

Board of Director “Good-byes” June 2018

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to this amazing group of dedicated Board volunteers for sharing so much of their time and all their talents with us at Groton Community School! Our Board of Directors Members serve for a minimum of two years, and many even longer, to enrich the experiences of our children, families, and staff, and also to connect our school with the greater community. We will miss each and every one!

Jeremy Chapman, Building and Grounds Co-Chair Since September 2016

Jeremy has a such gentle and generous spirit. He has lent his intelligence and problem-solving skills as an MIT Physicist and Engineer, along with his sense of individuality. He was the Dad proudly wearing a GCS pink t-shirt at our family picnic. Jeremy has been valued on the Board not only for his perspective, but for his great sense of humor! We could always count on him to make light of anything, which could be especially needed after a late evening Board meeting. We appreciate all his efforts and can-do attitude in organizing our Fall Fix Up and Spruce Up Days. He has worked behind the scenes with B&G tasks, too, such painting our beautiful new library bookcase, and saving seedlings in our greenhouse from hungry bunnies (after taking a red eye from a Texas business trip)! He definitely gets the extra effort award for keeping our picnic tables in working order past their life expectancy. We are thankful to Erin, too, for sharing her time and talent as our GCS Classroom Photographer. We have thoroughly enjoyed the whole Chapman family, including big brother Harrison, to Reagan in the middle, and can't wait to greet Winnie, who is on the way to school someday!

Christine Emma, Treasurer Since April 2013

We are truly grateful to Christine for sharing her time and financial expertise with GCS for so many years! We first met her when her son Sammy began in the Toddler Class. We will always remember him holding tight onto two cars - one in each hand - at all times each and every day. Sammy moved on to GCS Full Day and Pre-K Classes, before going to big kid school, but Christine lingered longer with us at GCS. We appreciate her tremendous dedication in guiding us with her incredible financial expertise and insights. As Treasurer, Christine has been very helpful with our annual nonprofit audit, and she was the author of a critical, in-depth financial analysis for our **Forward Motion Project**. Throughout the years, she has been very active in our Groton Community Home Tour. We could always count on Christine for our beautiful color-coded tickets, PayPal codes, and tallying up at the end of the day with the exciting news about our gross and net profits! Thank you, Christine for your commitment and caring for Groton Community School.

Shagufta Rahman, Parent Representative Co-Chair Since April 2016

Caring, calm and peaceful are words to describe Shagufta. Her kind and welcoming nature made her a perfect match for a Parent Representative position on the Board. Shagufta has a sunny disposition, which made it very hard to sweat out wondering about the weather for our annual GCS Family Picnic! Thank you for organizing this annual tradition along with Jen Burke the last two years. As Parent Representative, she welcomed all families to GCS and organized Room Parents to enhance communication with and involvement of our families. Shagufta also thoughtfully shared her passion and professional knowledge in treating GCS staff to a restorative yoga workshop. Everyone has benefited from her calm presence and many are now enjoying essential oils that she introduced to us for hearth and wellness. We will miss Shagufta, Mike and their daughter Sophia, who began her school journey in My Grown-Up and Me and continued on through Kindergarten. They graciously opened up their home for a BOD meeting and our Staff Board Social and they were impeccable hosts. We were delighted to be greeted by Sophia's beautiful smile and talented artwork on the driveway and walkway on the way in!