

George H. McVey PTA  
General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, 12/17/24

- I. Call to Order: 10:06am
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: 10:06am
- III. Nov 24' Minutes: There were no corrections; minutes stand as approved.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Siobhan Licastro
  - a. Balance as of Last Statement Balance of 11/1/24: \$48,127.65; Current Balance: \$53,670.88
- V. Principal's Report – Ms. Dunne
  - a. December is a busy month. Thank you for the Holiday boutique. The concert was great. Cookiefest was wonderful. The history of the cookiefest was at night. Now we do it during lunch.
  - b. Student council - pet supply drive occurred. Newspaper drive is ending this Friday. Candygrams - \$959 raised, goes back into the student body.
  - c. Chess Club started - in need of chess boards and/or pieces. Want to do a tournament for the kids.
  - d. Beautification team at McVey - a new custodian, sketching murals for the school. The goal is to create a mural that represents McVey and incorporates past graduates.
  - e. 75th Anniversary Festival - in the works, more to come
  - f. Library- has become a common hub for research/studies. Project based, STEM approach - research then build, in 6+1 Curriculum. Now we are moving to STEM. How do we help support the kids - introducing scholastic in the library. More science-based books in correlation to the entire ecosystem.
  - g. Art & Music - have put posters on the walls, to continue to build knowledge in all classes. (Minerva)
  - h. Schema - word map/ diagram; converted to an ecosystem so the kids can understand. Expression is a replacement for something else.
- VI. Assistant Principal's Report – Mr. Minerva
  - a. Nothing to report
- VII. Teacher Liaison's Report – Ms. Jalfin

- a. Conferences / report cards have been wrapped up. Happy Holiday season & new year.

VIII. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Rosner

- a. Not in attendance

IX. President Reports – Allison Vardakis and Julie Leake

- a. School of Excellence - survey
- b. National PTA Grant Program - applied and approved for \$1,500.00. Host a seminar on 3/11 at 7pm, healthy digital environment at home, National PTA & AT&T. Will report further closer on the workshop.

X. Vice President Reports – Karen Heckman & Michelle Robertson

- a. Membership is still going strong; membership is 549 currently

XI. Secretary Reports – Taleen Krug & Amy Ramnarine

- a. Nothing to report

XII. Committee Reports –

- a. Membership: Karen Heckman
  - i. Currently at 549 members and growing
- b. Access & Curriculum: Amy Ramnarine & Allison Vardakis
  - i. Meeting last week; 21st century learning and tools the kids learn in school. Schoology and additional program they are using. Potential workshop for parents, if interested.
- c. Safety & Transportation: Jennifer Reinhardt
  - i. Bus questions - representatives from the bus company will have a special meeting. More to come. Bus codes will go out on talking points or Facebook, so parents are aware.
- d. Fifth Grade Committee: Jennifer Reinhardt
  - i. Smencil sale is a success. Thank you to Maria, the Committee Chair. Movie on 12/28, Sonic. Dave & Buster's Fundraiser is moved to January. More to Come.
- e. Fall Photo Retake Day - Julie Leake & Amy Ramnarine
  - i. Went well. 5th Grade & Kindergarten will take photos for the yearbook today.

- f. Holiday Boutique: Lauren Vitigliano & Taleen Krug
  - i. Thank you to those who volunteered, great three days.
- g. Clothing Drive: Julie Leake
  - i. Need 2,000 pounds to be paid back. Please continue to donate.
- h. Founders Day: Amy Ramnarine
  - i. PTA honorees for McVey for 2025 are Mr. Trionfo, Jennifer Reinhardt & Ms. Tsouristakis, Dinner will be on Monday 4/28 at Leonard's.

#### XIII. New Business

- a. Nominating Committee - Vicky Lango and Sana Fayyaz

#### XIV. Upcoming Events

- a. Goat - Amy Ramnarine
  - i. Last year's sale - custom clothing sale, reopen sale in mid-January for Sweatshirts
- b. Used Book Sale - Julie Leake & Kim Gonzalez
  - i. Looking at January 9th & 10th - increase to \$0.50 each.
- c. Guest Reader Day - Allison Vardakis & Amy Ramnarine
  - i. People come and read the class. First Thursday in March.

#### XV. Motion to adjourn: 11:00am