



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

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### **GUG PTO Meeting Minutes for 05/15/2025**

Held virtually over Zoom.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. There were 19 participants on the call. Board members present: Pelin Gurer (Co President), Myrna Tinoco-Rodriguez (Secretary), Tania Perdomo (Volunteer Coordinator), 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.

April 2025 meeting minutes were approved

Pelin presented the agenda for the night's meeting

Pelin provided the PTO financial report for May 2025.

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.

Pelin provided an update on ES Teacher Liaison meetings with teachers and students. 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 the 8th grade is seeking ideas and assistance in their activism project. Please contact Laura Strache, MS Rep [laurastrache@yahoo.com](mailto:laurastrache@yahoo.com) or Mr Daud [dabdelaziz@gugcs.org](mailto:dabdelaziz@gugcs.org).

Pelin made an ask for families to donate uniforms our kiddos have outgrown or will no longer be using after graduating. Uniform donations will be accepted at both ES and MS campuses. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

Pelin put out a call for volunteers to fill in the multiple PTO vacancies anticipated for the next school year 2025-2026. The vacancies include: 2 co-presidents, treasurer, volunteer coordinator, communications, secretary, and fundraising.

Pelin updated families on the new garden at the ES with the support of Kelly Fisher in helping secure a grant from HSBC.

Pelin thanked volunteers who pitched in for the Sports Fundraising Night. Special thanks to Cait Ferrara for securing Steven Colbert tickets as a raffle prize. Thanks also to Omnia, Daria, Karina, Iselande, and Ecaterina.

Donations are still welcome in order for us to reach our intended goal of \$5K. We were able to raise \$1.7K. Thank you!

Pelin made a call for families to volunteer to be class parents. Please contact Tania Perdomo [tania.perdomo@gmail.com](mailto:tania.perdomo@gmail.com) or 917-842-7644.

Our whatsapp group: super volunteers will continue next year.

Erin provided ES updates.

Summer School at GUG: Families were notified via email. They will be required to complete the dismissal form by May 20 to confirm the child will be attending the program.

No class on the following days:

5/26 Memorial Day

6/5 Eid

6/6 Remote (Staff PD day)

6/19 Juneteenth

Other updates:

ES will have a Bike and Roll (or walk) to School Day 5/16/2025

5/21 Talent show K-2 grades

5/21 Celebrate Me! Day.

5/23 Ice Cream Family Social (1pm school dismissal)

5/28 5th Grade overnight trip

5/29 College Day and Coffee with School Leaders

6/10 Sustainability Fair

6/11 & 12 Art Exhibition

6/13 Field Day

Erin provided the following update on the MS:

5/27-30 MS Spirit week

5/30 Celebrate Me Talent Showcase

6/9 Re-registration Ice Cream Family Event

6/17 & 18 Regents for our 8th graders

6/20 MS Block Party

Field Trips

5/21-22: 8th grade overnight trip

5/29 7th grade to Bronx Zoo

6/12 & 13 Bike Roosevelt Island and Brooklyn Botanical Gardens

8th grade graduation preparations include the upcoming:

6/6: Graduation dance with the theme: "Red Carpet"

6/20: MS Block Party

6/23: Graduation Practice & Field Trip

6/26: 8th Grade Graduation at 3pm

6/27: Graduates Breakfast

The meeting was opened for Q and A

Meeting ended at 7:34pm

Attendees: 19

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

Tania Perdomo (Dillon 501)

Myrna Tinoco (Vida 502)

Erin Acosta (GUG Dir of Family Engagement and Communications)

Wendy Castillo (Giselle 8th Grade)

Mariela (Journey 103)

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Nicholas Enna (Ripley 4th Grade)

Sebastian Brito (7th Grade)

B.K. (Johnny 1st Grade)

Daria Malakhova (Nadya 501 and Lydia 203)

Enkelej Bezhani

Monia Saillema

Juan's iphone

Colette

iphone Yumi

Vicky iphone

Erica Mae Do Benjamin

Erica Araujo

May Meeting Minutes Provided by Myrna Tinoco, PTO Secretary

Myrna Tinoco