McVey Elementary School PTA Meeting 1:30 pm March 8, 2022

- I. Welcome
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balance as of 2/28/22 \$36,331.60
 - b. Balance as of 3/8/22 \$36,793.90

V. Principal Report, Ms. Dunne

- a. Welcome Back
- b. Guest reader last Thursday, nice to have volunteers in the building. The event was a success and the kids had enjoyed being read to.
- c. McVey Map project- Classrooms do not have maps and globes. Donor Mitch \$15K to add maps to all classrooms.
- d. Carpets are back in the classroom. Some are being replaced.
- e. Cafeteria opening on Monday for kids. Staying with current menu. Transition to hot lunch in April. 12 classes per lunch period. Classes can transition to recess together based on grade level. Peanut free table in the cafeteria. Child invites a friend to the table.
- f. Main entrance for any early drop off. Traffic on Franklin Ave is too dangerous.
- g. Arcademics math challenge on chrome books. 6 students in the top 10 won nationwide for McVey. Arcademics award given to three students, Jovan Zevallos-Silva winner for the entire USA 1st place "top score", Mikhail 3rd place nationwide, "Top Score", Dominic 2nd place for "correct in a row".
- h. ICT (intergraded core teaching). Adding a co-teacher to every classroom.
- i. Spacing issues. Our kids are not being impacted. No space for the things our children need. Community Forum 3/22/22 to discuss spacing issues.
- j. Looking forward to spring photos, used book fair. Graduation ceremony will be here at McVey. Working on donations for Ukraine. COVID protocol, respecting mask decisions, covid positive test – 6ft around for students that sat near positive student and need to wear a mask for 10 days.
- k. PARP kids are having a great time.
- I. Class parties still not decided on. That will come from the district. But it will happen down the road. Field day and BBQ are being discussed and we plan to have in person.
- m. Learning loss during remote instruction. Language deprived and body language deprived. It's manifesting. We need our children to read. Getting kids hooked on book series. McVey needs series books if people can donate.

VI. Assistant Principal Report, Mr. Minerva

- a. New gate being installed on Franklin
- b. Parking streets are the jurisdiction of the police dept. Double parking, u-turns, please reach out to the police dept. It's so dangerous for kids and other drivers.

VII. President Report Shannon Necci

a. Committee met and excepted Karen Baker's resignation.

VIII. Vice PresidentsAmy Ramnarine & Jennifer Reinhardt

a. Happy National Women's Day

IX. Committees

- a. PTA Membership: Amy Ramnarine: 4 new members since last month. 452 Members.
- b. Access & Curriculum: Next workshop is a Book Talk with author Yangsook Choi and her book The NameJar. It will be held 3/8/22 at 7pm via Zoom.
- c. Safety & Transportation: Jennifer Pevsner: New gate being installed.
- d. Nominating Committee: Slate read. If anyone wants to run from the floor, 4/10/22 is the

deadline.

- e. ByLaws : Shannon Necci: No new changes to the bylaws. Bylaws voted and excepted. Bylaws are good for the next 3 years.
- f. Borrelli's Pizza Kit Fundraiser: Karen Baker & Jennifer Reinhardt: Raised \$80 so far. They are closed on Mondays.
- g. PARP: Karen Heckman & Laura Vegas: No Report
- h. Founder's Day: Amy Ramnarine: March 10th for 2020 Honorees, May 10th for 2021 & 2022 honorees
- i. Staff Appreciation: Karen Baker: still working on plans for this event. Working on grab and Go items for staff. Parents can volunteer.
- j. Cultural Arts: Amy Ramnarine: Squeaky Clean Band, younger grades really enjoyed it. Journey's assembly tomorrow, March 9th but might move to May. Jared Campbell also being scheduled, hopes to be in-person.
- k. Spring Photos Wed 4/13/22. Working on issues with missing photos from the Fall.
- I. School Supply Sale: Flyer coming home. Pick up will be in June.
- m. Used Book Sale: Julie Leake: Still Collecting books. Bin is filled everyday with books. We will hold a sale April 5th and 6th, \$.25 a book, during lunch in the cafeteria. Please sign up to volunteer.
- n. 5th Grade Committee: Shannon Necci: Ice skating, Roller skating, dance and graduation are all in the works.
- o. Steam: Ms Jalfin: Steam event being held at EMHS on March 30th. We encourage all our students to attend. It will be a lot of fun.