

McVey Elementary School  
PTA Meeting 10:00am  
Start Time: 10:00am  
May 20, 2024

- I. Welcome
- II. Pledge of Allegiance 10:06am
- III. Minutes approved: Allison Vardakis, Julie Leake
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Michelle Robertson – Last Month's Balance \$34,342.49; Current Balance: \$30,481.84
- V. Principal's Report – Ms. Dunne
  - a. Welcome
  - b. May Madness – Fundraising for school store. Two weeks dedicated to different themes. Student council driven. Prizes: Principal and Asst Principal for the day, slurpees, sweet treat, craft basket, signed basketball by teachers.
  - c. Culture Day: fun day of learning about student cultures.
  - d. Field Day: weather is not looking good for Field Day, decision made tomorrow Tue, May 21<sup>st</sup>. May move to rain date. Might have to shift Tie Dye Day.
  - e. Arcademics Worldwide Champions – Math Fluency winners: 16 students. Mr. Angeli announced all winners and presented awards.
  - f. Touch-A-Truck: Pre-k - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Super fun day seeing a helicopter land. Thank you Mr. Vardakis.
  - g. Thank you to all that helped with Boutique and Book Fair.
  - h. Congratulations to our Founders Day Honorees.
  - i. Wonderful concert and congrats to all performing at NYSSMA.
  - j. Girls on the Run: Fantastic event this past weekend.
  - k. State assessments are wrapping up. Working on ways to streamline concerns we had with the state. First time assessment for science. Our children were well prepared.
  - l. Summer learning for students who were recommended for one month this summer; highly recommend taking advantage if your child received a letter; review of what they learned throughout the year; children also make progress.
  - m. Spotlight on Education: A look at Character Ed programs. Kindeology – students learning about kindness.
- VI. Assistant Principal's Report – Mr. Minerva
  - a. No updates
- VII. Teacher Liaison's Report – Ms. Jalfin
  - a. We are in the home stretch. 25 days left. Every day there is something new.
- VIII. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Rosner
  - a. Introduced Mr Spinato
  - b. Congrats to Girls on the Run. Met with the director for East Meadow; looking to expand this program.

- c. Voting on budget and candidates tomorrow 5/21/24. These are challenging times. Mandated increases by NYS. Please come out and vote. By law budget is available in the main office
  - d. Discussed budget and where money would be going. What programs need and will remain.
  - e. McVey one of the top elementary schools in the state and our high schools rank top 200 in the country
  - f. Expansion. Stuck in the Special Ed Dept. We are due 58% of the money back from the state. That is money back to our taxpayers. Draft and send a letter to the State Special Ed Dept.
- IX. Presidents' Report – Amy Ramnarine and Jennifer Reinhardt
- a. School of Excellence survey being sent regarding how the PTA is doing and what we have improved on during the school year..
  - b. Thank you and great job to all of our chairpeople and volunteers.
  - c. Budget vote tomorrow; get out and vote.
  - d. Culture day is tomorrow. The kids are excited to celebrate their heritage.
  - e. Founder's Day: congrats to all our honorees.
  - f. Touch-A-Truck was a successful event and a lot of fun.
- X. Vice Presidents Report – Allison Vardakis & Karen Heckman
- a. Girls on the Run was motivating and a lot of fun.
- XI. Secretaries Report – Julie Leake & Jennifer Pevsner
- a. Nothing to report
- XII. Committee Reports –
- a. Membership: Karen Heckman
  - b. Access & Curriculum: Amy Ramnarine & Allison Vardakis: last week was the last meeting of the year. Discussed programs and topics parents would like to discuss.
  - c. Safety & Transportation: Jennifer Pevsner & Jennifer Reinhardt – Bus driver breakfast was a success.
  - d. Fifth Grade Committee: Allison Vardakis & Jennifer Pevsner: yearbooks are finished. upcoming Smencil and pretzel sales.
  - e. Arts & Education: 2nd grade had Dinosaur Rocks assembly, 3rd grade had Eric the Reptile Guy who presented from the rainforests of Costa Rica. Monday was Mad Science Marvels of Motion for 4th grade.
  - f. Touch- A- Truck: The Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders got to go out to see the trucks. A helicopter landed in the field and all grades got to enjoy. Plenty of ideas for next year.
  - g. Staff Appreciation: Thank you to Jennifer Tejada and Susete Reyes for their dedication to this event. There was a lot of food and a great variety. It is their last year.
  - h. Spring Boutique & Plant Sale: Taleen Krug & Lauren Vitagliano & Jennifer Pevsner: Excellent time. Kids and volunteers both doing math. Thank you to all the volunteers.

- i. Book Fair: Allison Vardakis & Jennifer Pevsner: Buy one get one free book fair is one of our favorite events. Thank you to all the volunteers who showed off their math skills when it came to tax and making sure everyone picked an even amount of items.
  - j. Original Works : Siobhan Licastro: Orders coming soon.
  - k. GOAT Apparel Sale: Amy Ramnarine: Shirt orders were submitted to the company.
- XIII. New Business –
- a. PTA Letter Update: Jennifer Pevsner & Jennifer Reinhardt
  - b. Meeting ending due to lunch coming in, will update via email. If you can stay and hang up artwork after the meeting, please stay.
- XIV. Upcoming Events –
- Bake Sale: Julie Leake & Rosanna Schnickel
  - Tye- Dye Day: Allison Vardakis, Andrea Hanna, Krissy Devito
  - Field Day Jennifer Pevsner, Jennifer Reinhardt, Michelle Robertson, Stephanie Mastropietro
  - BBQ Julie Leake, Jennifer Pevsner, Michael Leake, & Andy Lindow
  - Spring Festival: Executive Board
  - Last day of school Slurpee Day: Jennifer Reinhardt