance April 14
 - Bike to School Day May 3
- 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-MIBqvuU_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

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- Overview of receipts and expenses
 - Currently have approximately \$15,000 in the bank but still have a lot of expenses
 - Received \$10,000 from Christ City Church
 - Send all money-related requests to minerptotreasurer@gmail.com

Teacher Representative's Report:

- *Ms. Kyra Hayes, ELA Coach and Teacher Representative* kyra.hayes@k12.dc.gov
- No school March 9-10, April 10, 17-21
- Parent Teacher Conferences March 9
- PARCC Testing to begin April 4
 - Science (5th grade only): April 4-5
 - No testing week of April 10
 - No testing week of April 24
 - May 2 – begin ELA testing (grades 3-5)
 - May 9 – begin Math testing (grades 3-5)
 - No testing on Mondays; all testing will occur in the morning
 - Letters will go home in advance with the complete schedule

Upcoming Events:

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

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Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.