

Miner Elementary School PTO

PTO General Meeting: April 2, 2024 - 6:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

The meeting came to order at 6:07pm. The meeting was held 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
 - Interim Principal, Dr. Shenora Plenty
- Next meeting date: Tuesday, May 7 at 6pm.

Principal's Report:

- *Interim Principal Shenora Plenty, shenora.plenty@k12.dc.gov*
- Miner ranked 17th of all schools using iReady; 77% passing rate
- Alarm and key fob system fully functioning as of yesterday; PA system should be complete by end of Spring Break
- Enrollment season is here!
- Enrollment projection: 422 students (currently approximately 430)
- DDOT field study for safe passage underway
- No DC Scores this spring but it will be back in the fall
- Beautification Day 4/6 9am-12pm sponsored by Christ City DC
- DC CAPE testing April 9-May 9 (3rd-5th grades, replaces PARCC) – students will not be permitted to test if they arrive after 9am.
- 5th grade field trip tomorrow to EHMS for shadow day
- No school April 5
- April 8 – solar eclipse event
- April 10 – 80+ students to receive free glasses from Vision to Learn
- April 12 – Spring Dance
- Book fair ongoing through April 9
- Everyday Play N Learn
 - Sydney Booker
 - All ECE students moved to this program (still no cost)
 - Summer Camp will be at Stevens

Special Topic: Food Prints:

- Ms. Emma is here with two recipes she has made with the students – enjoy!
- PreK is exploring worms and ecosystems
- 1st grade made quinoa salad
- Upper grades have been exploring food traditions around the world
- H St. Farmers Market returns with an opening day ceremony on Saturday
- Garden beds were disassembled and currently working on a rebuilding and replanting plan with native plants (plus a barrier to the back alley) – working on grants since lost our funding
- [Freshfarm.org/donate](https://freshfarm.org/donate)

IS Carruthers Report:

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- Dr. Carrie Broquard has been appointed our new principal
- The path toward appointment:
 - DCPS weighed options but appointment allowed for her to start sooner, longer period of transition/planning
 - Wanted school leaders in place to be able to hire top talent
 - Miner hiring fair coming up
- Dr. B will close out the year at Lafayette ES (current school)
- Dr. P and AP Combs will remain our top admins here for the year
- Questions:
 - How was she chosen? Conversations are confidential with anyone looking to change schools but principals can express interest
 - How much did Miner/Maury conversation weigh on her appointment? Very little - she is not for Maury, plus that discussion is DME not DCPS
 - How can parents advocate for help with the pest issue? Help clean up, do our part
- “This is a place where advocacy is welcome”
- Exeptions is for everyone to engage accordingly, create norms as a group
- Help us fix the issue of building trust between admin and teachers – “happy adults make happy kids”

School Committee Reports;

- Green Team: see Food Prints above
- Mutual Aid Network: <https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html> for more.
- LSAT: <https://www.minerelementary.org/lsat.html> for more. Next meeting: March 21

PTO Regular Business:

President & VP Report:

- Brandon Scott, President and Abby McGill, VP
- SY24-25 enrollment is open!
- April 1-5 is Assistant Principal Appreciation Week
- Spring Dance is April 12! Visit our Spring Dance webpage to volunteer, RSVP, and more.
- Fundraising Opportunities
 - St. Patrick’s Day Coin Drive Ends April 12
 - Our next Engagement Event at Atlas Brew Works is April 26
 - Save the date for our Capital Candy Jar fundraiser: April 27-28
 - We are working with some H Street restaurants for some additional (delicious) fundraisers...stay tuned!
- PTO and LSAT Combined Election –
 - Nomination period opens: April 22
 - Info session: week of April 29
 - Q&A session: May 7 (at PTO General Meeting)
 - Nomination period closes: May 13 at 5pm
 - Voting period: May 20-28
 - Winners announced: June 3
 - New PTO Executive Board takes over: June 11 after PTO General Meeting
 - New LSAT takes over: July 1

Treasurer’s Report:

- Nick Heitger, Treasurer
- \$30,242.78 balance

Teacher Representatives Report:

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- Important dates:
 - No school for students April 5 (Professional Development Day)
 - Solar Eclipse STEM event April 8
 - No DCPS aftercare April 9
 - DC CAPE Testing begins for 5th grade April 9
 - Spring Break: April 15-19
 - DC CAPE Testing continues April 23-May 3 for 3rd-5th grade students
 - Special Library Event April 25
 - Enrollment Saturday April 27
- Field Trip Volunteers Needed – There are field trips coming up at every grade level in the spring. If any parents are interested in chaperoning, they should work on getting their DCPS clearance now! [Click here](#) for the volunteer and clearance info (turn around time is about one week).

Next PTO General Meeting May 7`

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.