



September PTA Meeting Notes

Monday, September 10, 2018 9:00AM

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

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Introduction:

- Welcome and Board Introduction - Michele Berman - President; Cassie Brecunier - Vice President; Ashley Wisniewski - Treasurer; Jacki Wallace - Secretary
- PTA mission - to support Ogden's teachers, staff and students.
- Guests:
 1. Max Cuddy PhD Student - Max is doing his dissertation on the Ogden/Jenner merger. He will be present and taking notes at various events. Please reach out if you would like to discuss the merger with him.
 2. Diversity Committee - Rebecca Wells gave a brief overview of the diversity committee and its initiatives. She reiterated that the committee was created to support all types of diversity, not just race related diversity.
 3. PTA Committees:
 - **Boxtops** - Amanda Rexroat gave an overview of the boxtop collection initiative at Ogden. She is seeking empty clorox wipes containers to use as Boxtop collection containers around the city. Please donate any available containers to the office, and reach out if you have a collection point suggestion (such as your condo building or office). She is also looking for volunteers to serve as grade level coordinators, specifically for 4th grade.
 - September 28, 2018 - First Collection Date
 - October 26, 2018 - Second Collection Date
 - **Fitness** - Tammy Roust gave an overview of the various city running events we hope to participate in as a school, including Pumpkins in the Park (October 20th), and the Turkey Trot. She has negotiated a discount code for Pumpkins - PHGUPPGYDM, but please register early as space may be limited.

- **Appreciation** - Maureen Smithe Brusznicki gave an overview of the appreciation committee, which was created to ensure our teachers, staff and other support persons were feeling super appreciated throughout the year - we know they deserve it! She mentioned an initial goal of coordinating parent volunteers to try to keep the teachers' lounge stocked with goodies.
- Please reach out to askogdenpta@gmail.com if you have an idea for a new committee, or if would like to be put in touch with one of our committee leaders.

New Business:

1. New Volunteer Requirements -
 - To participate in any activity involving students at Ogden, you must be a Level 1 volunteer, which requires a background check and TB test. This includes class parties, helping out in class, field trips, volunteering for PTA events, etc. Please visit this website to start the process (which could take 2-5 weeks to complete): <https://chicagopublicschools.civicore.com/index.php?action=userLogin>. Additional information is available here, including contact info for questions: <http://ogden.cps.edu/volunteer-opportunities.html>
2. New Classroom Support Roles -
 - Ogden East is trying a new method this year to best support the needs of our teachers. We will no longer be utilizing a single room parent system, but rather will be creating a support group of parents that is tailored to each individual teacher's needs.
 - Please be on the lookout for additional information from your teacher, or feel free to reach out to your teacher to express your interest in being involved.
 - Possible roles may include a parent communicator (to communicate with the class regarding PTA and other school events), room party coordinator, volunteer coordinator, etc.
3. Treasurer's Report - Ashley: The August bank balance is \$4,974.81.
4. Calendar of Events (*see* Calendar below)

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

Thank you for all your support!

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

Calendar of Events:

Event	Date	Notes:
Family Sock Hop Dance	Friday, September 21, 2018 4:30PM - 6PM	This will be a little later in the afternoon to accommodate more parents, and there will be limited concessions. We will need several volunteers to staff the door, concessions, etc. Please let us know if you are interested and if you have Level 1 volunteer approval.
Halloween Trick or Treating	Wednesday, October 31, 2018	This will also be the day of the first room party event.
Spelling Bee (2nd -4th Grade)	Tuesday, November 20, 2018 2:00PM	This will be a free event and held during school hours.
After School Movie	Friday, December 21, 2018 3:30PM	We have not yet chosen the movie, but hope to have a fun “summer in December” type theme. We also hope to incorporate a dress-up element for the students.
TBD	January	We are considering a talent show in coordination with the Drama and Dance teachers.
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.