



GROWING UP GREEN CHARTER SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION INC.

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GUG PTO Meeting Minutes for 12/12/2024

Held virtually over Zoom.

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM. There were 19 participants on the call. Board members present: Pelin Gurer (Co President), Julie Thibault-Dury (Co President), Myrna Tinoco-Rodriguez (Secretary), Tania Perdomo (Volunteer Coordinator), School administrators included: Leticha Fraser (MS1 School Leader) 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 November 2024 were approved.

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

Pelin put out the call for volunteers specifically there is an open position on the PTO for fundraising

Pelin made a call for 2-3 members of the family community to volunteer for reviewing and proposing updates to the current bylaws. Proposed changes would be offered to at the January PTO meeting with offered changes or discussions and these changes would be voted on at the February PTO meeting.

Updates from ES Teacher Liaison meeting updates: possible collaboration in hosting a school event such as a game night, advocating for Fair Facilities Funding, there are plans to meet with the newly formed Student Teacher Organization (STO). We want to invite input from everyone in the larger GUGCS community

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

There will also be a newsletter coming from the PTO: gugcspto@gmail.com please check for that and look in your spam folder if by chance it ended up there.

Pelin and the PTO gave thanks for all the participation and attendance at the Winter Wonderfest: 300 people attended, \$1700 raised, 10+ volunteers showed up and rolled up their sleeves and helped put the event together. The event was a tremendous success.

Pelin made a request for donations, dishes, or food and volunteers for the Winter Carnival potluck on December 20, 2024 at the ES Cafeteria for the students to enjoy.

Pelin 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

Erin provided ES Updates: Free Student Vision Screenings will take place in January. Please check your emails for the registration form. Screenings take place at the ES.

Spirit Days will take place 12/18 - 12/20: Pajama Day, Sports Day, and Dress to Impress Day will be enjoyed by all!

The next Coffee with School Leaders will take place on 1/17/2025.

The Student Teacher Organization has started to meet and it has been an enjoyable experience. Students are feeling heard.

Erin thanked families that donated to the Winter Gear and Coat Drive.

Leticia provided the MS update: Students celebrated the end of the trimester.

Progress reports were made available via Alma.

The school had a celebration in honor of the volleyball team and their successful season on December 13, 2024.

The next Coffee with School Leaders will be 1/24/2025

For MS Spirit Week the following themes will be observed: 12/16 Pajama Day; 12/17 Twin Day; 12/18 Opposite Day; 12/19 Throwback Thursday; and 12/20 Ugly Sweater Day.

Erin reminded families of the upcoming Read A Thon being held January 21-February 7th.

The meeting opened to questions from the families.

Meeting ended at 7:14pm

Attendees: 19

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

Myrna Tinoco (Secretary, Vida 402)

Julie Thibault-Dury (Co President, Adam 8th Grade)

Erin Acosta (GUG Dir of Family Engagement and Communications)

Leticha Fraser (MS1 School Leader)

Tania Perdomo (Volunteer Coordinator, Dillon 501)

Elvia M. (Daniela 103 and Briana 401)

Geraldin Rodriguez (Emily 202)

Sebastian Brito

Chouaeb Lakehal

Jazmin Triguero

Infinity Bowers

Marira Gill

iphone Fares Hawas (Gaser 403)

Edgar Lituma (Anderson 301)

Ecaterina

Sinan

Vicky iphone Victoria White (Parker 6th and Zoe 8th Grade)

iphone Martine Hilaire (Grace 8th Grade)

September Meeting Minutes presented by Myrna Tinoco, PTO Secretary