

Miner PTO General Meeting

February 4, 2025

Happy Black History Month!

**Follow our PTO social media accounts to learn about
Black history makers of today and yesterday!**

Agenda

6:00 - 6:05 Welcome & Introductions

6:05 - 6:15 School & Administration Update

6:15 - 6:20 Community School Update

6:20 - 6:35 School Committee Reports

6:20 Mutual Aid Network

6:25 Garden and FoodPrints

6:30 LSAT (Budget Priorities SY 25-26)

Regular PTO Business

6:35 - 6:40 President & VP Report

6:40 - 6:50 Teacher Representative's Report

6:50 - 6:55 Treasurer's Report

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

Open Comment: Other joys, concerns, or questions?



Welcome!

- Welcome to our PTO General Meeting!
- Babysitting is 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.
- Next PTO meeting date: Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00pm.
- Reading and approval of the [November minutes](#).



Introduction of PTO Executive Board

- President - Brandon Scott (4th Grade Parent)
- Vice President - Abby McGill (3rd Grade Parent)
- Treasurer - Chris Santulli (1st and K Parent)
- Secretary - Julie Muir (5th, 3rd, and K Parent)
- Teacher Representative - Mr. Jason Yoho (Kindergarten)
- Principal - Dr. Carrie Broquard



School & Administration Update



Community School Update

Ms. ShaLisa Richardson

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



Community School Update



**EDGEWOOD/
BROOKLAND**
FAMILY SUPPORT COLLABORATIVE



Miner is proud to be a Community School!

Since the 2018-19 School Year, Miner has partnered with the [Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative](#) to implement the Community School Model at Miner.

What is a Community School?

A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on health and academics, youth and community development and community engagement leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities. Schools become centers of the community and are open to everyone-all day, every day, evenings and weekends. [Click here to learn about the OSSE Community School Initiative.](#)

Brighter Bites volunteers needed



Interested in volunteering with Brighter Bites?
We need volunteers to help bag produce
every other Tuesday. If you are interested,
please email Ms.Mills at
airneicia.mills@k12.dc.gov



School Committee Reports

Mutual Aid Network
Garden/FoodPrints
LSAT



Miner Mutual Aid Network

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





MINER MUTUAL AID NETWORK

MONTHLY COMMUNITY TABLE

Solidarity. Community. Support.



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.
- We are looking for volunteers to join our planning and action team. Please [click here to sign up](#) if you're interested in volunteering at the next event.

Next Community Table: TBD- March, 2025 11am - noon



LSAT Report

Mr. Jason Yoho and Julie Muir

Next Meeting: 5:30 pm February 18

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<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.
- SY2024-25 LSAT:
 - Parents: Jeff Giertz, Nick Kushner, LaToya McCarthy, Julie Muir, Brandon Scott (appointed as PTO Rep)
 - Teachers: Mr. Kolanji Alexander, Mr. Jason Yoho, Ms. Deanna Dykes (appointed as WTU Rep)
 - Staff: TBD (1 elected by non-WTU staff)
 - Community Rep: ShaLisa Richardson (number may vary, elected by LSAT)
 - Chairs: Mr. Yoho and Julie Muir
 - Secretary: Nick Kushner
- For more information on the Miner LSAT, visit

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

Direct questions to minereslsat@gmail.com

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Regular PTO Business

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



President & VP Reports

- Upcoming Events:
 - **Open House** 10 a.m. Feb 8
10 a.m. March 1
 - **Miner Community Engagement Event @ Atlas Brew Works**
5-7 p.m. Friday, February 21, 2052 West Virginia Ave., NE
 - **February Break** (no school Feb. 14 and Feb 17)
- Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
- How to Connect
- Bear Paw Fund



MINER PTO & ATLAS BREW
WORKS PRESENT THE

MIGHTY MINER HAPPY HOUR

ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR
MONTHLY HAPPY HOUR AT
ATLAS BREW WORKS. JUST
MENTION "MINER" AND THE
PTO GETS \$1 PER PINT!

