

Miner PTO General Meeting

September 13, 2022

Welcome to the first PTO General Meeting of the 2022-23 school year! Did you know that you can add all PTO meetings (and any Miner event) to your phone's calendar? Follow the instructions on our [home page](#) to sync your calendar with Miner's so you can always know what's going on!

Agenda

6:00 - 6:05 Welcome & Introductions

6:05 - 6:15 Principal's Report

6:15 - 6:20 Community School Update

6:20 - 6:40 School Committee Reports

6:20 Equity Team

6:25 Miner Mutual Aid Network

6:30 Green Team

6:35 LSAT

Regular PTO Business

6:40 - 6:45 PTO President & VP Report

6:45 - 6:50 Treasurer & Teacher Representative Reports

6:50 - 6:55 PTO Committee Reports

6:55 - 7:00 Upcoming Events, Reminders, Opportunities

Open Comment: Other joys, concerns, or questions?



Welcome!

- Welcome to our first PTO General Meeting of the year!
- Please remain on mute if you aren't speaking.
- All questions can be asked in the chat box or by using the “raise hand” button - we will do our best to answer them all but if we miss yours, please ask again or feel free to email us at minerpto@gmail.com and we will be sure to answer!
- After the meeting, please reach out to us at minerpto@gmail.com to let us know what you did/did not like about the virtual format - we would LOVE your feedback!
- Next PTO meeting date: Tuesday, October 4, at 6:00pm



Introduction of PTO Executive Board

- President - Brandon Scott (2nd Parent)
- Vice President - Abby McGill (1st Parent)
- Treasurer - Nicholas Heitger (4th, 1st, PK4 Parent)
- Secretary - Julie Muir (3rd, 1st, PK 3 Parent)
- Teacher Representative-
 - Ms. Kyra Hayes (ELA Coach)
- Principal - Mr. Lawrence Dance



Principal's Report

Principal Dance



Community School Update

Ms. ShaLisa Richardson

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



School Committee Reports

Equity Team
Mutual Aid Network
Green Team
LSAT



Equity Team Report

<https://www.minerelementary.org/equity-team.html>



Equity Team Background

- In 2018, Miner partnered with Kindred, a non-profit organization that brings diverse groups of parents together to engage in dialogue and work toward racial equity and inclusion at Miner
- In these groups, parents explored their histories and identities, developed trusting relationships, and decided on a collective action to create a more inclusive, equitable school community that cares for all children as if they were their own
- This collective action was to form an equity committee, supported by Kindred, to carry forward the work they have begun. This committee, now called the Miner Equity Team, began its work in the fall of 2019.



What is the Equity Team?

A decentralized working group consisting of Miner parents, teachers, staff, and community members...

...Working collaboratively to advance equity and inclusiveness at Miner...

...While incorporating the trust and relationship-building components of a Kindred dialogue group...

...And focusing heavily on taking action to address equity-related challenges within the school community



What is the Purpose of the Equity Team?

To build and strengthen the Miner community by ensuring that everyone is represented, and that everyone has a voice that is heard. This is done by:

- Advising school leaders (administration, PTO, LSAT) about issues relating to equity and inclusiveness
- Taking direct action within our school community toward these same goals

Simply put: ADVISE and ACT to ensure and advance racial equity for Miner students, families, and community



Join the Equity Team!

Interested in joining the team, or just learning more about it?

Membership is open to anyone in the Miner community who has an interest in increasing equity and inclusiveness in our school and our community. Team members are the heart of Miner's equity work, and are responsible for taking the lead to identify needs, develop ideas, and put plans into action.

To join:

- Email minerequityteam@gmail.com
- Come to any meeting
- Fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/BZeYZHByi4GHVrDKA>

Next meeting: TBD in October (be sure to sign up for the email list so you receive the Zoom link)

Tired of meetings? Our most important work occurs between meetings, so attendance at the meetings themselves is not mandatory: come to as many or as few as you like

For more information, visit the Equity Team page on Miner's website:

<https://www.minerelementary.org/equity-team.html>



Miner Mutual Aid Network

Chris Deutsch

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



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.





