



William B. Ogden PTA

Monday, November 7th, 2016, 6PM

East Campus Cafeteria~ 24. W Walton, Chicago, IL

MEETING SUMMARY

- **Treasurer Report:**
The Fall Bash raised \$3,000 after expenses. The decision to omit the DJ saved some outgoings, but we need to improve the music. One of the high schoolers might be able to help with this.

Halloween Parade made \$400

Membership Drive made \$440

Expenses included dues to PTA for membership, prizes for membership drive and Dance expenses (concessions)
- **PTA budget 2016/17:**
This has already been passed for the year, outgoings included. There will be a discussion in the upcoming board meeting about how any moneys above and beyond what is projected will be spent.
- **GUEST SPEAKER – None (ideas for future?)** It would be great to have speakers on all sorts of topics and at different times. Ideas include for summer camps, nutrition information, etc.
- **4th/5th grade alternative events proposal:**
Betsy spoke about wanting to create a space for 4th and 5th graders to ‘hang out’. These would take place the Thursday immediately preceding a general PTA event. She is hoping these meetings will build community. The dates, times and space have been approved by the LSC. They will take place in the library and will have a maximum participation of 50 kids.

The first idea is a game night. The thought was that a lot of people may have games they want to donate, so an email will go out to solicit people’s old board games. Another idea was to approach Target as they have helped PTA previously with generous funding. Betsy will also ask PTA for a donation. All donation requests are discussed at board meetings.

It is hoped that 1 or more of these games will be ‘supersized’ so that the kids get a kick out of something a bit more novel!

These events will also need to meet the chaperone requirement ratio of 10 to 1 so if you are interested, please reach out to Betsy!

- **Box Tops Update**

After meeting the first deadline, it is thought that it would be better if each class prepared their box tops completely. This involves making sure they are cut exactly around the dotted edge, that the expiration dates haven’t already passed and that they are sorted into groups of 50 per bag. This will also be a cross check for the class who gets the most box tops.

In this instance 3,000 box tops were collected for a total of \$300 for the school. ***Thank you Betsy, Gwen and Van*** who helped collect, cut and sort box tops for the October 31st deadline!

- **Ogden Wear**

Patty has been investigating the Ogden Wear. She brought along a couple of examples of t-shirts to demonstrate the quality. 10 shirts with the IB Learner Profiles on them will be available plus a couple of adult sized garment options.

For Kindergartners, there will be a “Class of 2029” available as well.

The vendor is a local Chicago firm, items will be available for online purchase only; shirts may be shipped for a fee via USPS or UPS or picked up from the store at 1340 W. Belmont with no additional shipping charge.

We will have size samples at school so you can peruse the options before ordering online. **An “Ogden Wear Launch’ will happen in the next couple of weeks** e.g. November 21st to December 2nd with a week’s turnaround so that they should be available by December 12th. We are hoping that if everyone orders in this debut period, they will be picked up directly from the store and delivered to the classrooms. Thanks Patty!

- **Membership Drive Winners recap** – Mr. Grauer and Ms. Aronovitz tied for first place and Ms. Moss was runner up! Well done all!
- **International Week Update** (meeting preceded this one) – Candice announced that the time will now alter slightly for this as there are logistical concerns for January. A new week will be announced soon. It will take place both in the cafeteria and gym. We are hoping that there will be a number of performers from around the world who will put on a show on the Thursday of the week’s events. Candice is looking for people who would like to serve on the subcommittees of:

Curriculum help (coming up with appropriate grade level ideas that teacher could implement such as art projects);

Logistics (for the culminating Thursday night event);

Entertainment – soliciting international performance groups both for during the day at school (for children who may not make the Thursday evening event) and for the performance in the evening; and

Food solicitations from area restaurants.

If you would like to lead or help out on one of these committees, please let Candice know!

In addition to this, we are hoping that in each class volunteer parents would come in to speak about their country on a personal level, perhaps bringing in some items from that country, a few photographs and some lively stories!

The event would be open to all, small fundraising ideas would be to charge for the restaurant food and for t-shirts especially made for the occasion. Some of the money raised would be used to sponsor a high schooler for a TBD school trip.

- Halloween Decoration Take Down – November 8th 1pm
- PTA Event Calendar 2016/17
 - Recap of Fall Bash: Went well, people should be encouraged to buy their tickets in advance as well as the wrist bands. We are thinking of trying an incentive for people to purchase wristbands early and also an easier way for people to buy a compact wristband with built-in tickets. Other ideas/suggestions are being collated so we can use them to improve upcoming events.
 - November movie: Jungle Book We will limit extra activities to facepainting (as well as concessions, hot dogs etc.)

Upcoming Events

After-School Movie

Holiday Movie and Cookie decorating

Event Date

Friday, November 18th

Friday, December 16th

9. Old Business (Woo-Hoo trolley – any new ideas?)

10. Questions and Answers

*****Date of Next meeting: Monday, December 5th 8.30AM in the Cafeteria***
PTA Board Meeting November 14th 8.30am**

11. Adjourn. Thank you for coming!