

# Miner Elementary School PTO

## PTO General Meeting: September 10, 2024 - 6:00 pm

### Meeting Minutes

*The meeting came to order at 6:05m. The meeting was conducted in-person in the Miner Cafeteria.*

#### Welcome and Introductions:

- Welcome to all who are joining us for the first time!
- Childcare and dinner is available 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).
- SY24-25 PTO Executive Board:
  - President, Brandon Scott
  - VP, Abby McGill
  - Treasurer, Chris Santulli
  - Secretary, Julie Muir
  - Teacher Rep, Mr. Jason Yoho
  - Principal, Dr. Carrie Broquard
- Motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting passed.

#### Regular PTO Business

##### President and Vice President's Report:

- *Brandon Scott, President and Abby McGill, VP* - [minerpto@gmail.com](mailto:minerpto@gmail.com)
- The role of the PTO is to support students, support staff, host events, recognize the hard work of our staff, communicate with families, raise funds for the school, and work with other groups to advocate for Miner.
- Volunteers are needed! Please sign up to help in any capacity, no matter how small. The volunteer sign-up form can be found [here](#).
- Bear Paw Fund—donate today! Visit [minerelementary.org/donate](https://minerelementary.org/donate) to give today.
- 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](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
- Upcoming Events
  - First monthly happy hour at Atlas Brew Works Ivy City: 5-7pm September 20
  - Walk and Roll to School Day: October 9, 7:30am, Lincoln Park
- Support the [Miner Spirit Store!](#)

##### Treasurer's Report:

- *Chris Santulli, Treasurer*, [minerptotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:minerptotreasurer@gmail.com)
- We currently have a robust bank account but that will get depleted quickly as we pay for the tree sale and other events.
- We plan to present a budget for approval at the October meeting.
- Teachers may make their classroom grant requests starting now as we have the funding. Check mailboxes for instructions on how to do so.
- Send all money-related requests to [minerptotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:minerptotreasurer@gmail.com) and [minerpto@gmail.com](mailto:minerpto@gmail.com)

##### Teacher Representative's Report:

- *Ms. Jason Yoho, K Educator/Teacher Representative*, [Jason.yoho@k12.dc.gov](mailto:Jason.yoho@k12.dc.gov)
- BOY Assessments taking place right now for K-5 students
- DC CAPE scores are available (Dr. B will discuss in her report)
- Grade level news:
  - Performing Arts field trip for all grades – details TBD

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- K-2 is currently testing in small groups
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade is taking a 3 day/2 night field trip with the NatureBridge program to Prince William Forest in VA
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be participating in the Nature Near Schools program that will bring a hands on watershed education opportunity to our students (including a field trip later in the year). This program is led by Casey Trees, Anacostia Watershed Society, Living Classrooms, Nature Forward, and Urban Adventure Squad.

#### **Other Business**

##### Community School Update:

- *Ms. ShaLisa Richardson, Community School Coordinator, [sricharson@ebfsc.org](mailto:sricharson@ebfsc.org)*
- Because we have 2 Ms. Richardsons, please call her Ms. ShaLisa ☺
- She works for Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative (EBFSC) that partners with Miner
- EBFSC has programs to help with unemployment and underemployment, as well as an entrepreneur tract.
- Ms. ShaLisa serves as the liaison between Miner and EBFSC
- As a community school we connect the school to the community. Goal is to provide resources to help your child learn but also feel connected
- The Community School Coordinator (CSC) finds the resources to help bridge the gaps

##### School Committee Reports

- FoodPrints Report – *Ms. Emma Creamer, [emma@ffm.org](mailto:emma@ffm.org)*
  - Produce will be in classrooms for lessons (all grades)
  - Students will cook, work in the garden, learning where food comes from and how to prepare it
  - The garden is back! We have 5 beds and will add more – plants have been planted!
  - Looking for parent volunteers eventually but not yet.
  - Stay tuned for garden work days
  - Visit [freshfarm.org/recipes](http://freshfarm.org/recipes) for recipes you can make with your kids
- LSAT: group of elected parents, staff, teachers, and community members who advise Principal Broquard. Teachers and staff still need to elect their representatives; once they do so we will schedule our first meeting. [minereslsat@gmail.com](mailto:minereslsat@gmail.com)
- Mutual Aid Network: Community Tables are back! We received a grant from CHCF to continue them. The first one of the school year is October 19, 11am-noon. If you're interested in volunteering please email [minermutualaid@gmail.com](mailto:minermutualaid@gmail.com).

##### Principal's Report:

- *Principal Carrie Broquard, [carrie.broquard@k12.dc.gov](mailto:carrie.broquard@k12.dc.gov)*
- Back to School Night was a huge success—thanks so much to all who attended
- Miner is a Title 1 school meaning we are eligible for additional funding from the government to provide our school with professional development, parent involvement activities, and academic programming designed to help all our students succeed
- We provided school supplies for all students this year!
- Our classrooms have brand new classroom libraries!
- DC CAPE Testing Results (from last school year)
  - Huge accomplishments in testing administration – Miner was the most improved administrator
  - Test scores are a public, concrete, tangible metric
  - ELA Testing

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade = 14% of students level 3+ (meaning approaching, at, or above grade level)
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade = 19% of students level 3+
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade = 27% of students level 3+
- Math Testing
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade = 23% of students level 3+
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade = 10% of students level 3+
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade = 32% of students level 3+
- Beginning of Year (BOY) assessments are taking place now K-5.
  - ELA: K-2 takes DIBELS; 3-5 takes iReady
  - Math: K-5 takes iReady
- New Miner curriculum CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts)
  - Past curriculum was vetted and not approved by OSSE
- Lots of new expenses such as CKLA, painting, cafeteria tables, etc- much of this falls under LSAT approval/discussions
- Still need to hire a floating SPED aid, 2 social workers, and a school psychologist
- DC Sores (elementary and junior) starting soon!
- Track and basketball are returning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade swimming TBD

Upcoming Events:

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

*Next meeting is October 1 at 6pm in the Cafeteria. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.*