How Can I Help?

Financial and in-kind donations to support Miner Mutual Aid can be made through the Miner PTO via the [Donation page](#).

Mutual Aid goes beyond financial support. We ask every member of our community to challenge themselves to consider other ways they can be of service. This may include:

- Groceries, toiletries, medicine, cleaning supplies or other essentials
- Administrative help: legal support, social services, applying for unemployment benefits
- Transportation for individuals, or to pick up groceries and other supplies
- Childcare
- Tech Support for distance learning
- Checking in via phone calls, video chats, texting



How Can I Receive Help?

Requests for support can be made by filling out [an online Google form](#). The requests are only seen by the members of the Mutual Aid Network Team and will never be shared.

Alternatively, you can also reach out to any Miner teacher, the Community School coordinator, or Social Worker.



Green Team Report

Ms. Ashley Luttmmer, School Garden Coordinator

<https://www.minerelementary.org/green-team.html>



Garden Programs





minerelementarygarden

Message



110 posts

311 followers

482 following

Miner Elementary School Garden

Sowing peace & discovery at Miner Elementary School 🌈

Check out our website & resources below! 🥕🌻

linktr.ee/minerelementarygarden

Followed by minerelementaryschool, craftybethh, miner.pto + 15 more



Earth Day ...



BHM ❤️

POSTS

TAGGED



Follow the Garden on Instagram!

<https://www.instagram.com/minerelementarygarden/>

LSAT Report

Mr. Jason Yoho

Next Meeting: October 18 at 5:00pm

<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, and a community member - plus PTO leader and WTU building rep.
- Primary purpose is to advise the Principal on school priorities, goals, budget, and annual school plan.
- SY2022-23 Co-Chairs: Mr. Jason Yoho (K educator) and Parent TBD
- All meetings are open to the public, and all members of the Miner Community are welcome to listen in and ask questions. Exception is during closed budget deliberations in February.
- For more information on the Miner LSAT, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/lSAT.html>
- Direct questions to minereslsat@gmail.com



Regular PTO Business



President & VP Reports

- Website update! <https://www.minerelementary.org/>
- PTO is looking for Committee Chairs and Members
- How to Connect
- Walk to School Day!
- <https://www.minerelementary.org/bear-paw-fund.html>



Our goal:
Raise **\$10,000** from families, friends, and neighbors
Reach **50%** family participation

How does the PTO plan to spend the money raised this year?

In consultation with Miner's administration and Miner's Local School Advisory Team (LSAT), the PTO's priorities for SY2022-23 are to fund:

- \$200 "Mini Grants" for each classroom
 - Field trips for all grade levels
 - FoodCorps and garden programming
 - Family engagement events
 - Teacher and staff appreciation
 - And much more!
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Suggested donation levels

\$1-\$49 (Small Paw)

\$50-\$249 (Medium Paw)

\$250-\$499 (Large Paw)

\$500+ (Grand Paw)

Any amount helps - please contribute what you can!

Miner Parents & Caregivers: Please consider donating a "Month for Miner"

Please consider donating the equivalent of a month's worth of tuition. Think about how much you would still be paying each month for private school, preschool, or daycare. Donate - or pledge to donate - as much as you're comfortable with. Donations by installments that you pay over the course of the year are welcomed! See below how to make a pledge.

How to donate:

Download, fill out, and email the [donation form](#) to minerpto@gmail.com or donate online at <https://www.minerelementary.org/donate-pledge-form.html>



PTO Committees

- Appreciation & Recognition
- Communications (Chair: John Muir)
- Community Engagement
- Family Engagement & Events
- Fundraising & Grants

Please visit

<https://www.minerelementary.org/parent-teacher-organization.html> to learn about the role of each Committee.

Contact minerpto@gmail.com if you would like to join or even lead one of our PTO Committees!



