

George H. McVey PTA
General Membership Meeting
September 10, 2024, 7:00pm

- I. Call to Order: 7:09pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: 7:09pm
- III. Introduction of the 2024-2025 Executive Board
- IV. June 2024 Minutes: There were no corrections; minutes stand as approved.
- V. Treasurer's Report – Siobhan Licastro
 - a. Budget Adoption for the 2024-2025 school year; motion approved by Gretchen McGowan & Karen Heckman
 - b. Balance as of August 2024: \$10,560.75; Current Balance: \$11,015.75
- VI. Principal's Report – Ms. Dunne
 - a. We are excited to see everyone here; hope everyone returns to our next meeting; we give updates on education and discuss upcoming events.
 - b. Welcome to all our new families; hope everyone had a great summer.
 - c. Bussing has been on schedule which is great for just the second week of school.
 - d. Children came into school like they never left; getting acclimated to the school schedule.
 - e. We had a wonderful Welcome Back Social; very large attendance; everyone had a great time.
 - f. Thank you to the PTA for the School Supply Drop Off; more supplies dropped off than years prior.
 - g. New free lunch program is going great; lunch lines are more efficient; Halal option available for pre-order every day; many children taking advantage of Halal meals.
 - h. We have had welcome back assemblies; 2 grades at a time; discuss five school rules: Body control, Be a Bucket Filler, No retaliation, Do the right thing when no one is looking and Get Smart.
 - i. Started safety drills; will start working on secret hiding places.
 - j. State of McVey: Using data extensively to determine if quality of education is equal.
 - k. Computer-based testing: this year 4th and 5th grade will be taking computer-based testing; next year 3rd grade will also take computer-based testing.
 - l. Why we fundraise: important to fundraise for all of the fun events that we have for the students like Field Day, the BBQ and Arts in Education programs etc.
- VII. Assistant Principal's Report – Mr. Minerva
 - a. Not in attendance.
- VIII. Teacher Liaison's Report – Ms. Jalfin
 - a. Not in attendance.
- IX. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Rosner
 - a. Please come back next month and bring a friend.
 - b. McVey is a great school; the PTA gives so much support; it is a great community.
 - c. Construction at McVey: expansion project was stuck in the state Special Education office; plans are now expected to be approved by October 15.

- d. Expansion expected to have 3 classrooms with bathrooms and air conditioning; may have to rebuild basketball courts; looking into how to reorganize space at McVey.
- X. President Reports – Allison Vardakis and Julie Leake
- a. School of Excellence designation awarded for 2023-2025
 - b. Kindergarten signs were a great success.
 - c. Welcome Back Coffee Bar was fun; thank you for the donations.
 - d. School Supply Drop Off went very well; 298 supplies were dropped off.
 - e. Welcome Back Social: We had Ralph's Italian Ices; quite a few teachers attended; everyone had a blast.
 - f. School Spirit Wear: New spirit wear available at Digitech; you can order online for local pickup; we will continue to sell t-shirts at Meet the Teacher.
 - g. Council Delegates needed for PTA Council meetings; take notes and report back; next meeting is October 16th at 7:30pm.
 - h. Volunteer sign-up sheets available; Many committees are looking for chairpeople and co-chairs, please reach out to us if you are interested; please sign up to volunteer at our upcoming events.
- XI. Vice President Reports – Karen Heckman & Michelle Robertson
- a. Welcome to all; nice to see so many new faces.
- XII. Secretary Reports – Taleen Krug & Amy Ramnarine
- a. Welcome everyone; glad to see everyone; join the PTA!
- XIII. Committee Reports –
- a. Membership: Karen Heckman – Membership for this school year began on July 1st; Our goal is 491 members; we currently have 375 members which is approximately 76% of our goal.
 - b. Access & Curriculum: Amy Ramnarine & Allison Vardakis – Next meeting is on September 11th at 9:30am; anyone is welcome to attend; if you have any topics you would like us to mention or any questions, please let us know.
 - c. Safety & Transportation: Jennifer Reinhardt – Next meeting is on October 9th at 9:30am
 - d. 5th Grade Committee: Jennifer Reinhardt – Next meeting is on September 16th after Meet the Teacher; Pretzel sale on September 20th after school; Smencil sale September 26th-27th during lunch.
 - e. World's Finest Chocolate: David Molina, Vanessa Molina & Sue Arias – September 17-October 11th; biggest fundraiser of the year; 1 box per family; flyer coming home soon; have until October 11th to sell.
- XIV. Upcoming Events
- a. Reflections: Liz DeRiggi & Renée Murphy – Reflections is a National PTA contest; students show their creativity through original works of art; Theme is Accepting Imperfection; 4 categories and 2 winners per category.
 - b. Fall Photos: Julie Leake & Amy Ramnarine – September 26th-27th; retakes November 14th.
 - c. Apparel Sale (Long Island Athletic): Karen Heckman – September 23rd – October 7th; will run for 2 weeks; flyers coming home soon; order online and will be delivered to school; sent home with children.

- d. Chuck E. Cheese: Michelle Robertson and Siobhan Licastro – October 18th; it's a fun time for all kids; percentage of sales goes to PTA.
 - e. Fall Book Fair: Lily Chan & Allison Vardakis – October 16th-18th; students will shop during their scheduled time; can use eWallet to make purchases; volunteers needed.
 - f. Fire Prevention Day: Julie Williams & Mark Williams – October 21st; Assembly with East Meadow Fire Department; students learn about fire safety and can explore fire trucks.
 - g. Wellness Walk: Danielle Mathis – October 23rd; helps promote a healthy lifestyle; students will receive water and a light snack; families invited to participate.
 - h. Fall Catalog: Michelle Robertson & Siobhan Licastro – October 8th- October 25th; will be delivered before the holidays; an assortment of wrapping paper, candy and other gifts.
 - i. Halloween Howl: Jennifer Reinhardt & Stephanie Mastropietro – October 28th; DJ booked.
 - j. Spooky Walk: Allison Vardakis, Allison Benzenberg, Dan Benzenberg, Ms. Tsouristakis – October 28th; a spooky time for the students; teachers participate; setup the weekend before event; in need of volunteers to decorate, build and disassemble at the end of the night.
 - k. Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch: Jennifer Reinhardt & Kathleen Volpe – October 30th; 175 pumpkins donated; scavenger hunt and games.
- XV. Motion to Adjourn: 8:10pm