

# Miner PTO General Meeting

December 5, 2023

**This is our final PTO Meeting of 2023. The January General Meeting (January 9, 2024) will be an informal brainstorming session. We hope you can join us!**

# Agenda

**6:00 - 6:05 Welcome & Introductions**

**6:05 - 6:10 Regular PTO Business**

**6:10 - 6:15 Community School Update**

**6:15 - 6:30 School Committee Reports**

**6:15 Green Team/Garden**

**6:20 Mutual Aid Network**

**6:25 LSAT**

**6:30 - 7:00 Update from Dr. Shenora Plenty**

**Open Comment:** Other joys, concerns, or questions?



# Welcome!

- Welcome to our PTO General Meeting!
- Babysitting is in the Library with our friends from Christ City Church (they also provide dinner). Huge thanks to Matthew Watson and his amazing team of volunteers.
- Pizza is available for you all; if you have a couple of dollars to put in the donation bucket we would appreciate it.
- Welcome to those of you joining us virtually. Please post your questions in the chat and our Communications Chair will ask them for you, time permitting. Any unanswered questions can be submitted to [minerpto@gmail.com](mailto:minerpto@gmail.com).
- Next PTO meeting date: Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00pm.
- Reading and approval of the [November minutes](#).



# PTO Executive Board

- President - Brandon Scott (3rd Grade Parent)
- Vice President - Abby McGill (2nd Grade Parent)
- Treasurer - Nicholas Heitger (5th, 2nd, K Parent)
- Secretary - Julie Muir (4th, 2nd, PK4 Parent)
- Teacher Representatives-
  - Ms. Kyra Hayes (ELA Coach)
  - Ms. Trilby Hillenbrand (STEM Teacher)
  - Mr. Jason Yoho (Kindergarten Teacher)
- Interim Principal - Dr. Shenora Plenty



# Regular PTO Business

[minerpto@gmail.com](mailto:minerpto@gmail.com)

<https://www.minerelementary.org/parent-teacher-organization.html>



# PTO Report

- Greenery Sale Recap and Treasurer's Report
- Upcoming Events:
  - 1st and 2nd Grade Meet and Greet December 6, 5-6pm
  - My School DC Lottery opens December 11
  - No DCPS Aftercare December 12
  - Monthly Engagement Event at Atlas Brew Works December 15
  - Mutual Aid Network Community Table December 16
  - Holiday Spirit Week December 18-21
  - K-5 Awards Ceremony December 20
  - Winter Break: December 22 - January 2
- Teacher Representatives' Report



# Treasurer Report (This Period)

*Income & Expense Summary 11/1/23 to 12/1/23*

<b>Balance as of November 1st, 2023:</b>	<b>\$5,559.32</b>
<i>Add: Income (Nov. 1st thru Nov.30th)</i>	\$30,229.38
<i>Subtract: Expenses (Nov. 1st thru Nov.30th)</i>	<u>-\$1,533.33</u>
<b>Balance as of November 30th, 2023:</b>	<b>\$34,254.37</b>

**Notes:**

- Does not include \$12.7K expense for trees.



# Join the Miner Bear Family!

## My School DC Lottery

- You do NOT need to enter the lottery if you plan to stay at your current school.
- Families wishing to enroll their children in PreK3 or PreK4 must apply through the My School DC Lottery. Students who are in-boundary for Miner and do not match with a school they rank higher than Miner in the DCPS lottery are guaranteed a space as part of the DCPS Early Action program. Children must turn 3 by September 30 in order to be eligible for PreK. [Click here for more information on the DCPS Pre-Kindergarten program.](#)
- Out-of-boundary students entering Kindergarten through 5th grade must also apply through the My School DC lottery.
- Visit [www.myschoolDC.org](http://www.myschoolDC.org) to complete the lottery application.

## Important Dates for the 2024-25 Lottery

- December 2, 2023 - EdFEST (PreK3-8th grade)
- December 11, 2023 - Lottery Application Opens
- March 1, 2024 - Lottery Application Closes (PreK3-8th grade)
- March 29, 2024 - Lottery Results Announced
- April 1, 2024 - Enrollment Opens for All Students
- May 1, 2024 - Enrollment Deadline for Matched Students
- June TBD - DCPS Aftercare Enrollment Opens
- August 26, 2024 - [First Day of School \(K-12th grade\)](#)
- August 29, 2024 - [First Day of School \(PreK\)](#)

Visit the [My School DC homepage](#) for more information.