How to Connect

- All parents, guardians, teachers, and staff are automatically members of the PTO
- To receive PTO email updates, “The Week Ahead” newsletter, and more, we encourage you to subscribe to the PTO email list by filling out this form:
<https://www.minerelementary.org/join-the-pto.html>
- Follow us on [social media](#)
 - School social media:
 - <https://twitter.com/MinerElementary>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/MinerDCPS/>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/minerelementaryschool/>
 - PTO social media:
 - <https://twitter.com/MinerPTO>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/Miner.PTO/>
 - Other Miner social media:
 - Miner Equity Team: <https://twitter.com/EquityMiner>
 - Miner Green Team: <https://www.instagram.com/Minerelementarygarden/>
- How to share messages: email minercomms@gmail.com and specify which platforms you would like your messages shared on (schoolwide messaging, social media only, etc)
- Follow the school calendar on the [Miner homepage](#)! You can even add it to your phone’s calendar.



Walk to School Day



- When: October 12, 7:30am
- Where: Lincoln Park
- What: Annual international event encouraging safe routes to school
- <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>

Each October Miner families and staff join other Capitol Hill schools at Lincoln Park for a fun event hosted by the [Ward 6 Public School Parents Organization \(W6PSPO\)](#).

Traditionally we have guest speakers (past speakers have included Rep. John Lewis, Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, Mayor Bowser, CM Charles Allen, and more). presenters (including Eastern HS band, NPS, DC Water, and more), and after a fun event we walk to school together.



Treasurer Report

Nick Heitger



Treasurer Report (This Period)

Income & Expense Summary 7/1/22 to 8/31/22

Balance as of June 30th, 2022:	\$11,522.66
Add: Income (July 1 thru Aug. 31)	\$350.10
Subtract: Expenses (July 1 thru Aug. 31)	<u>(\$2,354.92)</u>
Balance as of August 31st, 2022:	\$9,517.84

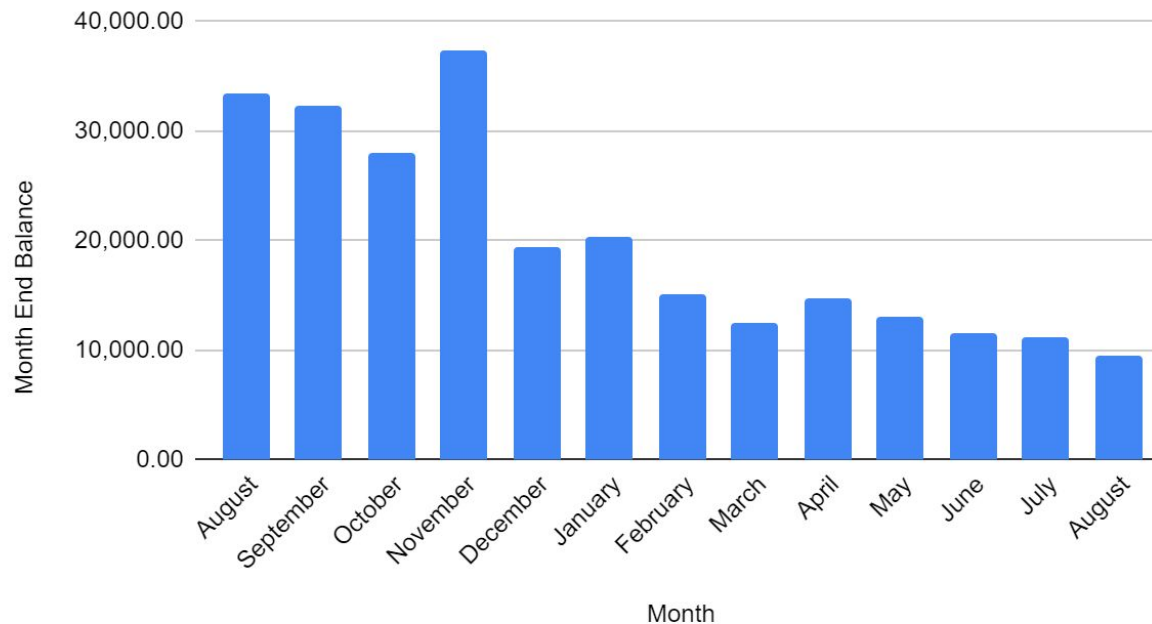
Note: Current balance in PTO account is \$3,960.46 after deposit for Holiday Sale Trees & Wreaths made



