



September PTA Meeting Notes

Monday, September 9, 2019 9:00AM

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

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Introduction:

- Welcome: We are so happy you are here! As a board we would like to create a welcoming space for parents to cultivate community and nurture diversity to make our school a better place. We have a lot of fun events planned for this year and we hope you are as excited as we are.
 - PTA Mission Statement: To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.
 - Roll Call - Present - Ashley Wisniewski - President; Cassie Brecunier - Vice President; Megan Sulok - Treasurer; Jacki Wallace - Secretary
 - Guests:
 1. Cara Kranz - Head of Campus
 2. Brendan Vaughan - Staff Liaison, Owl's Nest and MTSS Interventionist
 3. Michelle Clark - School Climate Coordinator
 - Volunteer Process - If you volunteered last year, just check in with Michelle to make sure you are approved for the current year. Level 1 volunteer status (TB shot and fingerprinting) is required for 10 or more hours of volunteering a week or direct activity with kids, including field trips with student responsibilities. Level 2 volunteer status required for class parties. If we have more than 20 people interested in getting a TB test, we can organize an event at the school, so reach out to Michelle, Cara or Ashley if interested. Sign up to become an approved volunteer here: www.cpsvolunteers.org
 - If you are volunteering in school, you must make sure that the teacher, staff member or Ashley (for PTA jobs) has put you on the daily spreadsheet of volunteers.
 4. PTA Committees:
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- **Appreciation** - Maureen Brusznicki/Nicole Simonds
 - Sign-up to stock the teacher's lounge with snacks, treats and drinks:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094caeac2da1ff2-stock1>
 - Plan to have appreciation days throughout the year for counselors, crossing guards, teachers, staff, etc.
 - Please reach out to Maureen if you would like to help with the Appreciation Committee: maureens@smithe.com
- **Fitness** - Tammy Roust (absent)
 - Oct. 2 - National bike/walk to school day. Meet in the park across the street at 8:00am.
 - Oct. 2 - 7:30-9:30AM Flu Shot Clinic - Parents and students. Bring your insurance card if available.
 - Oct. 19 - Pumpkins in the Park 5K - Discount Code: OGDENPMKN5K19
 - Please reach out to Tammy if you would like to help with the Fitness Committee: troust@yahoo.com
- **Box Tops** - Sara Yaniga (absent) - Collecting both cut out and electronic Box Tops. For electronic Box Tops, just download the app and scan your receipts. Cut Box Tops can be dropped off in the box in the office.
 - Please reach out to Sara Yaniga if you would like to help with the Box Tops Committee: syaniga7@gmail.com
- **Diversity Committee** - Megan Sulok - Looking for volunteers to help get people interested and involved in diversity events, including celebrations, awareness months, etc. Please reach out to Megan Sulok if you would like to help with the Diversity Committee: sulok@yahoo.com
- **Safety Committee** - Michele Berman - Discussed safety with Chief of Staff and Alderman. Now there is a new Chief of Staff. Working on new signage, new horses, stop signs with lights that flash. Please reach out to Michele Berman if you would like to help with the Safety Committee: bermansm@sbcglobal.net.
- **Yearbook Committee** - Joanne Fox/Nicole Simonds - Requested members take pictures at events and submit them to Joanne: jofox4@me.com. Please reach out to Joanne if you would like to help with the Yearbook Committee.

New Business:

1. Budget

2. New E-mail Address - askogdenpta19.20@gmail.com
3. PTA Volunteer Process
 - Please become a Level 1 volunteer
 - Anytime you need to be in the school for a PTA event or volunteer activity, please let Ashley know so that she can add you to the volunteer spreadsheet.
 - When volunteering please wear your PTA lanyard and name tag (to be provided).
4. Room Parents - Contact your teacher to see if they need a room parent. Michele and Cara are putting together a list and will be starting with room parent communications soon. Room Parents should be Level 1 volunteers.
5. Barn Dance - Friday, September 27, 2019 after school
 - Looking for volunteers for set-up, chaperoning and clean-up. Contact Cassie Brecunier if you would like to help: cbrecunier@ditkasrestaurants.com
 - We will be circulating a sign-up genius list as well.
6. **Volunteer Request - Assistance with Kindergarten specials classes from 12:45-1:45 daily. Contact Michelle Clark - mgclark1@cps.edu**
7. Treasurer's Report - Megan: The June bank balance was \$3,556.72. The July bank balance was \$3,112.67. The August bank balance was \$2,894.20.
8. Spanish department request for funds- tape, kleenex, hand sanitizer, etc.
 - We will be routing the request through Cara and Friends, but please consider asking Ms. Melnyk if there are any supplies that she needs.
9. Calendar of Events (*see* Calendar below)


Questions - Please reach out to askogdenpta19.20@gmail.com.

Thank you for all your support this year!

Next Meeting: Monday, October 7th at 9:00 AM in the Cafeteria

Calendar of Events:

Event	Date
Barn Dance	September 27, 2019
Halloween Parade	October 31, 2019



Spelling Bee	November 15, 2019
Service Night	December 6, 2019
Family Game Night	January 17, 2019
Valentine Grams	February 14, 2019
Fitness Night	March 13, 2019
Talent Show	April 3, 2019
No PTA Event - Assist with School Events	May
No PTA Event - Assist with School Events	June