

George H. McVey PTA
General Membership Meeting
April 14, 2026

Call to Order: 7:07

- I. Pledge of Allegiance: 7:07
- II. Approval of February Minutes: No corrections; Minutes stand as approved
- III. Treasurer's Report: Siobhan Licastro: Last Statement Balance (3/31/26): \$44,781.18
Current Balance (4/14/26): \$41,687.18
Recent Fundraising Income: Fall School Photos: \$3,800.96
Upcoming Fundraisers: Barnes & Noble Night; Plant Sale & Spring Boutique Sale
Reconciliations: March: Signed by Julie Williams
- IV. Principal's Report: Ms. Dunne: Thanks for coming.
 - A. Arrival Procedures: Sent out many notices; it has been going amazing; buses going through parking lot and car traffic through the front; only regret is not doing it sooner; still requires patience on the part of parents but overall, not a lot of traffic backup; would love to have just two doors open but think we need Exit 6 as well.
 - B. Met with playground company after bond passed; haven't seen rendering yet but should be coming soon; Phase one of the bond due to start June 26; end caps will be replaced and possibly upgrades to equipment out back
 - C. Pi Day was successful; Ed Connolly took great photos; 33 teachers participated and kids had a good time
 - D. Character Ed Committee: Character Ed was created (shows picture of dog); Character Ed has a shed; tools inside the shed represent 6 pillars of character; Ex. Mop=responsibility; mural being completed in Cafeteria B- all character education; winners of Autism Awareness fundraiser will get to add to the mural; waiting for district to select overall winner of pillar creations; representation of pillars are around the gym; the children have been playing games involving these pillars in gym class.
 - E. NYS Assessment: Start this week with 5th Grade ELA; All tests are computer-based; the students know how to use different tools and are well prepared.
 - F. PARP was a huge success; guest reader day was amazing
 - G. Spring Photos were a huge success
 - H. May Madness: Each day of the week we celebrate a specific subject area (Math, ELA); during that week will be culture day; same day as budget vote; same day as STEM expo
 - I. Last emergency drill: May 11
- V. Assistant Principal's Report: Mr. Minerva:
 - A. State Assessment: Working on getting younger grades ready to take computer-based tests; teaching them how to use technology; 3rd grade teachers starting to get comfortable with technology
 - B. Bus Drills went well
- VI. Superintendent Report: Mr. Rosner: Not present
- VII. Teacher Liaison's Report: Mrs. Jalfin: 11 Weeks left: School supplies for next year; trying to keep the cost down
- VIII. President's Report: Julie Leake & Allison Vardakis: Nothing to report
- IX. VP Reports: Karen Heckman & Taleen Krug: Nothing to report

X. Secretary Reports: Amy Ramnarine & Jessica Shea: Nothing to report

XI. Committee Reports:

- A. *Membership:* Karen Heckman: Goal: 604 members; Currently: 491
- B. *Access & Curriculum:* Amy Ramnarine & Allison Vardakis: April 15: Next Access Meeting; will be talking about Character Ed update
- C. *Safety & Transportation:* Jennifer Reinhardt: Had a walkthrough this month; arrival has been good
- D. *Fifth Grade Committee:* Amy Ramnarine & Taleen Krug:
 - i. Fifth Grade roller skating event next week; includes students from Barnum Woods
 - ii. Movie Night April 18 @ 11:00- Super Mario Brothers; open to everyone; \$20 a ticket; get movie ticket, popcorn and a drink
 - iii. April Smencil Sales- Next week 4/21 & 4/22
 - iv. Tumbler Sale Extended: Reach out to Michelle Robertson
- E. *Arts in Education:* Amy Ramnarine, Andrea Yorek & Ed Connolly: Insects Rock Assembly for second graders; they got to take home a plastic bug; Jared Campbell comes on June and the whole school gets to attend; two grades at a time
- F. *Spring Photos:* Amy Ramnarine, Julie Leake, & Ed Connolly: Kids had a great time; did freestyle photos; proofs should be coming home in a few weeks

XII. New Business:

- A. *Nominating Committee Slate:*
 - Co-Presidents: Taleen Krug & Siobhan Licastro
 - 1st Vice President: Jessica Shea
 - 2nd Vice President: Karen Heckman
 - Treasurer: Julie Williams
 - Recording Secretary: Edward Connolly
 - Corresponding Secretary: Julie Leake
- Election of officers will take place May 12 @ 10:00; you must be a member to vote in the election; membership will be accepted until May 11 @ 6pm; there are no absentee ballots; you must be present in order to vote in the election; intent to run from the floor against any of these nominated candidates must be received at least two business days prior to the date of election; must email ej129@aol.com before May 7

XIII. **Upcoming Events & Fundraisers:**

- Barnes & Noble Night (4/17): Karen Heckman & Alessia Silbowitz: From 5:30-8:00; musical performances; first grade will have special book reading; Scavenger hunt; fun crafts; a portion of sales goes to McVey PTA
- Founders Day (4/27 @ 6:00): Amy Ramnarine; Three honorees are Andrew Vardakis, Julie Leake, and Neide Eira; at Fox Hollow; proceeds of dinner go to scholarships for seniors; you can purchase an ad; proceeds of dinner go to graduates of the district
- Plant Sale & Spring Boutique (4/29-5/1): Christina Reyes, Lauren Vitagliano & Taleen Krug: Sign up will be posted on Facebook next week; happy to have all volunteers; schedule will be posted by next week

-Staff Appreciation (5/15): Siobhan Licastro, Megan Vessillo, Jessica Hanna & Miriam Loar; Theme is “Thanks for helping us bloom”; Letter going home soon; QR code for donations from Amazon wish list; kids will have chance to write how they appreciate staff members

-Bake Sale (5/19): Julie Leake & Colleen Rubino; Please donate baked goods; will possibly have raffles

-Field Day (5/21): Jennifer Reinhardt, Michelle Robertson, Melissa McGee, Ed Connolly: Sheets have to be in on Thursday; have an online form now

-Tie Dye Day (5/26): Allison Vardakis, Andrea Hanna, Krissy Devito, Katy Marascia & Ms. Hoskin: Shirts will be sorted this weekend; please volunteer to tie shirts; class parents received an email for rinse day

-School Supply Sale: Siobhan Licastro: Working with Mrs. Jalfin; once finalized fliers will be distributed

Girl Scouts Project: Box will be in the library with the opportunity for children to write down their feelings and leave them in the box; created so that children do not “bottle up” feelings

May 12 @10:00am Next Meeting

Motion to Adjourn: 7:40