Treasurer Report (This Period)

Cash Balance by Month Summary 9/1/21 to 8/31/22

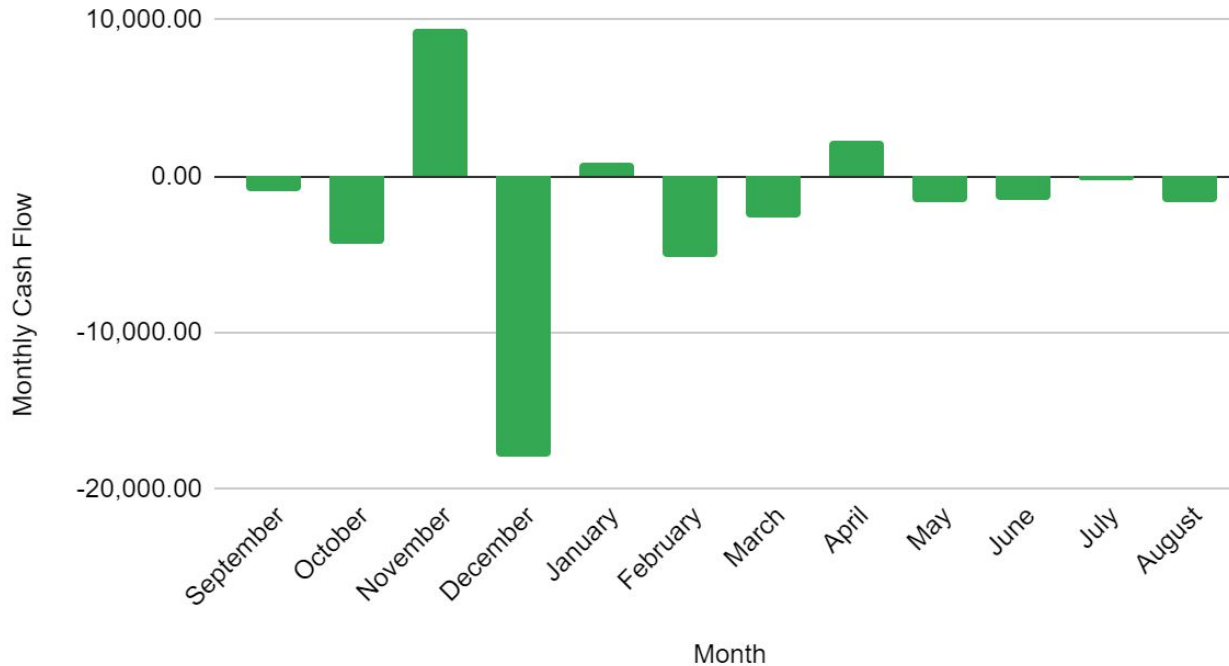
Month End Balance by Month



Treasurer Report (This Period)

Cash Flow Summary 9/1/21 to 8/31/22

Monthly Cash Flow by Month



Teacher Representative Report

Ms. Hayes



Clubs and Extracurricular Activities at Miner

LEGO Club (Grades K-5)

- Meet on Monday afternoons from 3:30-4:30pm (students in aftercare will return to aftercare once LEGO Club is finished)
- K-2 students will be with Mr. Yoho and Ms. Woodard; 3rd-5th students will be with Ms. Hillenbrand and Ms. Stoye
- Permission slips went home in backpacks last week; please sign it and return to your teacher if your student is interested
- If you have any LEGOs you would like to donate, please contact Mr. Yoho at jason.yoho@k12.dc.gov

DC Scores Soccer (Grades 1-5)

