

## Miner Elementary PTO March General Meeting

### Principal's Report

Lockdown was an Alert Status

Teacher could not locate a student but the student "was located within 60sec" therefore no. Parent asked about PA system status and made comments about lack of comms among staff, signal issues within school

iReady Challenge beginning, 119 students received prizes

Class Dojo Challenge announced

Should have received report cards and PTC notifications

3<sup>rd</sup> grade aquatics swim program participation at Ballou every Thursday. Parent states their 3<sup>rd</sup> grader loves the program, asks if more grades will be added. Dr. Plenty says that it's a DCPS program and only funded for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

March Principal's Report and Family Panorama going out on Remind soon

Parents asking for follow up to why comms failed during the alert, Dr. Plenty said there will be

Parents raised concerns regarding Old Parking Lot construction and student arrival

Parents raised concerns about reckless driving at drop off, including a car crash with fight earlier this SY. Mr. Copeland stated that DDOT is aware, has meetings scheduled with DDOT, and DDOT will be sending observers in the near future.

### Community School Report

Uniform pants, gently used, size 4-8

Parent raised issue that this is a Uniform School, they remind other parents of that protocol. Dr. Plenty would rather have a student come to school in any clean clothes even if it's not a uniform. PTO states that each DCPS Principal dictates uniform code, staff and parent leadership can influence that decision.

Yoga coming

There will be no summer programming at Miner this year due to ECE renovations and continued construction outside.

Miner SIT Report

SIT program managers, old and new, presenting the brief which will be available on the SIT website. The recorded transcription during the presentation will also be available.

Tamaki Laycock will be taking over from Gabriella

Every floor has 3 classrooms, 9 classrooms in total. Fully furnished. Admin and special/communal spaces to be provided. Elevators and staircases, ADA accessible.

Food prep area in first/ground floor for distribution to classrooms, similar to now.

Construction will continue through the beginning of SY24-25. Playing with language, “construction” vs “light renovation”. ECE Building will done late July/early August. CDC construction will be June to November 2024, and that is not the same vendor.

Many Parents bringing up parking and PreK dropoff mixed in with upper grades in the old parking lot. Gabriella is deferring to school administration. Parent asked about replacing the existing gate(s) with electronic gate(s). Gates cannot be Locked during school hours

Teach asks about overhang/covered path between building. There will be one made of steel, but it is more for the moving of food than children.

Room mock ups shown, roughly 800sqft. Unclear to Gabriella how that measures up to existing ECE rooms.

There is no art budget for the rooms. But rooms will be whimsical and magical.

The garden has been preserved in all design scenarios, according to Gabriella

There will be a joint PA and security system for the ECE building. Parent asked about a security guard/office at the new building. Dr. Plenty believes so, Gabriella states it been planned for

Property perimeter fence and shorter ECE fence will not separate the two buildings

Playground planned in a sensor path manner. More information and renderings on the project website

Parent asks what else is coming to give a One Campus feel? Gabriella cannot speak to those plans. Equitable school considerations are also in play.

#### School Committee Reports

- Mutual Aid
- LSAT – next meeting March 19 at 5pm
- Green Team

## Regular PTO Business

### President & VP Report

- SY24-25 Enrollment Opens April 1
- April 1-5 is Assistant Principal Appreciation Week
- Save the Date: Spring Dance is April 12!
- Fundraising Opportunities
  - Thanks to all who participated in our Cookies for a Cause fundraiser at Captain Cookie and the Milkman
  - St. Patrick's Day Coin Drive Kicks off March 11
  - Our next Engagement Event at Atlas Brew Works is March 22
  - 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!

Treasurer – balance \$30,910.78

### Teacher Reps –

- Important dates:
  - No DCPS aftercare March 12
  - Parent-Teacher Conferences March 14 (no school for students)
  - PD/Records Day March 15 (no school for students)
  - PD/Records Day April 5 (no school for students)
  - STEM Family Engagement Event April 8
  - Spring Break: April 15-19
- Notes from Ms. Hillenbrand:
  - There is a partial solar eclipse happening on 4/8 around 3pm. We will be viewing it as a school and will have extra glasses available for some family members if you want to watch it with us. Please be on the lookout for more information!
  - 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).

Upcoming events – visit website for complete list

Montion to adjourn passed unanimously.