

**Miner Elementary School PTO**  
PTO General Meeting: May 2, 2023 - 6:00 pm  
**Meeting Minutes**

*The meeting came to order at 6:07pm. 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: June 6, 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 April meeting passed.

Principal's Report:

- *Principal Lawrence Dance, [Lawrence.dance2@k12.dc.gov](mailto:Lawrence.dance2@k12.dc.gov)*
- Thank you to all who attended and volunteered at the Spring Dance
- Enrollment is open!
  - Goal = 60% enrollment by May 5. We are there!
  - Enrollment Saturday was a huge success! Thanks to all our volunteers and all who came to enroll or to the PreK playdate.
- PARCC testing started today (ELA) for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders
- Bike and Roll to School Day tomorrow
- Teacher Appreciation Week is next week
- We have begun the hiring process
- School pictures will happen May 23-25

Election Information Session:

- Nominations (including self-nominations) are being accepted through Monday, May 15 at 5pm
- Elections will be held electronically from May 22-30.
- Ballots will be counted and the newly-elected PTO Officers and LSAT Parent Representatives will be notified June 2.
- Results will be announced publicly at the PTO General Meeting on June 6 (results will also be shared electronically and on social media).
- Terms for new PTO Executive Board will begin on Tuesday, June 6 after PTO General Meeting.
- The final LSAT Meeting of SY22-23 will be on Tuesday, June 13. New Parent Representatives are encouraged to attend. The term for the new LSAT begins July 1.
- The first PTO Leadership Team meeting with both outgoing and incoming Executive Board and Committee Chairs will be June 20.
- Open Positions:
  - LSAT Parent Rep (4) – only parents/guardians can run/vote
  - PTO Executive Board – both parents/guardians and teachers/staff can run/vote
    - President
    - VP
    - Treasurer
    - Secretary
    - Teacher Representative – can elect up to 3; must be teacher(s)
- Visit [minerelementary.org/election](http://minerelementary.org/election)

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Community School Update:

- Ms. ShaLisa Richardson, Community School Coordinator, [sricharson@ebfsc.org](mailto:sricharson@ebfsc.org)
- We are currently working on a March and April attendance celebration.
- We have some new and gently used adult clothing for anyone in need. Currently working on a time/place to set them out for everyone.
- Accepting donations of new or gently used uniforms (particularly pants in sizes 4-6)

School Committee Reports:

- Mutual Aid Network: Jon Clark, [MinerMutualAid@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:minereslsat@gmail.com)
  - Run for LSAT!
    - Interested in running for Teacher Rep? Contact Mr. Martin, WTU Rep
    - Interesting in running for Staff Rep? Contact Principal Dance
    - Interesting in running for Parent Rep? Visit [minerelementary.org/election](http://minerelementary.org/election)
    - Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/lsat.html> to learn more about who we are and what we do
  - Next meeting: May 16 at 5pm
- Green Team: Ms. Emma Creamer, FoodCorps Servicemember, [emma.creamer@foodcorps.org](mailto:emma.creamer@foodcorps.org)
  - Students worked on Earth Day projects
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders working on American Shad Project with Anacostia Watershed Society
  - 5<sup>th</sup> graders were visited by a local Master Gardner to discuss herbalism and owning a business
  - Garden workday May 7 at 11am.
  - Green Team Meeting May 15 at 3:45pm in Ms. Luttmer's room (virtual option will be available too)
  - Foodprints—no report for next year but it's looking good. Hope to know by Friday. Ms. Emma would transition to foodprints and stay with us.
  - We have qualified for fresh fruit and vegetables for students; Ms. Emma will be POC.
  - Don't forget to follow the garden on Instagram:  
<https://www.instagram.com/minerelementarygarden/>

**Regular PTO Business**

President and Vice President's Report:

- Brandon Scott, President and Abby McGill, Vice President, [minerpto@gmail.com](mailto:minerpto@gmail.com)
- Coin Drive Results
  - Congratulations to Ms. Y. Jones's ECE class. They win a donut party.
  - Raised approximately \$700!
- Spring Dance success! Thank you to our volunteers!
- Enrollment is open!
- Bike to School Day May 3
  - 7:30am, Lincoln Park
  - Miner Cheerleaders will perform
  - Miner will be getting a curb mural as part of DDOT's Color the Curb program
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8-12
- School Nurse Appreciation Day is May 10
- Chancellor's Parent Advisory Board is accepting applications through May 7
- Bear Paw Fund—donate today!

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- 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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2bZ5P_TYTGLj5-1huUIBdc2Ze2zJMVzuT2-MlBqvqU_oOUA/viewform)
  - Email [minerpto@gmail.com](mailto:minerpto@gmail.com) when you can't find your answers on our website

Treasurer's Report:

- *Nicholas Heitger, Treasurer, [minerptotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:minerptotreasurer@gmail.com)*
- Separated \$10k in Principal's Fund into a different account
- Goal is to have \$5k to start next year's budget; \$2K to use for this year
- Corporate outreach will hopefully bring us a few thousand more
- Send all money-related requests to [minerptotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:minerptotreasurer@gmail.com)

Teacher Representative's Report:

- *Ms. Kyra Hayes, ELA Coach and Teacher Representative, [kyra.hayes@k12.dc.gov](mailto:kyra.hayes@k12.dc.gov)*
- PARCC testing
  - 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
- Memorial Day May 29 (no school)

Upcoming Events:

- See [Upcoming Events](#) page of our website.
- Nomination period for PTO and LSAT election closes May 15 at 5pm

Next Meeting: June 6 at 6pm

*Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.*