

Miner Elementary School PTO
PTO General Meeting: April 4, 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: May 2, 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 March meeting passed.

Principal's Report:

- *Principal Lawrence Dance, Lawrence.dance2@k12.dc.gov*
- Baseball Camp in honor of former DCPS student who passed away is being offered to all students while spaces are open
- Enrollment is open!
 - Enrollment table set up daily in the lobby
 - Goal = 60% enrollment by June
 - Enrollment Saturday
 - 9am-12pm April 29
 - Partnering with Eliot-Hine
 - PreK playdate 10am-12pm
- School Librarian Day and Paraprofessional Day this week. Also it's AP Appreciation Week. Thank you to all these amazing members of our team!
- PARCC: 5th grade science started today; remaining testing is after Spring Break.
- Mission/Vision work starting this month
- Safety
 - Met with DCPS safety team re: lockdown; plan to start a Safety Committee (which will include parents and staff). "Our number 1 priority is your students' safety."
 - Working on safety in parking lot
 - Concern about door locks not working

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)
- Kindred dialogue groups have started!
- Young entrepreneur event: is this something we could host?

School Committee Reports:

- Mutual Aid Network: *Jon Clark, MinerMutualAid@gmail.com*
 - Next Community Table TBD in May
 - Need volunteers and donations (unused EBT cards)
 - Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html> for more info
- Local School Advisory Team (LSAT): *Julie Muir, LSAT 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: April 11 at 5pm

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- Green Team: *Ms. Emma Creamer, FoodCorps Servicemember, emma.creamer@foodcorps.org*
 - Working on plan for garden programming next school year
 - Need help building a shed this week
 - Don't forget to follow the garden on Instagram:
<https://www.instagram.com/minerelementarygarden/>

Regular PTO Business

President and Vice President's Report:

- *Abby McGill, Vice President, minerpto@gmail.com*
- Keep bringing coins for the coin drive!
- Bear Paw Fund
- Spring Dance April 28
 - Volunteers needed!
 - Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/dance.html> for info (including volunteer opportunities and to RSVP)
- 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-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*
- Total budget inflated because of \$10k in Principal's Fund
- Still owe \$5k to FoodCorps
- Goal is to have \$5k to start next year's budget
- Art fundraiser (art show) – January of next year?
- Corporate outreach
- 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*
- PARCC testing
 - This week: 5th grade science
 - 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
- Spring Break: April 17-21

Upcoming Events:

- See [Upcoming Events](#) page of our website.
- Nomination period for PTO and LSAT election opens April 24

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Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.