



GROWING UP GREEN CHARTER SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION INC.

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GUG PTO Meeting Minutes for 11/21/2024

Held virtually over Zoom.

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM. There were 19 participants on the call. Board members present: Pelin Gurer (Co President), Myrna Tinoco-Rodriguez (Secretary), Laura Strache (MS Rep), Tania Perdomo (Volunteer Coordinator), Mariela Montilla (Events Co Chair), 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 October 2024 were approved.

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

Pelin updated families on a proposal to purchase new gym and recess equipment for the ES including soccer goals. Pelin put the proposal to a vote.

Eileen provided a Teacher Liaison update: Upcoming programming includes a family game night, Might Minds (an afterschool program designed to enhance communication skills, and a LEGO Robotics Club

Teachers are eager to get input from parents. Families are encouraged to reach out.

one option is email: gugcspto@gmail.com or eileen.m.moore@gmail.com

Pelin invited parents to join the Bylaws Committee to make appropriate updates or changes of the school bylaws, October to December would be the timeframe to review Bylaws. Updates will be presented to the PTO at the January 2025 PTO meeting and go to a vote at the February 2025 meeting.

Pelin 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 for Events and Announcements

Pelin updated families on preparation for the Winter Wonderfest. PTO seeks donations for items that can be raffled off.

Pelin asked for volunteers for Class Parents Interested volunteers can contact our volunteer coordinator Tania Perdomo taniaperdomo@gmail.com.

or phone 9178427644.

Pelin updated families on the upcoming Winter Wonderfest that will take place Friday December 6th 4:30-6:25pm.

Volunteers are needed for setting up, helping with snacks and activities, and cleaning up.

Laura encouraged families to leave reviews on Queens based community forums. (ie Google, Yelp, InsideSchools, GreatSchools, facebook groups such as District 30 or Moms of Astoria

Laura provided an update on the upcoming free vision screenings for students at the ES and MS. Emails will be forthcoming. Sign up deadline is 12/20.

Erin provided an ES update:

Family conferences are taking place 11/25 and 11/26 via zoom. asynchronous learning taking place on those days.

GUG is participating in NYC Kids Rise and money for college will be put in each child's NYC Kids Rise account if they do not already have an account.

The Winter Gear and Coat Drive will take place December 2nd-11th Donations are needed

Class updates are provided by teachers every week. Please read them.

We have many trips planned. Recent trips included 4th Grade shelter building and 2nd Grade Urban Waterways Study

On November 25th 12-1pm on zoom, Erin will provide info to families on NYC Kids Rise accounts providing free money for your child's college savings account.

Erin provided MS update

MS held their Fall Festival on 11/18

The Girls's Volleyball Team made it to 2nd Place in the Championship finals

The school has a new Lego Robotics Team

MS is holding Basketball tryouts for the winter season start

School tour will take place 12/2

Coffee with School Leaders will take place

Winter Carnival will take place 12/20

The forum was open for questions from the audience.

Meeting ended at 7:26pm

Attendees: 19

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

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

Erin Acosta (GUG Dir of Family Engagement and Communications)

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

Eileen Moore (Teacher Liaison Simon 3rd Grade and Anna 8th Grade)

Myrna Tinoco (Secretary, Vida 402)

Tania Perdomo (Volunteer Coordinator, Dillon 501)

Josue Morales (Thiago Josue K03)

Wendy Franco

Julissa Melo (Ethan K02)

iphone (Yadyel Franco 402)

Edgar Lituma (Anderson 301)

Jazmin

Daria Malakhova (501 and 203)

Esther Morrison

Kelly Fisher

Martine Hilaire (Grace 8th Grade)

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September Meeting Minutes presented by Myrna Tinoco, PTO Secretary