



March PTA Meeting Notes

Monday, March 4, 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. The committee is busy planning for teacher appreciation week later this spring, and are also planning an appreciation event - likely snacks - for the cafeteria staff and engineers. In light of the continued bad weather, the committee is also planning another appreciation event for our crossing guards.
 - **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 - \$106 worth of Box Tops were just sent in! 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
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and special promos. Sara is running a contest until April 4th, and the class that sends in the most Box Tops will win an extra recess!

2. Guests -

- Lisa Taylor for Friends of Ogden - Lisa gave a plug for the Soiree which will be held on Friday, April 5th in a private event space at Gibsons. This is the premiere fundraising event for Friends, so please purchase your tickets and come enjoy a fun evening of drinks, hor d'oeuvres and dancing. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.friendsofogden.com/>. There will also be a silent and live auction! Please contact Lisa with any questions, or if you have any items to donate for the live or silent auction: lisa.andrea.taylor@gmail.com. We discussed at length the issue of donations for teacher and staff tickets and how to best manage the process. Stay tuned for more information from Friends.
- Max Cuddy - PhD student at UIC. Max is writing his dissertation on the Ogden/Jenner merger. He has been actively involved since early on in the merger discussions and has attended all the PTA/PTO/LSC/Diversity/etc. meetings this year. He has also spoken with many community members about the merger, and is seeking additional voices for his research. All comments will be confidential. Please reach out to Max if you would like to discuss: mcuddy2@uic.edu.

New Business:

1. Filters needed for drinking fountains - Apparently the new water fountains will need filters every year. The cost through Aramark was \$336 for 4 filters, but CPS refused to pay. Michelle found 4 filters for \$228. Ashley moved to buy; Cassie seconded - Motion approved.
2. March 22nd - Spring Dance after school - Luau theme in the gym, with the same DJ that ran the sock-hop dance at the beginning of school. That day will also be a spirit day with kids allowed to wear luau themed items. K and 1st graders will need to be accompanied by an adult.
3. Joanne Fox - Yearbook Coordinator - is looking for photos for the yearbook. If you have any photos from the following events or that fit the following descriptions, please send to her: jofox4@me.com. Also let her know if you have any ideas for what's hot now, i.e. games and books to be included in a fun memory page.
 - 3rd grade pop-up
 - 3rd grade field trip
 - 4th grade worry dolls/art pictures
 - Class photos from 100 days

- I survived the polar vortex pictures
- 4. Screenagers Documentary Showing - Friday, March 15th - Dinner 5-6:30 (available for a nominal cost); movie at 6:30. To be held at Park Community Church - 1001 N. Cosby Street. Event is free but they are gladly accepting donations. Please RSVP [HERE](#).
- 5. Treasurer's Report - Ashley: The February bank balance was \$5,561.29.
- 6. Calendar of Events (*see* Calendar below)

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

Thank you for all your support!

Next Meeting: Monday, April 1st at 9:00 AM in the Cafeteria

Calendar of Events:

Event	Date	Notes:
Spring Dance	Friday, March 22, 2019	Luau theme!
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.