

McVey Elementary School  
PTA Meeting 7:00pm  
Start Time: 7:07pm  
November 14th, 2023

- I. Welcome
- II. Pledge of Allegiance 7:07pm
- III. Minutes approved by Allison Vardakis & Karen Heckman
- IV. Treasurers Report: Michelle Robertson – Last Months balance - \$27, 991.38. Currently \$32,283.31. Motion to amend the budget. Changes, emergency backpacks, Touch-a-Truck, Fire Prevention Hospitality. Motion to amend: Jenn Pevsner & Allison; budget changes passed.
- V. Principal’s Report – Ms. Dunne
  - a. What are emergency backpacks and what we use for. First aid items, gloves, blankets, roster’s and contact info for students in case of emergency during drill, etc.
  - b. Wellness week was fantastic. Zumba, Wellness Walk were just some of the events during this week.
  - c. Howl & spooky walk was great. The bar has been set high. The kids had a great time.
  - d. Halloween Parade was a lot of fun.
  - e. Turkey Trot next week. Parents can come be active with the kids before Thanksgiving.
  - f. Clubs have begun. Science, Coding, Fitness. Chest Club flyer going home this week. Looking to chest board donations.
  - g. Play practice has begun. Play will be held in the gym.
  - h. News 12 Andrew Toledo; Trick or treating in Oceanside, saw empty candy bowl, dumped his candy in bowl so kids had candy and wouldn’t be upset. Caught on ring doorbell. Search on News 12 for child who ended up being from McVey. Being a bucket filler.
  - i. What was poster Dunne showed??
  - j. Spotlight on education. Wordle. Parent/Teacher Conference Day/evening event. Encouraged to come in-person. Take a look at report card, meaningful comments, teachers will not give 4’s in first report cards.
  - k. Happy Diwali & Happy Hannukah
- VI. Assistant Principal Report – Mr. Minerva
  - a. Dress your child appropriately for weather conditions. Going outside for gym and recess on warmer days.
- VII. Teacher Liaison Report – Ms. Jalfin
  - a. Mr. Rosner, your presence has been felt. He has been at McVey a lot and we feel his support.
  - b. Limited space on report cards, but we put a lot of thought and care into them. At conferences we share so much about your child. Parents are not limited to this 1x a year conversation. Doors are always open. Make sure to reach out to your child’s teacher if you need to talk to them.
  - c. Happy Thanksgiving
- VIII. Superintendent – Mr. Rosner
  - a. Working with attorney to get expansion approved and pushed through.
  - b. APR has been made into a best-case scenario for ENL. It looks lively and colorful.

- c. You've seen letters sent to the community about issues at the high school. We are working on this with the students and schools through education.
- IX. Presidents Report – Amy Ramnarine and Jennifer Reinhardt
  - a. School of Excellence submitted.
  - b. Great week of Wellness
  - c. Happy Holidays and thank you to everyone.
- X. Vice Presidents Report – Allison Vardakis & Karen Heckman
  - a. Happy Thanksgiving
- XI. Secretaries Report – Julie Leake & Jenn Pevsner
  - a. Happy Thanksgiving
- XII. Committees
  - a. Membership: Karen Heckman – Last meeting: 419 members, 435 currently
  - b. Access & Curriculum: Infinite Campus Parent Workshop on YouTube very informative. Next meeting tomorrow 11/15/23 at the Salisbury Center.
  - c. Safety & Transportation: Jennifer Pevsner & Jennifer Reinhardt – next meeting tomorrow 11/15/23. Walk through was successful. Small housekeeping items.
  - d. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee: Jennifer Pevsner and Allison Vardakis – Movie Fundraiser this weekend. We are selling Smilows. Pie pick up 11/21/23 at Sue Arias' house.
  - e. Volunteer Information: Sign Up to be a volunteer; council delegates needed; new committee available; new ideas welcome. Need help with Art Committee, Tie Dye Day, May Madness
  - f. Fall Photos: Julie Leake & Jenn Pevsner – Irvin Simon did a great job. Thank you to all the volunteers. Retake Thu 11/16/23.
  - g. World's Finest Chocolate: Allison Vardakis, David and Vanessa Molina – 28 unpaid boxes
  - h. Apparel Sale: Karen Heckman – Waiting for delivery to school from vendor.
  - i. Fall Catalog: Michelle Robertson – Orders are in. Going home this week.
  - j. Fall Book Fair: Jenn Pevsner & Allison Vardakis – A lot of volunteers, thank you. Profit about \$3000
  - k. Chuck E. Cheese: Michelle Robertson and Siobhan Licastro – profit a little over \$3000. Chuck E Cheese was great to McVey. We earned from anyone that walked in the door.
  - l. Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch: All Pre-K and K kids got a pumpkin, scavenger hunt, and pictures. Thank you to volunteers and to company that donated pumpkins.
  - m. Halloween Howl and Spooky Walk: Allison Vardakis, Andy Lindow & Jennifer Reinhardt – thank you to everyone, successful event, kids had fun, everyone really stepped up. Thank you to the entire McVey team and all that donated. Weekend before Spooky Walk, a team came together and brought the event to life. Thank you to Andy Lindow for the beautiful artwork on the new structure for Spooky Walk. It was friendly for the kids and spooky for the parents.
  - n. Election Day Bake Sale: Julie Leake & Rosanna Schnickel - went very well. Over \$1000 raised. 50/50 winner donated money back to McVey PTA. Raffles made \$300.
- XIII. Upcoming Events
  - a. Holiday Boutique: Lauren Vitagliano & Taleen Krug - 12/6-12/8
  - b. Clothing Drive: Julie Leake & Jennifer Pevsner – starts 12/4/23 and end 1/5/24.