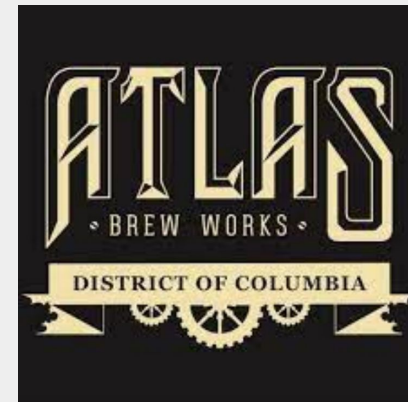
**5-7 PM ON THE
FOLLOWING FRIDAYS:**

SEPTEMBER 20	FEBRUARY 21
OCTOBER 18	MARCH 21
NOVEMBER 15	APRIL 18*
DECEMBER 20	MAY 16
JANUARY 17*	<small>*DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</small>

ATLAS BREW WORKS IVY CITY
2052 WEST VIRGINIA AVE NE
ATLASBREWWORKS.COM
MINERELEMENTARY.ORG

Join Us for Our Monthly PTO Happy
Hour at Atlas Brew Works Ivy City!

- Our next happy hour is Feb 21
- Held one Friday a month at Atlas Brew Works
- 2052 West Virginia Ave NE
- Mention "Miner Elementary" when you arrive
- For every pint purchased the PTO gets \$1
- Kids, friends, family, dogs welcome



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/>
- Follow the school calendar on the [Miner homepage](#)! You can even add it to your phone’s calendar. You can also do this with DCPS calendar—[click here](#) to learn how.



Be a PTO Volunteer!

We are always looking for volunteers. We need help at a variety of levels. Whether you may be able to help at one event or you want to Chair a Committee, please fill out the [volunteer form](#)! If you're interested in joining a specific Committee, look no further.

PTO Committees:

- Appreciation & Recognition
- Communications
- 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!



Donate to the Bear Paw Fund

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 SY24-25 are to fund:

- \$200 "Mini Grants" for each classroom
 - Field trips for all grade levels
 - Support for our clubs and sports
 - 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"

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>

Teacher Representative's Report

Mr. Yoho

jason.yoho@k12.dc.gov



Treasurer's Report

Chris Santulli

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Upcoming Events, Reminders, & Opportunities



Calendar of Events (1 of 3)

Tuesday, February 4

- **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria // PTO General Meeting:** Join us for our monthly PTO General Meeting for membership to hear the latest news, developments, and plans from the PTO leadership, Dr. Broquard, and special guests. [Click here for more information about the Miner PTO.](#)

Saturday, February 8

- **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM in the Cafeteria // Open House:** Prospective Miner families are invited to join us for an Open House to learn more about what it means to be a Mighty Miner Bear! You'll hear from our administration, current teachers, current parents, and of course other parents going through the lottery process.

Friday, February 14

- **Valentine's Day**
- **Professional Development Day for Staff:** no school for students

Monday, February 17

- **Presidents' Day holiday:** school closed



Calendar of Events (2 of 3)

Friday, February 21

- **5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Atlas Brew Works Ivy City // Mighty Miner Happy Hour:** All are invited to join us for our monthly PTO happy hour at Atlas Brew Works! For every pint purchased, the PTO gets \$1. Bring your friends, bring your family, bring your kids. All are welcome. Just be sure to mention "Miner Elementary" when you place your order! For more info (including upcoming Happy Hour dates) [click here](#). We hope to see you there! [Atlas Brew Works](#) is located at 2052 West Virginia Avenue NE.

Tuesday, February 25

- **5:00 PM - 6:30 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 Parent Teacher Organization.](#)

Saturday, March 1

- **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM in the Cafeteria // Open House:** Prospective Miner families are invited to join us for an Open House to learn more about what it means to be a Mighty Miner Bear! You'll hear from our administration, current teachers, current parents, and of course other parents going through the lottery process.



Calendar of Events (2 of 3)

Monday, March 3

- **My School DC Lottery closes:** Make sure to apply [here](#) before the deadline.

Tuesday, March 4

- **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria // PTO General Meeting:** Join us for our monthly PTO General Meeting for membership to hear the latest news, developments, and plans from the PTO leadership, Dr. Broquard, and special guests. [Click here for more information about the Miner PTO.](#)



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>



Reminders & Opportunities

- Be on the lookout for a survey from the Miner LSAT. This will help us prepare for SY25-26.
- To volunteer with the PTO, fill out [this form](#).
- To donate to the Miner PTO, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/donate.html>
- Don't forget to attend an upcoming Mighty Miner Happy Hour at Atlas Brew works! The next one is February 21.
- No school February 14 or 17
- Next PTO General Meeting: March 4



Thank You!

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