



## GROWING UP GREEN CHARTER SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION INC.

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### **GUG PTO Meeting Minutes for 03/20/2025**

Held virtually over Zoom.

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM. There were 39 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), Eileen Moore (ES Teacher Liaison), Sandy Satenik Barkhudaryan (Treasurer), Leticha Fraser, (MS1 School Leader), Anabel Schmelz (ES 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.

February 2025 meeting minutes were approved

Pelin presented the agenda for the night's meeting

Sandy provided the PTO financial report for March 2025.

Pelin and the Physical Education teacher Ms. Ferreira updated families on the upcoming Family Fitness Night on Friday May 9th to be held at the GUG Middle School. We are seeking volunteers for Event Organization, Raffle donations and collection, Day of Event Support. The event will raise funds for the Elementary and Middle schools.

For more information on how to pitch in please email [gugcspto@gmail.com](mailto:gugcspto@gmail.com)

Science teacher Mr Romo updated families on upcoming state exams for our 5th graders.

Pelin invited families to volunteer for an open position in the PTO for the Fundraising Chair.

Pelin invited families to volunteer for the Bylaw committee for which the PTO needs 2-3 volunteers. She also provided a timeline for completion and presenting to the PTO meeting for the following month.

Eileen provided an update on ES Teacher Liaison meetings with teachers and students. Specifically, K teachers are seeking donations of family play figures with the consideration of diversity in mind. Thank you!

Teachers and staff want to hear from you! If you have any suggestions or ideas please write to [gugcspto@gmail.com](mailto:gugcspto@gmail.com).

Pelin informed families that we have introduced a PTO Newsletter for families to keep further up to date. Please look in your email inboxes for notices from [gugcspto@gmail.com](mailto:gugcspto@gmail.com) (check your spam just in case).

Additionally, we have 3 whatsapp groups: SUPER VOLUNTEERS; GENERAL; and FREE SHOP

Our FaceBook page: GROWING UP GREEN CHARTER SCHOOL-LIC FAMILY GROUP for updates on events and other news

Pelin invited families to join us for the ES Math Chat Night on Friday March 21st at the ES Cafeteria from 5:00-6:30 pm. Please join us and consider volunteering for this fun event.

Pelin made a call for families to donate uniforms that our kids are no longer using, specifically 8th grade families as these will help incoming students. Thanks!

Pelin informed families of an opportunity to enroll our kids in a FREE summer program via Camp Herrlich Summer Sleep Away program in Patterson NY. The program consists of 2 sessions. Session #1 July 6 - July 18 and Session #2 July 20 - August 1. Please contact Ms Kriegel at [Kriegel@gugcs.org](mailto:Kriegel@gugcs.org) Spots are limited!

Ms Kriegel provided an ES update:

Assessments took place for grades 3-5 Looking Forward Looking Back in preparation for state exams.

Overnight Trips: Ashokan will take next week for 4th graders and 5th grade overnight info will be coming shortly.

Upcoming Events:

3/21 Spring Spirit Day

3/21 Family Math Night

3/2/ Coffee with School Leaders at 7:30am (School Leader Q and A, followed by Uniform Sale)

3/31 No School for Eid al Fitr

4/8 and 4/9 ELA State Tests

4/14 - 4/18 No School for Spring Break

Erin provided further updates on Dept of Education cuts, school surveys (participation is crucial) please do your part and visit:

<https://surveys.panoramaed.com/nycdoe/login>

Classes that have over 90% completion will win a pizza party

One Survey for each child. You will need your child's OSIS number located in an email we sent earlier with the link to the survey.

Ms. Fraser provided the MS update:

3/21 Coffee with School Leaders 8 am in the MS gym

Week of 3/24: Sports Tryouts for Soccer 3/25 and 3/28 , Flag Football 3/27 and 3/28

Assemblies for 6th grade 3/27 and 7th grade 3/28

3/26 Progress Report #4

3/27 Basketball and Robotics awards ceremony

3/28 School Survey Deadline

3/31 No School for Eid al Fitr

4/1 GUG 2025-2026 application closes

4/4 Pep Rally Assembly

4/9 and 4/10 ELA State Tests

4/14 - 4/18 No School - Spring Break

4/25 GUG MS Thrift Store

May 6 and 7 Math State Tests

The meeting was opened for Q and A

Meeting ended at 7:39pm

Attendees: 39

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

Tania Perdomo (Dillon 501)

Myrna Tinoco (Vida 502)

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

Laura Strache (MS Rep, Rachel 4th Hannah 8th)

Erin Acosta (GUG Dir of Family Engagement and Communications)

Leticha Fraser, (MS1 School Leader)

Anabel Schmelz (ES School Leader)

Sandy Satenik Barkhudaryan (Treasurer, David)

Eileen Moore (ES Teacher Liaison)

Cait Ferreira (Vedder 8th and Adler 301)

Carmen Andino (TJ and Jaxon)

Daniela (Elias K02)

iphone geral (Emily 202)

Jesus Ayala (Matteo 201)

Karen Romero

Leah Greggo (Camp Herrlich Summer Sleep away camp)

Liliana Miron (Cesar Salazar)

Lucia Armijos

Nadir Romo (Science Teacher ES)

Patti (Anabel 503)

Richard Lawrence

Samantha (Mekhi 6th Grade)

Tara (Gunner Pankey 302)

User Svetlana (Ivan 302)

iphone Monica R (Aina 102)

Julissa Melo

Rosalia Martinez (Alia 6th Grade)

Alccy Ochoa

Samsung SM A536U

Elvia Melgar

Francisca Astudillo

iphone Edgar Lituma

Iphone Monica R

Jazmin Triguero

Keila Raymundo

Betsy Rojas

Jenny Cadenillas

Susana Garcia

Zelise Mazyck

March Meeting Minutes Provided by Myrna Tinoco, PTO Secretary

Myrna Tinoco