



Meeting Minutes

Growing Up Green II PTO

Date: January 13, 2026

Location: Zoom

Recorded By: Treasurer (Secretaries absent due to emergencies)

Treasurer: Charmelle

1. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order (time not stated) and families were asked to enter their names and their children's names in the chat for attendance.

Agenda included: approval of previous minutes, financial report, ES report, MS report, old/new business, school leader updates, and open Q&A.

Board members present: **Charmelle (Treasurer)**, **Kathleen (ES Rep)**, **Ms. Sledge (MS Rep – tech issues)**.

Secretaries and parent volunteers were absent.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of last month's minutes postponed due to both co-secretaries having personal emergencies. Minutes will be reviewed at next month's meeting.

3. Financial Report – Treasurer: Charmelle

- PTO received checks from **Shake Shack**, **Raising Cane's**, and **School Store** totaling **\$1,000**.
- Bank account balance increased accordingly.
- Families are encouraged to continue shopping at **French Toast**, which provides a **3–5% give-back** to the PTO.
- Treasurer noted that children's growth spurts often require new uniforms, which helps generate fundraising revenue.

4. Elementary School Report – Kathleen

- Addressed concerns regarding **after-school program issues**.
- Families experiencing problems should **CC Ms. Doritza Ramirez** when contacting the program so the school can advocate.
- After-school program is a **separate entity** from the school.
- Kathleen is actively advocating for **free after-school funding** through DYCD and discretionary funds from council members.
- A **letter template** for families to use in advocacy was shared in the chat.

5. Middle School Report – Ms. Sledge

Ms. Sledge experienced audio issues but shared updates via text:

- Monthly **culinary** and **financial literacy workshops** beginning this month.
- YMCA is exploring **soccer** and **volleyball** after-school programs depending on interest.
- Additional MS updates will be posted on ParentSquare.

6. Old Business

- Slides will be available in Spanish by Friday.
- PTO still seeking **co-presidents**; interest form remains open.

7. New Business

Bingo Night

- Snack donations from the basketball game were sufficient; no additional donations needed.
- Bingo Night scheduled for **next Friday**.
- Open to all families and extended relatives.
- Cash prizes and a new **grand prize**: 30 days of free online workout classes (no payment info required).

February Fundraiser – Regal Movie Ticket Bundles

- Runs **Feb 7–27**.
- Bundles: **2 tickets for \$30**.
- PTO receives **25%** of all sales.
- Tickets are **virtual** and can be used at any Regal theater nationwide.
- Each child can have a **personalized fundraising link**.

Social Media & Eventbrite



- Families encouraged to follow PTO on Instagram/Facebook.
- Eventbrite page available for event ticketing.

8. Community Announcements

- **Free Clothing Boutique** – every third Saturday in Queens Village.
- **Financial Vision Board Workshop** – tomorrow at Rochdale Village Community Center, 6–8 PM.
- Registration via QR code.

9. School Leader Updates (K–8)

Presented by **Erin Acosta**

General Updates

- School closed **Monday** for MLK Jr. Day.
- **Free eye exams** for K–8 through Ion Education:
 - ES: Friday, Jan 16
 - MS: Wednesday, Jan 21
 - Insurance not required; sign-ups still open.

NYC School Survey

- Annual survey launching soon.
- Classrooms with **90%+ participation** earn dress-down day + celebration.

Advocacy Day – January 27

- Families encouraged to join the charter school advocacy trip to Albany.
- Meetings with lawmakers including supporters and opponents of charter schools.
- Sign-up link shared in chat.

NYC Kids Rise Scholarship Program

- Free for all K–4 students.
- Families can activate accounts at home or during Coffee & Collaboration.
- Ms. Blanco available to assist families.

10. Elementary School Academic Updates



Presented by **Ms. Cerrone (2nd Grade Lead)**.

Phonics

- Spelling alternatives (er/ir/ur), common vs. proper nouns, singular/plural nouns, syllable division.

ELA

- Students researching insects and writing nonfiction books using the full writing process.
- Publishing scheduled for Friday.

Math

- Skip counting to 1000; adding 2–3 digit numbers using number line, place value, and conservation strategies.

EdTime & Sustainability

- Urban/suburban/rural communities; human impact on water systems.

Additional ES Highlights

- 4th graders visited MS to ease transition.
- 3rd graders began Chinese residency with Miss Carol.
- 2nd graders performed at Carnegie Hall through Musical Explorers.

Upcoming ES Events

- **Coffee & Collaboration – Jan 20** (Green Voices performing; math strategies workshop).
- **Open Gym – Jan 22, 3:30–4:30 PM.**

11. Middle School Updates – Ms. Vera

Important Dates

- **Green Collective auditions:** Jan 15
- **No school:** Jan 19
- **Vision screening:** Jan 21
- **Lockdown drill:** Jan 23
- **Advocacy Day:** Jan 27
- **LFLB Assessments:**

- ELA – Jan 27
- Math – Jan 28
- **Step Team Tryouts:** Jan 28
- **Field Trips:**
 - Grade 6 – New Victory Theater
 - Grade 8 – Ice skating (Jan 30)
- **Family Conferences:** Feb 4 (remote)
 - Chromebook loaners available via QR code.

Athletics & Events

- Successful **basketball scrimmage** with LIC campus.
- Cheer team performed at halftime.
- PTO raised **\$109** from snack stand.
- Plans for spring volleyball and soccer scrimmages.

12. Q&A

Topics discussed:

- **After-school program concerns** and communication gaps.
- **Regal fundraiser logistics** (personalized links, virtual tickets).
- **Remote day devices** – families who signed up earlier do **not** need to re-register.
- **Bingo Night volunteers** requested.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned early with no further questions.(time not stated)

Next meeting: **February 11.**

Minutes completed by Charmelle Germain -Treasurer