

George H. McVey PTA  
General Membership Meeting  
May 12, 2026

**Call to Order: 10:05**

- I. Pledge of Allegiance: 10:05
- II. Approval of April Minutes: No corrections; Minutes stand as approved
- III. Treasurer's Report: Siobhan Licastro: Last Statement Balance (4/30/26): \$39,272.01  
Current Balance (5/11/26): \$48,817.55  
*Recent Fundraising Income*: Barnes & Noble: \$617.69  
World's Finest Chocolate: \$531.00  
Field Day Volunteer Shirts: \$699.75  
Spring Boutique Sale: \$3,537.04  
Plant Sale: \$626.65  
*Upcoming Fundraisers*: Bake Sale & School Supply Sale:  
*Reconciliations*: March: Signed by Andrew Vardakis
- IV. President's Report: Julie Leake & Allison Vardakis:
  - A. PTA Executive Committee Election: Siobhan Licastro reporting  
Co-Presidents: Taleen Krug & Siobhan Licastro  
Vice Presidents: Jessica Shea & Karen Heckman  
Corresponding Secretary: Julie Leake  
Recording Secretary: Edward Connolly  
Treasurer: Julie Williams

Slate stands as approved.
- V. Principal's Report: Ms. Dunne: Thanks PTA for excellent boutique
  - A. Arrival Procedures: Couldn't be happier; Working out kinks; parents have been effective in drop-off procedures; buses in parking lot works well
  - B. May Madness: Huge event; established during COVID; raises money for school store; student council picks prizes; have a day dedicated to each discipline; more raffles this year; can win sweet treat, pizza party, principal for the day, etc.; Raffles begin Monday; Monday-Music Day; Tuesday- Culture Day; Hope all can attend; that evening is Art Show and STEAM show along with Chamber orchestra and band; Will have tie dye day and field day during May madness
  - C. May is mental health month: Monday: screen free; Tuesday: Temperament Tuesday focused on mindfulness and mindfulness activities; Thursday: Therapeutic Thursday; normalize therapy; Friday- Al fresco Friday; will get outside in nature for walk or scavenger hunt
  - D. Testing: Today is last day of testing; science test is today; students are well prepared; teachers said it is fair; our goal is to make sure our children are keeping pace with their peers and they seem to be
  - E. Last emergency drill; last week
  - F. Concert this week; recorder concert next week; teacher appreciation Friday; Student council has been working on student appreciation this week; school play coming a long way; Flag Day Celebration- June 12- Geared towards 250 year celebration; will be opening time capsule that day; it is in the wall but has been

found; hoping to get it out very quickly; will have a ceremony where our children will create a time capsule; we have a display case for new time capsule in front of school; each grade will put something in time capsule plus artifacts from 2026; along with class photos; hope to unveil capsule in an evening event

- VI. Assistant Principal's Report: Mr. Minerva: Nothing to report
- VII. Teacher Liaison's Report: Mrs. Jalfin: It's May; organized chaos; teachers looking forward to teacher appreciation; thank you for hosting; going to be a great 7 weeks
- VIII. Superintendent Report: Mr. Rosner: not present; Budget Presentation by Jennifer Frisenda:  
Presentation is posted online. Vote on Tuesday, May 19, 2026; any questions please reach out to the office of the district clerk
- 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: 493; hope to get more with Field Day; we did achieve our goal last year but our student enrollment went down
  - B. *Access & Curriculum*: Lily Chan, Amy Ramnarine & Allison Vardakis: Jennifer Reinhardt: Zoom Event: Dangers of Vaping; Tuesday- May 26 @7pm; Lots of good information; please check it out; link will be shared on Facebook; link was sent out through the district; meeting next week with breakfast to thank our bus drivers; last meeting on May 20, 2026
  - C. *Safety & Transportation*: Jennifer Reinhardt: Regarding the sink hole in front: district is litigating with contractors who worked on the front of the school
  - D. *Fifth Grade Committee*: Amy Ramnarine & Taleen Krug:
    - i. Fifth Grade Yearbooks in production; get after bowling trip
    - ii. Lawn sign pick-up being distributed
    - iii. Getting ready for party and graduation
    - iv. May Smencil Sales- Going on 5/10 & 5/11: Most of our money has been made through the Smencil sale; last Smencil sale next month
  - E. *Arts in Education*: Amy Ramnarine, Andrea Yorek & Ed Connolly: One more assembly; Jared Campbell: for the entire school
  - F. *Founder's Day*: Amy Ramnarine; went wonderfully; honored our special McVey individuals; will have raised amount for scholarships at next meeting
  - G. *Plant Sale/Spring Boutique*: Christina Reyes, Taleen Krug, & Lauren Vitagliano: Good turnout; raised a lot of money; Lauren's last boutique; she will be missed
  - H. *School Supplies Sale*: Siobhan Licastro & Sabrina Sagliocca: Flyer went home; many people placed orders in first three days; goes until May 17; share with everyone

### **Upcoming Events & Fundraisers:**

-Staff Appreciation (5/15): Siobhan Licastro, Miriam Loar, Jessica Hanna & Meghan Vessillo: Theme is "Thanks for helping us bloom"; Many donations for the event; many volunteers

-Bake Sale (5/19): Coleen Rubino: Same day as budget vote and culture day; flyer went home; homemade always appreciated; individually wrapped great

-Field Day (5/21): Jennifer Reinhardt, Michelle Robertson, Melissa McGee, Ed Connolly:  
Theme is “Life is sweet, lets compete” shirts are in the building;

-Tie Dye Day & Art Show (5/26): Allison Vardakis, Andrea Hanna, Krissy Devito, Katy Marascia & Ms. Hoskin: Friday is set up for art show; please volunteer to help; rinse day is on May 28; class parents received an email

-Touch A Truck (6/2): Andrew Vadakis & Mark Williams: Nassau County Police coming with canine unit, mounted unit, SWAT; Mark Williams taking over next year; will be arranging things with fire department; helicopter landing; Franklin Ave. will be closed; helicopter landing about 10am; rain date June 15

-BBQ (6/4): Julie Leake & Michael Leake: Volunteers needed; volunteer sign-up to be posted; rain date is June 5

June 9 @10:00am Next Meeting

**Motion to Adjourn:** 10:58am

APPROVED