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GUG PTO Meeting 09/17/2024

Held virtually over Zoom.

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM. There were 53 participants on the call. Board members present: Pelin Gurer (Co President), Julie Thibault-Dury (Co President), Myrna Tinoco-Rodriguez (Secretary), Laura Strache (MS Rep), Tania Perdomo (Volunteer Coordinator), Colette Livingston (Events Co-Chair), Igor Ochoa (Communications Chair), Sandy Satenik Barkhudaryan (Treasurer), Mariela Montilla (Events Co Chair), Anabel Schmelz (ES School leader) Rayna Smith (Dean, ES), and Erin Acosta (Administration GUGCS Director of Family Engagement).

Pelin welcomed families to the meeting and put forth the agenda for the night's meeting.

Minutes for the PTO meeting of September 2024 were approved.

Pelin provided a financial information update for the GUGCS PTO for the month of October 2024.

Pelin updated families on 2 volunteers to fill in vacancies to open PTO positions of Treasurer and Fundraising. Sandy Satenik Barkhudaryan was nominated and approved as Treasurer. Colette Livingston was nominated and approved as Events Co-Chair.

Eileen Moore, under the newly created role as ES Teacher Liaison, updated families on her first meeting at the school with teachers. Most significantly, Eileen provided an update along with 5th Grade teacher Mr Ready on an initiative to bring a CUNY Creative Arts Shakespeare Program to the 5th Grade. This will require fundraising. Donations and volunteers are requested, welcome, appreciated.

Furthermore, a GoFundMe page was started.

[Fundraiser for Anita Amoh by Jacob Ready : Empower Queens 5th Graders with Shakespeare](#)

Feel free to share!

Mr Ready can be reached at Ready@gugcs.org

Pelin provided an update on the school sponsored Halloween Costume Swap as part of the Halloween Harvest Festival which will take place at Socrates Sculpture Park from 12-4pm on Saturday, October 26, 2024. We will collect old Halloween costumes for the swap

Julie updated families on new chat groups under Whatsapp that will streamline relevant information for families:

SUPER VOLUNTEERS 24/25: for those looking to support PTO without the full time commitment.

GENERAL: providing news and event updates for ES and MS families

FREE SHOP Group for ES and MS, post or browse items offered for donations

GUGCS PTO 24/25: Elected PTO Parent Group

FaceBook page: Growing Up Green Charter School: LIC Family Group

Events and Info

Pelin offered an update on our next recycled uniform sale 11/8 at ES to coincide with Coffee with School leaders

12/6 MS sale to coincide with Coffee with School leaders

A call was made for volunteers for either or both days.

On a related note, Pelin updated families on classes that are still without a class parent. Please contact Tania Perdomo for more information on this matter and other volunteer opportunities at tania.perdomo@gmail.com

Laura updated parents on efforts to raise the profile of GUG including encouraging families to add reviews on Google, Yelp, InsideSchools, GreatSchools, or Facebook groups such as District 30, Moms of Astoria among others. Such efforts would help provide a balanced perspective on the school.

Erin provided an update on ES events including the Hispanic Heritage Month program and the performance by Jarana Beat as well as Unity Day and Community Circles.

There are many trips planned in the next weeks including 4th Grade trip to Jamaica Bay, 3rd Grade trip to Materials for the Arts, and 5th Grade trip to Canarsie Beach.

Upcoming events include:

10/25 ES Literacy Night

10/31 ES Storybook

11/8 Coffee with School Leaders at MS

Family Conferences 11/25 and 11/26

MS updates include news about the Volleyball Team as the season has already started,

After School clubs have begun,

MS has a robotics team,

Unity Day will be 10/24 and 10/25

Family Conferences take place 10/23

11/18 MS will have a Fall Festival

Football Club will meet every Friday starting in November

Other GUG updates:

10/26 Halloween Harvest Festival will take place at Socrates Sculpture Park

11/1 Diwali, school is closed

11/5 Election Day Asynchronous learning

11/11 Veterans Day, school is closed

School pictures will be arriving in our email inboxes.

Picture retake day will be February 13, 2023

Open Houses for ES 10/24, 11/14, and 12/12

Laura provided instructions on syncing GUG calendar with your smart phone

The meeting was opened to questions from families.

Meeting ended at 7:30pm.

Attendees: 53

Pelin Gurer (Co-President, Aslan 503, Kartal 103)

Julie Thibault-Dury (Co-President, Adam 7th Grade)

Erin Acosta (GUG Dir of Family Engagement and Communications)

Myrna Tinoco (Secretary, Vida 402)

Tania Perdomo (Volunteer Coordinator, Dillon 501)

Igor Ochoa (Communications Chair, Alejandra K01)

Colette Livingston (Events Co-Chair, Comiah 801)

Anabel Schmelz (ES School leader)

Rayna Smith (Dean, ES)

Laura Strache (MS REP, Rachel 4th Grade and Hannah 8th Grade)

Sandy Satenik Barkhudaryan (Treasurer)

Mariela Montilla (Events Co Chair, Journee 103 and Janae 5th Grade)

Daria Malakhova (501 and 203)

David Asatryan (503)

Infinity Bowers (Nomar K01)

Vanessa Anderson (Amir K02)
Jazmin Triguero (5th Grade)
Daniela (K03)
Kat (Sophia 103)
Irene (Omaree)
Jacob Ready (Teacher 503)
Monica Rangel (Ana 102)
Emma Cusati (K01)
Husniye Montiel (Jayden K02)
Crystal Millin (K03 and 103)
Edison Gomez (Nataly and Christopher 201)
BK (Johnny Kovalcik 103)
Erika Mogollon (Christine Dugarte 301)
Cristina Lopez (Eddy 7th)
Maya Dennis (Managing Directors GUGCS)
Monica (Jasmin 301)
Elisabeth Cernadas (Angus)
Edgar Lituma (Anderson 301)
Fadila Mrkulic
Ana Paguay
Araceli I
Daniela Monedero
Daniella
Wendy Castillo (Giselle 8th Grade)
iphone
iphone
iphone de Nancy (Nancy K02)
Monica R
Julissa
Kelly Fisher
Lina Marin
Lmv Miva
Ronny Chimborazo
Sendi Ortega
Yan (Olivia 202)
Gina Hurt
Marcela Servin (Dylan)
Tomasine Reyes ((Mycal 2nd Grade)