# Community School Update

Ms. ShaLisa Richardson

[srichardson@ebfsc.org](mailto:srichardson@ebfsc.org)

<https://www.minerelementary.org/community-school.html>

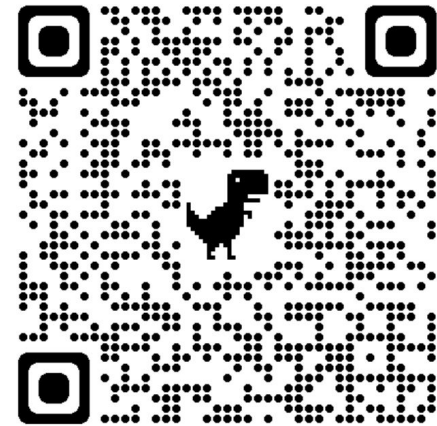


# Community School Update



**EDGEWOOD/  
BROOKLAND**  
FAMILY SUPPORT COLLABORATIVE

- Entrepreneurship Program coming soon! Please contact Ms. ShaLisa at [srichardson@ebfsc.org](mailto:srichardson@ebfsc.org) if interested in joining!
- Parent and Teacher Interest Surveys are now live. Please [click here](#) or scan the QR code below to complete the survey today!



- We are looking for uniform donations - our specific need is pants up to size 8.



# School Committee Reports

Green Team  
Mutual Aid Network  
LSAT



# Green Team Report

Ms. Emma Creamer  
FoodPrints Representative  
[emma@ffm.org](mailto:emma@ffm.org)



# Miner Mutual Aid Network

Jon Clark

[minermutualaid@gmail.com](mailto:minermutualaid@gmail.com)

<https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html>



# Miner Mutual Aid Community Table

Saturday, December 16  
11am - 12pm

Miner Elementary School  
601 15th St NE

food boxes  
Household items  
cleaning supplies

clothes  
diapers  
toys/ books

Donations: [MinerMutualAid@gmail.com](mailto:MinerMutualAid@gmail.com)



Hosted in solidarity with  
Serve Your City/Ward 6  
Mutual Aid



## Miner Mutual Aid is accepting holiday donations

### How to Donate:

**Between December 4-16**  
items can be placed in boxes  
in front of Miner at drop-off  
and pick-up.



### What to Donate:

Youth and adult winter coats  
Gloves and hats  
New or gently used toys  
Non-perishable food  
Diapers of all sizes

To schedule a donation contact [minermutualaid@gmail.com](mailto:minermutualaid@gmail.com) or call 202-222-8105



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# Miner Mutual Aid Network

- Created as an equity committee action team in May 2020 to support the Miner Community during and after the pandemic.
- Mutual Aid is solidarity. Whether you need help or have help to give the Mutual Aid Network exists to provide support.
- Partnered with the Ward 6 Mutual Aid Network to provide PPE, food, household items and other supports to the Miner community.
- Established monthly Community Table events for the Miner community to access food, PPE, household items, children's books and toys, and distance learning support.
- In order for the Mutual Aid Network to have continued success, we are looking for 4-5 volunteers to join our planning and action team. Please contact [minermutualaid@gmail.com](mailto:minermutualaid@gmail.com) if you're interested.

***Next Community Table: December 16 with a focus on food and winter clothing (coats). Donations will be accepted daily during drop-off and dismissal.***



# LSAT Report

Mr. Jason Yoho and Julie Muir

Next Meeting: December 19 at 5pm

[minereslsat@gmail.com](mailto:minereslsat@gmail.com)

<https://www.minerelementary.org/lsat.html>





# Local School Advisory Team

- LSAT is present in every DCPS school and is comprised of elected representatives of parents, teachers, staff, community member(s), PTO leader, and WTU building rep.
- Primary purpose is to advise the Principal on school priorities, goals, budget, and comprehensive school plan.
- All meetings are open to the public, and all members of the Miner Community are welcome to join and ask questions. Exception is during closed budget deliberations in February. ***The next meeting is Tuesday, December 19 at 5pm.***
- SY2023-34 LSAT:
  - Parents: Katrice Fuller-Whitaker, Andrea Jones, Nick Kushner, Julie Muir, Brandon Scott (appointed as PTO Rep)
  - Teachers: Ms. Dykes, Ms. Hillenbrand, Dr. Ramsey, Mr. Yoho, Mr. Martin (appointed as WTU Rep)
  - Staff: TBD (1 elected by non-WTU staff)
  - Community Rep: TBD (number may vary, elected by LSAT)
- At our first meeting Mr. Yoho and Julie Muir were elected Chairs and Nick Kushner was elected Secretary.
- For more information on the Miner LSAT, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/lSAT.html>

Direct questions to [minereslsat@gmail.com](mailto:minereslsat@gmail.com)



# Principal's Report

Interim Principal Dr. Shenora Plenty

[shenora.plenty@k12.dc.gov](mailto:shenora.plenty@k12.dc.gov)



# Boundary and Student Assignment Study 2023

- <https://dme.dc.gov/node/1688576>
- <https://dme.dc.gov/node/1649826>

## Study Goals

The Boundary study will develop systematic and school-level recommendations to address three goals specified in [Council legislation](#):

1. Students have clear assignments to schools of right based on DCPS attendance zones and feeder pathways;
2. There is adequate capacity in the geographically zoned DCPS facilities at each grade level (Pre-Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle, and High), including feeder pathways, taking current and future population and enrollment trends into account; and
3. There is equitable access among District students to high-quality public schools.



# Thank You!

Any joys, questions, or concerns that you'd like to share?