



# QUESTIONNAIRE & RESPONSES

FIRST NAME:  LAST NAME:

SEEKING TO BE ELECTED TO:

- 1. What is your professional experience?** High School Science Teacher 2008 - present  
Social Media Manager and Brand Ambassador for "MWR Tees"/"Ormond Beach T-Shirt Company" and "Girls With Class" Mentoring 2022 - 2024
- 2. Do you have experience operating and managing a budget? What was the size and scope?** Yes, I am the Treasurer for Turie T. Small Elementary School's Parent Teacher Association (PTA). We have one of the smaller PTA budgets in the county at roughly \$12K, so I have to work to make sure monetary requests match our school improvement plan and vision. I have led fundraising activities, applied for contests to provide extra supplies and experiences, such as a fully-funded trip to the Marine Discovery Center, and was awarded a grant from National PTA and AT&T to host a "tech readiness" event for families.
- 3. While in office, what will be your top priorities?**
  1. Build connections between teachers and parents, schools and families, to promote student success in and out of the classroom.
  2. Ensure every school has access to highly effective educators, programs, and resources to meet the needs of every student.
  3. Recruit and retain high-quality employees in every department, from teachers and support professionals to transportation.
- 4. What influenced you to run for office?** Recent changes in State legislation and cultural hot topics have strained relationships between teachers and parents, often pitting them against one another. As both a teacher and a parent, I want to build back those relationships as that partnership leads to student success. Separately, my family chose to move into Daytona Beach's historically Black Midtown neighborhood, where students were being bussed out to 12 different elementary schools in an integration effort. I have been and will continue to be a strong advocate for community schools, where students can attend in their neighborhood, and families can receive resources, as well.
- 5. What is your view on the overall function of a School Board?** The School Board sets the vision for the District and directs the Superintendent to fulfill it. The Board is also responsible for setting a budget and problem-solving ways to meet the needs addressed in the vision and strategic plan.
- 6. How should/can the school board and local business community work together?** My experiences with students and staff at Turie T. Small Elementary are a great precursor to what I want to continue to do on the school board! For Teacher Appreciation Week, PTA worked with local businesses like "YardLove Ormond Beach" to celebrate school staff. For the mentoring group my daughter is a part of, I coordinated a partnership with "Naughty Petals" to create a bouquet workshop for students. In short, the school board and local business community can work together to reward and incentivize staff and open new, off-campus opportunities for students.  
To the later point, I'd love to see more partnerships with businesses to employ students both during their school years and after graduation. It would be great to keep local talent in the local workforce.
- 7. Who do you look to for advice and consult when making decisions that will affect the public?** My faith and my family are integral in all of my decision-making processes. Outside of that, I look to local leaders that have already been making changes in the community. I appreciate the openness to my questions and advice from Mayor Derrick Henry, City Manager Deric Feacher and current District 2 School Board representative, Anita Burnette.