



GROWING UP GREEN CHARTER SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION INC.

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GUG PTO Meeting Minutes for 01/16/2025

Held virtually over Zoom.

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM. There were 25 participants on the call. Board members present: Pelin Gurer (Co President), Julie Thibault-Dury (Co President), Myrna Tinoco-Rodriguez (Secretary), Tania Perdomo (Volunteer Coordinator), Laura Strache (MS Rep), Mariela Montilla (Events Co Chair). Eileen Moore (ES Teacher Liaison). School administrators included: Leticha Fraser (MS1 School Leader), Anabel Schmelz (ES School Leader), Jennie Tehomilic (Literacy Specialist ES), Mathew Greenberg (GUG Founder & Executive Director) 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 December 2024 were approved.

Pelin provided a financial information update for the GUGCS PTO for the month of January 2025.

Pelin put out the call for volunteers; specifically there is an open position on the PTO for Fundraising Chair.

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.

Eileen Moore ES Teacher Liaison provided an update: Eileen met with the newly formed Student Teacher Organization (STO) to discuss collaboration and fundraising efforts, Spoke with Ms Tehomilic on ways the PTO can support upcoming reading/book efforts. Discussed efforts to promote and advocate for Fair Funding. Eileen encouraged parent input. Please send comments, concerns, or ideas to gugcspto@gmail.com or eileen.m.moore@gmail.com.

Pelin invited families to attend Coffee with School Leaders on Friday, January 17th from 7:30 to 9am. Following, the PTO will have a uniform sale 8:30 to 9:30am and later, 12pm to 3pm families are invited to drop off donated books.

Erin provided ES updates:

No school 1/20 for MLK Jr Day

No school 1/29 for Lunar New Year

GUGCS secured Security Guard funding from the City Council: woohoo!

More work required to secure FAIR FUNDING FOR ES: Please write Gov Hochul

Ms Tehomilic provided an update on the upcoming 2025 Read a Thon. Our goal this year is to have our students read 1 million minutes. The fundraising goal is \$30000. the link to donate is: www.gugcs.org/GUGRead-a-thon

All Students are eligible for a NYC Kids Rise college savings account:

<https://nyckidsrise.org/get-started/activate-account/>

Family workshops in your language to learn how to activate the account:

nyckr.org/events

You need your child's OSIS#, Zip code and Date of Birth.

Picture Retake DAY will be February 13th at all schools. 8th graders will take their graduation pictures with cap and gown.

The Student Teacher Organization (STO) has started having meetings. Students will start to provide more organized input regarding school related items.

Families are reminded that GUGCS actively practices outdoor recess therefore please send your children to school with appropriate dress (eg coats, hats, scarves, gloves) for the cold weather. They will spend time outdoors every day.

Ms Frasier provided the MS update

No school 1/20 for MLK Jr Day

1/21 - 2/7 Read a Thon

1/24 Coffee with School Leaders and PTO in School Gym

1/27 - 1/28 LFLB

No school 1/29 for Lunar New Year

1/31 Drop Everything and Read Day (Dress Down Day)

2/5/2025 Family Conferences will take place and this will be an asynchronous learning day for students

Ms Frasier updated families on the season already underway for the Girl's and Boy's Basketball teams.

Students organized a food drive at the MS

Afterschool Clubs have begun for the Spring term.

Pelin opened the meeting to questions from the audience. Michael Greenberg was present and addressed the departure of MS Dean Mr. Marius

The meeting ended at 7:27pm

Attendees: 25

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

Myrna Tinoco (Secretary, Vida 502)

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

Erin Acosta (GUG Dir of Family Engagement and Communications)

Leticha Fraser (MS1 School Leader)

Jennie Tehomilic (Literacy Specialist ES)

Tania Perdomo (Volunteer Coordinator, Dillon 501)

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

Laura Strache (MS Rep)

Mathew Greenberg (GUG Founder & Executive Director)

Anabel Schmelz (ES School Leader)

Mariela Montilla (Events Co Chair)

Taranasha Wallace (3rd Grade)

Cait Ferreira

Colette Livingston

Eman's iphone

Felix Alvarado

Satenik's iphone

Solomon Black

Susana Garcia

Nicolas Enna

Rosalia

Jazmin Triguero

Daria Malakhova

Karina Huertas (Cristopher 201)

January Meeting Minutes presented by Myrna Tinoco, PTO Secretary