Taleen Krug, Co-President
Siobhan Licastro, Co-President
Karen Heckman, 1st Vice President
Jessica Shea, 2nd Vice President

Julie Williams, Treasurer
Ed Connolly, Recording Secretary
Julie Leake, Corresponding Secretary

George H. McVey PTA
General Membership Meeting
September 8, 2026

# Call to order: 7:13

1. Pledge of Allegiance 7:14
2. Approval of Minutes: June no changes
3. Treasurer's Report: Julie Williams
    - 2026-2027 Budget Adoption
    - Julie Leake Motion to approve budget - budget approved 2026/2027
    - Last Statement balance: 33,727.07
    - Current Balance 27,143.25
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4. Principal's Report: Ms. Dunne

Time Capsle display
3 new staff
Security booth
Entrance and exit procedures
New playgrounds on Franklin side
Parent Square for all Parent Communications with teachers and staff. Parents are pre-signed up
Encouraged parents to check it out
Orientations are underway - Labels emphasised - lost and found
2 Fire Drills already - lockdown drill coming soon. Full Drill upcoming in December - Other drills TBD - Homeland security oversight
Revitalizing courtyard - Dynamic - Presented rendering to attendees - Goal is completion by spring 2027
Statewide dip in ELA - McVey had dip lvl 4 performance soared in Math & ELA - Further info not available at this time. Should be available next PTA meeting
Character Ed presentation - Encouraging a culture of kindness without rewards and when no one is watching.
District Character Ed program -
Presented Character Ed the dog -
Assembly about school rules - Focus on Trust
Distributed copies of Character Ed
Spotlight on Education - offered to answer questions as they come up

2 Teachers with name changes
Pereti is mrs
Ms Mauri is now Mrs McKee
Ms Pariti is now Mrs. Trionfo

5. Assistant Principal's Report: Mr. Minerva
Great start to the school year - Playground, Cafe, Bussing

6. Teacher Liaison's Report: Ms. Jalfin
Introduction
Encourge to attend meetings
Opened self and board to questions - Public or private
Great welcome-back coffee bar

7. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Rosner

8. SEPTA President - Maya Martins
Thank-yous for partnership and involvement
Introduction to SEPTA (Special Ed PTA)
All district PTA
Every School has ICT Program - Integrated Co-Teaching Program
Providing resources for parents - expanding reach further into McVey
Membership forms left with PTA Board
Personal Story and experience with her children
Eastmeadowsepta@gmail.com
Membership packet went home

9. President's Report: Taleen Krug & Siobhan Licastro
   - School of Excellence -
   - Kindergarten Signs - Julie Leake delivered 72 signs - Funded by PTA for all incoming
   - Welcome Back Coffee Bar & Supply Drop Off - Local business and parents' donations. For teachers and staff to enjoy - roughly 360 supplies delivered to classrooms - thank you for your support
   - Fall Festival/Time Capsule/Welcome Back Social - 9/25 - Food Trucks - Ices, hay rides, corn mazes, encouraged everyone to come
   - School Spirit Wear: Digitech New Merch. - Encouraged attendees to check out the new merch
   - Council Delegates needed - up to 9 - Call to action to volunteer - Corinne LaRossa volunteered

- Volunteer sign-up sheets. Many committees are looking for Chairpeople and Co-Chairs
  - Opened to questions after- offered to help facilitate fundraisers

10. VP Report: Karen Heckman & Jessica Shea
Welcomes - we will have a good year

11. Secretary Reports: Julie Leake & Ed Connolly
PTA Instagram created

12. Committee Reports:

- Membership: Karen Heckman 329 - target 544
- Access & Curriculum: Lily Chan & Jessica Ugalde
- Arts & Education: Ed Connolly & Andrea Yorek -
  Jared Campel October 22 - Start his encouraging messaging for Red Ribbon Week/ Unit day - Keep his music as a year long soundtrack
  Ms Dunne Elabrated on the events
  Fundraising encouraged - tie-dye day used as an example

- Safety & Transportation: Jennifer Reinhardt
  Drop-off and pick-up has been going fantastic. Safety walk completed today.
  Everything done by costodial staff is phenominal
  Oct 7 next safety meeting

- 5th Grade Committee: Julie Leake & Jennifer Reinhardt
  Amazing start - Thank yous for support
  Upcoming events
  9-15 first Meeting location tbd
  16-17 Smencil sale
  Table at Fall Fest
- World's Finest Chocolate Sale: David Molina, Vanessa Molina, & Sue Arias 9/9-10/10
  Chocolate delivered tomorrow
  Oct 16 to return money
  Opt-out is available
  40 bars per box - Box worth 80
  $2 per bar
  Contacts available on box
  New flavor - Pretzel

**<u>Upcoming Events -</u>**
- Reflections: Liz DeRiggi & Renée Murphy
Introductions -3rd year doing reflections; want to make it bigger
Art Contest for Nassau all the way to regional
Need everyone's support

The Theme is - What my Culture Means to Me
Commented on culture hallway and Culture Day
Reflect with children on what they learned on Culture Day, etc
Options for media will be sent home on flyer
October 30th Winner presented - Then sent to Nassau, then to state, then national
More information available on the flyers located at the front table.

- Fall Plant Sale: Meghan DaSilva & Jennifer Reinhardt

Kindergarten Pumkin Patch -Oct 28th - Jennifer Reinhardt Presented - Pumpkins secured

- Fall Photos: Julie Leake & Ed Connolly - 9/24 & 9/25
  Photos will be emailed in 2-4 Weeks - Retake day in Nov

- Apparel Sale-LI Athletic: Karen Heckman, Kim Peterson & Siobhan Licastro - 9/29 - 10/10

Sale at the end of Sept - Long Island Athletics - many options to choose from - Sent back the week before - Everything done online - We pick up and distribute to classrooms
Goes to OCt 10th

- Miss Chocolate Catalog Sale: Siobhan Licastro & Rachel Murphy - 10/9 - 10/23
  Packet will be sent home with info to set up website for child to sell items to be distributed at school
- Chuck E Cheese Night - Siobhan Licastro - 10/16 4 pm-8 pm
  Lot of fun. Encouraged parents and children to come. Portion of sales come back to the PTA

- Spooky Walk: Allison Benzenberg, Dan Benzenberg - 10/26
  Introductions, Explaination of Spooky Walk - Takes place during Halloween Howl
  Call to action for volunteers - Oct 26th, Friday after school to help set up
  Teachers will be actors in the spooky maze
  Large undertaking we need all hands on deck - Over multiple days - Continues until Monday
  Email going out, Facebook posts
  Volunteer form available
  Amazon wishlist - Donations welcomed
  Clean up help needed as well

  Meeting adjourned 8:12

**Our next PTA Meeting will take place on October 6th at 10 am.**