

George H. McVey PTA  
General Membership Meeting  
November 12th, 2025

- I. Call to Order 7:02pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: 7:02pm
- III. October 2024 Minutes: There were no corrections; minutes stand as approved.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Siobhan Licastro
  - a. Balance as of 10/31/2024 \$48,127.65; Current Balance as of 11/12/2024: \$49,882.05
- V. Principal's Report – Ms. Dunne
  - a. Recap of October- Book fair, wellness week, Halloween howl, spooky walk & fire drill- All were great. Thank you to all the chairs. The 'drill' at the Halloween howl proved that the kids knew what to do. Bus drills were today. Todd Atkinson, situational awareness. Completed airway training as well.
  - b. Clubs started - student council selections. A bit different than last year, they have committees. Lost and found committee is new this year.
  - c. Freedom Fridays - class on AM announcement select a patriotic song - school house rock was this week.
  - d. Assessments - achievement & informative assessments at McVey. No way to study for this test. Review of intelligence & aptitude test questions. Achievement test is what our kids take from NYS. Our children are exposed to many lessons daily. As for formative assessments, the teachers will have checkpoints to make sure the kids are learning during the lesson. Exit tickets are provided after the lesson, and the question will be related to the lesson, and they indicate whether or not the kids are where they need to be, which are spiraled questions and reused over time. Assessments that are achievement based, all in real time. To help us inform the day to day. Progress report is a few weeks away. It is all the info that the teachers collect on a daily basis relative to what the standards are currently. Ratings are coming from the formative assessments.
  - e. I ready - progress to monitor our students, so we can ensure we are meeting their needs and delivering the best instruction we can.
- VI. Assistant Principal's Report – Mr. Minerva
  - a. Testing - In this building, we get together and discuss how the lesson is done and learn / share with each other on a daily - annual basis. Using data as best we can.

- b. 4th & 5th online assessments - not only will we understand the skills and now applying it and taking it online. How they are achieving in each skill and how to utilize and access the computer and computer-based test.

VII. Teacher Liaison's Report – Ms. Jalfin

- a. First progress report coming out in about a month, leading to parent teacher conferences. Make sure you come with questions about your child's report card.

VIII. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Rosner

- a. Introducing, Mr. Spinnato... important to highlight, that the teachers share their development among all colleagues-congrats to the McVey crew.
- b. Meet & Greet - new this year for the 5th graders. Team building activity at Salisbury center, from the different elementary schools, to meet each other.
- c. Police - being proactive- the presence in the school doesn't mean we have to notify to parents or that there is anything wrong. We should get used to seeing them.
- d. Character education across all schools - first meeting and will report at dec board meeting.
- e. Regionalization - NYS, means of sharing or pooling resources from all sources of Nassau County. 60-page survey we are required to put together and send to BOCES. Unclear what this plan is. Worried they will change state aid, and last board meeting a letter was signed requesting more information and to slow down the process, then present to community.
- f. Paperwork was filled out incorrectly regarding the McVey expansion plan. It was corrected and asked to Resign to Resubmit. If we get approval, we get 1/2 back to taxpayers.

IX. President Reports – Allison Vardakis and Julie Leake

- a. Chairperson & class parent email was sent out. (Allison)
- b. At the EMPTA meeting on 11/6, Tracey Rudd asked to write a letter to NUMC, to the Governor, and to NYS Ed for Regionalization. Vote of confidence is requested in Support of NUMC, Regionalization Concern Letter and NYS PTA Resolutions/ Bylaws via the executive board. (Julie)

X. Vice President Reports – Karen Heckman & Michelle Robertson

- a. Nothing to report

XI. Secretary Reports – Taleen Krug & Amy Ramnarine

- a. Nothing to report

## XII. Committee Reports –

- a. Membership: Karen Heckman – 491 was the goal... now have 540 members as of today.
- b. Access & Curriculum: Amy Ramnarine & Allison Vardakis – (Amy) Science curriculum grades 5-12, how the science testing is set up. Higher grades will take all computer-based testing. Earth & Space is replacing earth science. No labs for regions.
- c. Connection with change the curriculum and bringing it down to the lower elementary grades. Knowledge and retention, 3 dimensional questions, moving away from basic knowledge questions and using a variety of resources instead. In-orbit, Digital platform, answer questions and analyze data. 3rd grade will begin to take home Chromebooks to work on keyboard skills. (Mr. Spinnato). Next meeting Dec 11th. Looking for topics from parent university (workshop). Google form will come home.
- d. Safety & Transportation: Jennifer Reinhardt – water fountain added to 5th grade hallway. Safety walk conducted last week, looks great.

## XIII. Upcoming Events

- a. Reflections - have been completed - appreciate the participation. Awarded the winners.
- b. 5th grade committee - thank you for support. Smencils, spooky walk, and pie sales.
- c. Arts & education - Jared Campbell - scheduled for June 18th, entire school. 3rd grade, Fire & Ice Dec 14th. Marvels of Motion for 4th grade, Jan 30th. Dinosaurs rock for 2nd grade.
- d. World finest chocolate sales - please send in any outstanding money.
- e. Apparel Sale - sale is closed. Hoping it ships before thanksgiving. And merch will be distributed to classrooms and come how with your children.
- f. Fall Catalog sales - please pick up within 24 hours
- g. Fall book fair - great book fair, 9 cases, kids had lots of fun. Spring is buy 1 get 1 free.
- h. Fire prevention day - nice and fun day. Ambulance, fire man & woman all there. A lot of McVey alumni.
- i. Wellness walk- kids had fun, pretzels & balloons were provided by PTA.
- j. Chuck E. Cheese - new manager, still working out the details on percentage they are giving back to the school.
- k. Kindergarten pumpkin patch - a good morning - goods were donated by Krystal food & vegetables. Thank you to everyone.

- l. Halloween howl - students looked amazing in costume, thanks for all the food donations and parent and teacher participation. Spooky walk was great, teachers were amazing, can always use more hands for building and breakdown.
- m. Election Day Bake sale - Sold out, homemade items are always best sellers. Total earned was \$2400 between bake sale & raffles.
- n. Student Council - Treasurer of student council presented- dog shelter fundraiser - blankets, food and pet supplies for winter.

XIV. New Business

- a. Vote of Confidence - NYS PTA Resolutions/ By laws Proposals, Letter of Support for NUMC and Regionalization Concern Letter. Jennifer Reinhardt made a motion to write the letter and take a vote of confidence- 1st Karen Heckman, 2nd Melissa Velez.

XV. Motion to adjourn: 8:38pm

APPROVED