



April PTA Meeting Notes

Monday, April 1, 2019 9:00AM

East Campus Cafeteria - 24 West Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois

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Introduction:

- Welcome and Roll Call - Present - Michele Berman - President; Cassie Brecunier - Vice President; Ashley Wisniewski - Treasurer; Jacki Wallace - Secretary
 - Guests:
 1. PTA Committees:
 - **Appreciation** - Maureen Brusznicki/Nicole Simonds/Holly Blankstein
The program to stock the teachers' lounge with goodies is ongoing. Please reach out to askogdenpta@gmail.com if you would like to help stock the teacher's lounge or help support the appreciation committee. Reminder on the new Keurig Carafe machine and the request for some Carafe k-cups and individual k-cups. Donations can be dropped off at the front desk or sent to the school - attn PTA. Maureen reported that treat bags and thank you notes were distributed to our crossing guards last week for their continued support through all the bad weather. The committee is busy planning for teacher appreciation week to be held May 6th - May 10th. More info to follow, but please reach out if you are interested in helping.
 - **Fitness** - Tammy Roust gave an update - Next event will be the Bunny Rock at Montrose Harbor on April 20th at 9:00am. There will be a 5K, egg hunt and petting zoo. Strollers will be allowed and it is a great race for walkers. Discount code is OGDENPTA. Sign-up here: www.bunnyrock5k.com. Tammy also provided an update on Bike to School which will be held on May 8th. She is looking for volunteers to help coordinate. Ms. Kranz suggested coordinating with Mr. Hughes to have some of Ogden's very own bike savvy teachers (Pekarek/Tavil/Ivory) be featured in upcoming social media posts. We also discussed the possible need for more bike space and using the garage
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and the plaza fence. More details to come on the kids marathon, which will be offered again this year.

- **Box Tops** - Sara Yaniga - Mr. Pekarek's class won the extra recess for collecting the most box tops. Please continue to send your box tops into class or drop them in the white drop box in the main office labeled with your room number. Please also consider registering on the website and downloading the Box Tops app for coupons and special promos.

New Business:

1. This is an election year for the PTA board. Michele Berman announced that she would be stepping down as President, both to help facilitate the transition for a new president while she still has a year left at East, as well as to focus some time at the Jenner campus. Michelle has been an amazing President this year and we look forward to working closely with her next year. Elections will be held at the general PTA meeting on June 3rd. In order to prepare for the elections, an Election Nominating Committee was elected. Lisa Ahmad will serve as Chairman, Tiffanie Wings as member, Megan Soluk as an alternate, Michele Berman as board representative and Jacki Wallace as alternate board representative. If you are interested in running for a board position, please contact the Election Nominating Committee by April 24th:

- Megan Sulok sulok@yahoo.com (A)
- Lisa Ahmad - lisakobilca@gmail.com (C)
- Tiffanie Wings - Tiffaniewings@yahoo.com
- Michele Berman - askogdenpta@gmail.com
- Jacki Wallace - jwallace@foley.com (A).

Nominations will be made by May 1st. In order to run for a board position, or to vote in the election, you must have been a member of the PTA for at least the prior 30 days (membership must be completed by May 3rd).

2. New Committee Proposals: We discussed the possibility of starting some new committees thanks to some great ideas proposed by Maureen Brusznicki! The new committee ideas are set out below. Please reach out if you would like to be involved in any of the committees, or if you have someone you would like to nominate for a committee. Committee members must be PTA members, but we would be more than happy to facilitate joining as needed. We also discussed trying to increase committee exposure by including info at the Bike to School event, the upcoming showcases, K registration, having a committee fair, etc.
 - Family Life - To help coordinate ride sharing/walking as needed due to family emergencies or other challenges. This would be a contact person or persons to help facilitate.

- School Spirit - To help organize kid-sized school spirit gear and organize Ogden sport game nights for grade level participation, i.e., third grade night at a girl's volleyball game.
 - Diversity - To help promote diversity across the school, including black history month door competitions, women's history month, different culture/language boards at school, etc.
 - Service - To help organize activities for our students to help in the community, such as food packing, Cradles to Crayons, etc.
 - Planting - To help beautify the Ogden campus. Thanks to Blagomira Lipari for already volunteering to help with this committee!
 - School Security/Safety - To help brainstorm on ideas to keep our kids safe in and around school. Thanks to Rob Harles for volunteering for this committee!
3. Ms. Kranz asked for volunteers at Kindergarten registration to be held the week of April 22nd (likely 9-11 and 4-6). Please reach out to her directly if you would like to help. It is so nice for our new parents to see friendly faces on one of their first visits to the school, and to be able to ask questions of experienced parents.
 4. Spirit Week - April 8th-12th - Monday will be PJ day - we will also be working in conjunction with our girl scout troops to collect new pajamas for donation to Cradles to Crayons (red bins will be located in the lobby for collections). Tuesday wear blue for autism awareness; Wednesday no school; Thursday international day; Friday freaky Friday (like wacky Wednesday).
 5. First and Second Grade Dance and Drama Showcases - April 11th - Volunteers needed this week for preparations and next week for the event. Please sign up below and use the tabs at the bottom of the sheet to see all opportunities.
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aGap2WwDxRleM-AKTSjsaEddTJWtIaA5j9vn08fKJy8/edit?usp=sharing>
 6. Treasurer's Report - Ashley: The March bank balance was \$4,020.07.
 7. Calendar of Events (*see* Calendar below)


Questions - Please reach out to askogdenpta@gmail.com.

Thank you for all your support!

Next Meeting: Monday, May 3rd at 9:00 AM in the Cafeteria

Calendar of Events:

Event	Date	Notes:
Spirit Week	Monday, April 8, 2019 - Friday,	See notes above!



	April 12, 2019	
Bike to School Day and Teacher Appreciation Week	May	See notes above!
Lincoln Park Walk	TBD	This will not include a fundraiser component, but will be an outside activity close to the end of school.