- If your student is in 1st - 5th grade and would like to join the Miner DC Scores soccer team, please fill out this registration form (it's free to join): register.dcscores.org
- Junior Scores: grades 1 and 2, coached by Ms. Mears and Ms. R. Jackson
- Elementary Scores: grades 3-5, coached by Mr. Gee and Ms. Hopkins
- All interested parents are invited to an info session over Zoom on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 6:30pm: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4158983547>



Committee Reports

- Appreciation & Recognition:
- Communications: John Muir
- Community Engagement:
- Family Engagement & Events:
- Fundraising & Grants:



Community Engagement Committee

- W6PSPO is holding elections for President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer. The requirement is that you be a DCPS parent who resides in Ward 6. Nomination form will be coming soon.
- The Ward 6 State Board of Education Candidates Forum is on September 28. It will be virtual and a zoom link will be provided upon registration. Candidates are Brandon Best and Joshua Wiley.

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual, Zoom link provided on registration

RSVP: <https://www.mobilize.us/ward6demsdc/event/498054/>

Submit your questions for the candidates to debate@hillrag.com.



Miner Spirit Store

Two ways to purchase:

- Purchase car magnets, yard signs, and t-shirts (sizes 3T - adult XXL) by emailing minerpto@gmail.com
- Visit our online spirit store at <https://www.cafepress.com/minerelementaryschoolspiritstore>



Upcoming Events, Reminders, & Opportunities



Upcoming Events (1 of 3)

Sunday, September 18

- **12:00 PM // Special Election Nomination Period Closes:** All [Nomination Forms](#) for LSAT Parent Representative and PTO Treasurer are due by noon today. For more information on the Special Election, please email minerpto@gmail.com.

September 19-21

- **Special Election // Voting Period:** The period to vote for LSAT Parent Representatives and PTO Treasurer opens Monday, September 19 and closes at 5pm on Wednesday, September 21. Information about casting electronic ballots will be distributed to Miner families and staff (one ballot per family). Please remember that both parents/guardians and teachers/staff may vote for PTO Treasurer, but only parents/guardians may vote for LSAT Parent Representatives.

Tuesday, September 27

- **5:00 PM - 6:00 PM via Zoom // PTO Leadership Team Meeting:** The monthly meeting of the PTO Executive Board and Committee Chairs is open to anyone interested in attending and/or providing feedback to PTO leadership. [Click here for more information about the Miner PTO.](#)



Upcoming Events (2 of 3)

Tuesday, October 4

- **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria // PTO General Meeting:** Join us for the PTO's regular monthly meeting for membership to hear the latest news, developments, and plans from the PTO leadership, Principal Dance, and special guests. A virtual option will be available. [Click here for more information about the Miner PTO.](#)

Thursday, October 6

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School for Students)**

Friday, October 7

- **Professional Development Day (No School for Students)**

Monday, October 10

- **Indigenous Peoples Day (School Closed)**



Upcoming Events (3 of 3)

Wednesday, October 12

- **7:30 AM in Lincoln Park // Walk-to-School Day:** Join families from Miner and our sister schools on Capitol Hill for this annual tradition! Meet in the park to gather and hear speeches from local dignitaries, then walk together to Miner to start the day! More information [here](#).

Tuesday, October 18

- **5:00 PM - 6:30 PM via Zoom // LSAT Meeting:** All are welcome to observe the Local School Advisory Team's discussions with Principal Dance. [Click here for more information about the Miner LSAT](#).



Reminders & Opportunities

- If you have ideas or suggestions to improve the Miner Website, please email minerpto@gmail.com
- If you are interested in joining a PTO Committee, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/parent-teacher-organization.html> and email minerpto@gmail.com
- If you are interested in becoming more involved in the garden/with the Green Team, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/green-team.html> and email Ms. Ashley Luttmer at ashley.luttmer@k12.dc.gov
- If you are interested in joining the Equity Team, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/equity-team.html> and email minerequityteam@gmail.com
- If you would like more information on the Miner Mutual Aid Network visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html> and email minermutualaid@gmail.com



Thank You!

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