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GUG PTO Meeting 09/19/2024

Held virtually over Zoom.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. There were 57 participants on the call. Board members present: Pelin Gurer (Co President), Julie Thibault-Dury (Co President), Myrna Tinoco-Rodriguez (Secretary), Laura Strache (MS Rep), and Erin Acosta (Administration GUGCS Director of Family Engagement).

Pelin welcomed families to the meeting and invited the PTO members along with Elementary School Leader Anabel Schmelz and Erin Acosta, GUGCS Director of Family Engagement to introduce themselves and share their hopes for the school year. (MS Leader Leticha Fraser participated in the meeting but due to technical difficulties could only participate in the meeting chat).

The Current PTO members are listed below:

Pelin Gurer (Co President)

Julie Thibault-Dury (Co President)

Laura Strache (MS Rep)

Mariela Montilla (Events Co Chair)

Myrna Tinoco (Secretary)

open positions include: Volunteer Coordinator, Fundraising Chair, Communications Chair, and Treasurer.

Pelin also provided a brief preview of the agenda.

Minutes for the PTO meeting of June 2024 were approved.

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

Two open positions on the PTO were filled: Igor Ochoa was nominated and approved as Communications Chair and Tania Perdomo was nominated and approved as Volunteer Coordinator. Welcome Igor and Tania.

Igor kindly provided real time Spanish translations in the chat.

Pelin introduced Eileen Moore in her new capacity as Elementary Teacher Liaison. This is a new position created with the objective of supporting communication between the parent community and teachers and elementary school staff.

Attending monthly meetings with staff and sharing items of interest and concern to the PTO. The intention is to gauge what class needs (e.g. supplies or volunteers) are and enlist the assistance of the PTO more effectively.

Laura made a call for 2-3 volunteers to review and update the school bylaws. This is something that should happen periodically. The process is anticipated to begin October 2024 and complete by February 2025 with proposed changes subject to approval.

Julie invited families to Clean Up Day at Socrates Sculpture Park (32-01 Vernon Blvd) on Sunday 9/22 at 10 am. This is the first opportunity to partner with Socrates Sculpture Park. Here is the link to sign up:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSch7hluOYF8pDaPHMZLDBVOEX-l82f5zl71Q83ietH8GHkO1A/viewform>

Julie announced a new GUGCS community on Whatsapp: there are 3 channels or chat groups that we hope will provide a more seamless way for families to receive updates:

SUPER VOLUNTEERS 24/25: for parents to volunteer at any level of commitment

GENERAL: Events news etc

FREE SHOP: for sharing, gifting or swapping

GUGCS PTO 24/25: Elected PTO Parent Group

click to join:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HBk6ju0zlyL2BZh3xlc23W>

Facebook Group:

Growing Up Green Charter School LIC Family Group

for Events and Info

Anabel provided an overview of upcoming ES events and news:

Teacher and School Leader newsletters come out once a week and contain important information on your child's class and school community

State Exam results have gone out to families via email

9/27: Coffee with school leaders and Uniform Sale 7:30am-9am

10/7 Hispanic Heritage Month Assembly with Jarana Beat (for Students only)

9/23 to 10/11 F & P Assessment window

10/9 GUG Unity Day

10/15 and 10/16 School Picture Day (call out for volunteers who can help out as students are getting camera ready)

10/25 Literacy Night

Erin reminded families of the yearly NYC Family Income Inquiry Form (it is crucial to determining public funding for the school)

[MySchoolApps - Home Page](#) GUG Code is 84Q321

GUG can also receive your donations via the school website (donations help to provide school supplies for our children and trips such as the 4th and 5th grade overnights). You can set up recurring monthly payments as well.

<https://friendsofgugcs.networkforgood.com/>

ParentSquare: please sign up/ download the app to get school updates to your phone and communicate with school

Alma: the school platform for all student information and required documents (eg medical forms, emergency contacts)

Laura provided instructions on adding the GUG calendar to your iphone (via outlook on a non-iphone)

- 1) access the portion of the website for your school (GUG 1 ES or MS)
- 2) select "upcoming events" from menu on left
- 3) when you see calendar, scroll to bottom right and click on "ical"
- 4) you are then offered the opportunity to subscribe to the school's calendar of events , which will automatically update on your phone
- 5) on the next screen click "add" to add it to your iphone's calendar

Laura provided the MS updates:

Curriculum Night was a success

9/23 and 24 Fastbridge testing will take place please ensure students arrive on time to class

10/1 Coffee with School Leaders: 8am in the Gym. topics of conversation will include "What's it like to have a middle schooler?" and support with Alma and ParentSquare. We will also have our Uniform Sale

10/9 Unity Day

Questions from families were answered

Meeting ended 7:25pm

Attendees:

Pelin Gurer (Co-President, Aslan 503, Kartal 103)
Julie Thibault-Dury (Co-President, Adam 7th Grade)
Erin Acosta (GUG Dir of Family Engagement and Communications)
Myrna Tinoco (Secretary, Vida 402)
Tania Perdomo (Volunteer Coordinator, Dillon 501)
Daniela Casallas (Luciano K02)
Hiroka
Infinity Bowers (Nomar K01)
Yan (Olivia 202)
Anabel Schmelz (ES School Leader)
iphone (Maria101)
Igor Ochoa (Communications Chair, Alejandra K01)
Haydee Cardenas (Daniel MS)
Leticha Fraser (School Leader MS)
Svetlana Opolonina (Ivan 302)
Tiera Fayall (Aniyah and Jamel 2nd Grade)
Valina
Wendy Castillo (Gisele 8th Grade)
Imane's iphone
Monica R
Almond Barber
Susan Aviles (Isabella 501)
Yo
Patti Cadenillas (Annabel 503)
Geral
Stephanie Campbell (Shiloh)
Michaela Castillo (Karla 201)
Daria Malakhova (501 and 203)
Cristina Lopez (Eddy Brito 7th Grade)
Michaiah Dominguez (Jermain 8th Grade, Jadon 7th Grade, and Jonathan 5th Grade)
Erendira Martinez (Jose 6th Grade)
Daniela Astudillo (Elias K03)
Bryan's iphone Lina Hernandez (Martin K01)
Laura Strache (MS Rep)
Jesmari Rondon (Jhulliams K03)
iphone de Nancy (Nancy K02)
Chelly (Marilyn 6th Grade and Roy 8th Grade)
Alejandro Aucau (Emily 303 and James 6th Grade)
Eileen Moore (Elementary Teacher Liaison, Simon 3rd and Anna 8th grade)
Esther Morrison
Gina Hurt (Adam 401 and Tre 7th grade)
Josephine Crespo (Nicolas 8th Grade)
Kat (Sophia 103)
Kenya Mejia (Ariana K02 and Leilani 301)
Khadiga Ayaad
Mayra's iphone
Michaela Vallejo
Mrs. Wangerin (4th Grade Teacher)
Paula Durazno 8th Grade
Rosalia Martinez (Alia 6th Grade)

Yousef Hawas (Yousef 7th Grade, Gaser 403, and Fares 6th Grade)

Ronny Chimborazo

Tatyana's iphone

Daniela Monedero

ipad

Elvia M (Briana 401 and Daniela 103)

Lana Smith (Anoah 503 and Joshua 202)