



February PTA Meeting Notes

Monday, February 4, 2019 9:00AM

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

askogdenpta@gmail.com

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 Committee purchased and installed baker's rack, baskets and white board for the teachers' lounge to stock with snacks and goodies. The program to stock the teachers' lounge with goodies is ongoing. Please reach out to askogdenpta@gmail.com if you would like to sign up to stock the teacher's lounge or help support the appreciation committee. Also, there is a new Keurig Carafe machine and the teachers could use some Carafe k-cups (and they won't say no to individual k-cups). Donations can be dropped off at the front desk or sent to the school - attn PTA. Also, this week is National School Counselor week, and the committee plans to buy Ms. Potter flowers. Please consider sending her a note or treat!
 - **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. More details to come on the kids marathon, which will be offered again this year.
 - **Box Tops** - Sara Yaniga - Please 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. Sara to consider class competitions and challenges.
-

2. Guest - Ms. Kranz: Ms. Kranz announced that the 4th grade student council has decided to write a newsletter - The Hoot - watch for copies to come home with your student soon! Ms. Kranz also raised the issue of Ogden's low attendance rate, and requested input on a new strategy to encourage attendance. Some suggestions were to create a parent network of volunteers to help with school drop off to ensure every child has the ability to get to school every day, send more communications with details about the attendance policy and the importance of attending school everyday, having individual, class and school incentives for hitting attendance goals - such as more recess, popcorn parties, trinkets, etc.

Old Business:

1. Talent Show - The event was a huge success - we raised \$763 for our Dance and Drama teachers! Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered!
2. Ms. Cabrera requested funding for poster paper and ink - approval of the funding request was deferring pending a discussion with Friends on whether it would be willing to fund the request. The request came back to the PTA for funding, and was approved. The supplies are anticipated to cost around \$400.

New Business:

3. Valentine's Day
 - Grams - To be delivered and distributed during class parties.
 - Class valentine donations - Please consider donating extra boxes of valentines that can be given to students who may not have access to valentines for distribution in class, or who may forget.
 - Class Parties - To be held at 2:25 - 3:25 on Valentines day - unless permission is granted by Ms. Kranz for a different time. Treats are allowed, but before planning please discuss with your teacher. Please include a give-back in the party planning, such as a craft or valentines for our specials teachers or staff.
4. March 22nd - Spring Dance after school - We discussed having a Winter Thaw/Luau theme, and possibly moving the event to the gym, with snack available in the hall. We also discussed hiring the same DJ that ran the beginning of the school dance event.
5. Treasurer's Report - Ashley: The January bank balance is \$5,360.29.
6. International Night - June 13th. Please e-mail Mrs. Kranz if you are interested in participating. The committee will also be seeking volunteers to help with planning and the day of the event.
7. Calendar of Events (*see* Calendar below)

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

Thank you for all your support!

Next Meeting: Monday, March 4th at 9:00 AM in the Cafeteria

Calendar of Events:

Event	Date	Notes:
Valentine Grams	Thursday, February 14, 2019	There will also be a room party.
Spring Dance	Friday, March 22, 2019	This dance will be for the kids.
Spirit Week	Monday, April 8, 2019 - Friday, April 12, 2019	We are hoping to include an element to support Autism awareness month.
TBD	May	Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions.
Lincoln Park Walk	TBD	This will not include a fundraiser component, but will be an outside activity close to the end of school.