

## GHCC Parent Speeches

### GHCC President Nominees

- **Amie Webster**

Hello everybody! My name is Amie Webster, and I want to say how much I love Garehime. I love our devoted staff, our model city program that teaches our children real life skills and entrepreneurship, but most of all, I love these kids! I enjoy being here in their midst and being able to brush shoulders with their greatness and to learn from them. They are such an example to each of us. They are so real and genuine; they're quick to forgive: they can literally be duking it out on the playground one day and the very next week be asking to schedule a playdate with that same kid...[yes, that was one of mine ;) ]. Kids are coachable, eager to learn and to help. They are eager to love and to be loved. And that is why I am here speaking to you today, because I want to be a part of the driving force that ensures that these kids have every opportunity presented to them that life has to offer them! I want them to enjoy their education and look back on this school with fond memories.

It is my love and admiration for these kids that ultimately qualifies me for this position of president. But, I have also been serving on the yearbook committee since we started at this school 5 years ago and help with every other volunteer job as needed. I serve in many capacities in my church, and my husband and I own a business with over 80 employees. So, I know how to manage and coordinate teams of people, multitask, and work well under pressure while maintaining a calm and collected demeanor. I have 6 amazing kids of my own with my oldest in 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year. What that means is that I have a vested interest in what happens in this school not only for this following year, but for the next decade and more. And I want to have an active role in furthering this school's greatness and preparing our children for success in life. What I envision for this team of parents, is just that. I want us to work as a team with 1 common goal and purpose in mind. I'd like to see more players involved in the planning and execution of activities, from both our much needed new faces and our tireless veterans—because 15 heads and hands are more productive than 3. I want to focus on creating a sense of family unity in this workforce where we have open communication, trust, and laughter. This should be a joy to be here, never an obligation or dreaded job. I want each of us to look for the good and positive in every situation and person, and to overlook each other's short comings. Because, we are all human, and that means that who we are today doesn't dictate who we have to be tomorrow. So, join the team! Elect me as your GHCC president. And, let's move forward together serving your and my children.

- **Hanah Shields**

My name is Hanah Shields and I have been at Garehime since 2009-2010 school year. I have an 8<sup>th</sup> grader who graduated here and will be attending LVA next year. I also have a 4<sup>th</sup> grade so next year will be my last at Garehime.

This school is amazing and unique. It is the only CCSD school to teach business skills and entrepreneurship. It is because of this school that my 4<sup>th</sup> grader is already a published author and owns an online bakery.

My vision for Garehime is to involve and inform the community of this uniqueness and help our Model City program grow. I believe in inclusive activism. Meaning: if ALL the parents at Garehime can be actively involved (to whatever extent possible) then this school will be even more amazing.

I have served as the President of the Las Vegas Music Teachers Association and also the Nevada Music Teachers Association. This experience along with my experience at Garehime for the last 9 years and my vision for its future are the reasons to vote for me as President for the 2018-2019 year.

Hanah Shields

## **GHCC Vice President Nominees**

- **Stephanie Hunt**

Hi, my name is Stephanie Hunt. I currently have two daughters who attend Garehime, Raylynn is 7 and Madison is 5. I also have a son who is two. A couple of fun facts about me is that I was a student at Garehime when the school first opened. Living in this community was really important to me, and that I am able to raise my kids with the opportunities that I had. Schools are made of good facilities and fancy stone walls, but it is the wealth of its teachers that make it successful! Our teachers and staff are our strength and are a very dynamic part of the GHCC. My goal as Vice President is to interact and to make an open arena for parent involvement with bringing joy, laughter and creativity into our school. I have been a Chair member for the GHCC for over three years. My responsibilities thus far have been teacher/holiday week, donations, Spring Carnival, Fall Festival, Bingo Night and Christmas Shop. GHCC is like my family and I want to see it expand and grow! I will be here for the next 11 years, and I would like to continue the success of Garehime for many years go come!

## **GHCC Secretary Nominees**

- **Alexandra Purnell**

Hello,

My name is Alexandra (Alex) Purnell, I am new to this school with a 4th grade student as well as an incoming Kindergartener. I am looking forward to serving on the GHCC parent board as Secretary and becoming more involved in the “behind the scenes” aspect of volunteering at Garehime. I have seen only a small amount of the efforts that the parents of GHCC put into this school and am excited to have the opportunity to be a part of something so amazing. As Secretary I understand that it will be a commitment of my time as well as the ability to work with and next to the President and Vice President. In the past i have served on school parent board as; treasurer, Class Room Parent, and Publicity. In addition I have served and headed committees such as fundraising, community service, and donations. Thank you for your time and giving me this opportunity to become a member of the GHCC board.  
Alexandra Purnell

- **Anne Ferguson**

My name is Anne Ferguson,

I, Am a Mom of Three wonderful kids, which all go to Garehime, In 4th Elizabeth, 2nd Dakota and Lucas in Kindergarten. I have been a apart of the Garehime family going on my 5th year. My Oldest has been here since Kindergarten. I, plan to continue to be a part of this Garehime family for many years to come. I am a previous Box Top for Education Chair for this school. And have also served on other PTO's in the Vegas Valley. I, Was also my High Schools Secretary for their School Office. My mission for this school is to help it grow, and making sure that the Teachers get the supplies needed to help are students, such as the 3d printer that Mrs. Cox's girl coding class is in need of. Also the magnetic Supplies and other things Mrs. Montgomery's Class is in need of. This Year, I helped Mrs. Jurgens Class, get 5 kindles with cases. I will work hard for this School anyway possible. Garehime is Awesome! Thank You!

- **Mara Barragan**

Hello! My name is Mara Barragan and I am running for the Secretary position for our Garehime Heights Citizen's Club. I am the mother of three students here at Garehime, they are Aiden, Lily and Oliver who are in 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Kindergarten.

I have accepted the nomination for this position because I want to be more involved in our Garehime community and work more closely with the wonderful parents administering the GHCC. I want to make a difference in my children's school and make a positive impact for the benefit of all our children. My children are my driving force and I want to advocate for them and I can do so more effectively by being a part of the executive committee.

I know this position is new, but if elected have a few goals in mind:

I plan on providing concise and complete minutes for all GHCC meetings. I would like to organize files and procedure books to better understand the scope of work of all committee and chair positions to be used by present and future officials. I would also like to work on establishing a better system of communication among all GHCC members to keep everyone connected and in the loop. Furthermore, I propose that the secretary position be a point of contact for all parents to express any opinions, questions or concerns to be presented to the executive board. Last, and more importantly, I will provide full support for our President and Vice President in whatever capacity I am needed in.

My qualifications for this position are my work experience as an administrative assistant and an accounting assistant. I love working with numbers, I am detail oriented, I value the importance of following through and I am a team player. I truly believe my strong work ethics, my resourcefulness and my ability to learn quickly will be an asset to this committee.

I would appreciate your support in voting for me as your 2018-2019 GHCC Secretary.

Thank you!