

Miner Elementary School PTO

PTO General Meeting: November 7, 2023 - 6:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

The meeting came to order at 6:07pm. The meeting was conducted in-person in the Miner Cafeteria.

Welcome and Introductions:

- Welcome to everyone who could join us!
- Thanks to Christ City Church for providing babysitting and dinner for our kids in the library.
- Be sure to visit our website after the meeting for slides, agenda, and minutes (and to answer all your Miner-related questions).
- SY22-23 PTO Executive Board:
 - President, Brandon Scott
 - VP, Abby McGill
 - Treasurer, Nicholas Heitger
 - Secretary, Julie Muir
 - Teacher Reps, Ms. Kyra Hayes, Ms. Trilby Hillenbrand, Mr. Jason Yoho
 - Principal, Mr. Lawrence Dance
- Motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting passed.
- Next meeting date: Tuesday, December 5 at 6pm.

Admin Report:

- Assistant Principal Tonya Combs, tonya.combs@k12.dc.gov and MSL Tildon Copeland, tildon.copeland@k12.dc.gov
- Principal Dance is sick, we wish him well! He should be back soon.
- Hiring update:
 - Paraprofessional for Ms. T's ILS class starts tomorrow
 - New 2nd grade teacher, Ms. Habersham, has accepted and now we just await DCPS's clearance process for her to start
- Incident letter went out today re: a fire in the cafeteria.
 - This was signed by Dr. Plenty as neither Mr. Dance nor Ms. Combs happened to be in the building at the time of the incident.
 - Fire inspection tomorrow (Weds) to ensure cafeteria is safe for use, but Maury ES and Eliot-Hine MS will send food to the school if the cafeteria fails inspection
- Active shooter lockdown discussion
 - Chief of Police (MPD) made the call to end the lockdown
 - We had a frank discussion about where the shooter was (potentially on campus)
 - Staff was amazing and all students were safe
 - Social workers went to all classrooms the following day for wellness checks
 - All perimeter cameras work (live plus recordings)
 - Budget hearing coming up where we would like to have Miner parents attend to request money for improvements (primarily safety related, but basic needs like paint as well)

Community School Update:

- Ms. ShaLisa Richardson, Community School Coordinator, sricharson@ebfsc.org
- [Click here](#) to take the parent/teacher interest survey
- We have a need for donations of uniforms (especially pants) up to size 8

School Committee Reports:

- Mutual Aid Network: Next Community Table will be in December; will work with Ms. ShaLisa Richardson to have winter coat/clothing available. Planning meeting next week so please email minermutualaid@gmail.com if interested!
- LSAT: Next meeting is November 14 at 5pm. minereslsat@gmail.com

Special Subjects Team Presentation

- Ms. Pratt (Visual Arts)

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- Currently working on color with ECE
- Will be molding clay and making jewelry for art show/auction at end of year
- Art club starting soon
- Please send jars and acorns for art projects
- 3rd-5th grade students are working on a Yoko Ono inspired Wish Tree
- Video presentation introducing Dr. Sawyer (Librarian), Mr. Senior (PE), Mr. Robinson (PE), Mr. Chubb (Music), and Ms. Hillenbrand (STEM) can be found [here](#).

Regular PTO Business

President and Vice President's Report:

- *Brandon Scott, President, minerpto@gmail.com; Abby McGill, VP, abby.l.mills@gmail.com*
- Important Dates:
 - DC Scores Poetry Slam: 5:30pm November 30 at Ballou HS
 - My School DC Lottery: Opens December 11
- Upcoming PTO events (click each event to see the flyer):
 - [Thanksgiving Food Drive](#)—October 27 – November 17
 - The class that donates the most food will receive a pizza or donut party
 - 3-4 volunteers are needed to organize the food on Friday, Nov. 17
 - [Mighty Miner Engagement Event](#) at Atlas Brew Works November 17!
 - All are welcome!
 - Mention “Miner” and we get \$1 for every pint sold!
 - [8th Annual Holiday Greenery & Baked Goods Sale](#)
 - Online sales are live at www.minerelementary.org/greenery2023
 - Actual event is Dec. 1 (5-8pm) and Dec. 2 (9am-2pm)
 - Volunteers are needed for set up, sales, clean up, and to donate baked goods. [Click here](#) to sign up for a shift or to donate baked goods.
- How to Connect? Always know what’s going on at Miner!
 - 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
- Support the [Miner Spirit Store!](#)

Treasurer's Report:

- *Nicholas Heitger, Treasurer, minerptotreasurer@gmail.com*
- SY23-24 PTO Budget was presented and voted on. Motion to approve was seconded and passed.
- Send all money-related requests to minerptotreasurer@gmail.com

Teacher Representatives' Report:

- *Ms. Kyra Hayes, ELA Coach/Teacher Representative, kyra.hayes@k12.dc.gov*
- “How Can I Help at Home” – this will be a theme for the next few meetings, with a focus on different grade levels
 - K-2 focus this month
 - Currently working on letter sound recognition
 - A lot of students are starting to sound out words
 - At home try the “name game” – say a word, such as “Mary” and then ask your student to come up with words/names that start with the same sound (Mary, Miner, Minnie, etc). You can also do this with word endings.
- Important dates:
 - November 10 - Veterans' Day (school closed)
 - November 14 - No DCPS Aftercare

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- November 21 - No DCPS Aftercare
- November 22-24 - Thanksgiving Break (school closed)
- November 28 - AttenDANCE: K-5 Perfect Attendance Dance Party
- December 5 - LEGO Club Starts
- December 21 - No DCPS Aftercare

Upcoming Events:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.