



## Profile of VCES Board Member Nominees – For May 29, 2019 AGM

Our constitution requires that the Board be comprised of between 7 and 10 Directors. Directors are elected to three-year terms and the Society attempts to cycle the terms so that there is continuity on the Board. At this AGM there will be two people running for three available seats. To be elected, candidates require a simple majority of ballots cast.

We asked the two candidates a few questions and their written submissions are provided here; a video interview will be shown at the AGM.

### Questions:

1. Briefly outline your association with PCS (children, committees, alumni...)
2. Please share a bit of information about yourself (education, work, background...)
3. Why would you like to serve on the VCES Board of Directors? What do you feel that you can contribute to the board and society?
4. What do you see as the purpose of Christian Education?



### April Grout

Attends: **Glad Tidings Church**

I have three children that attend PCS - one in elementary (gr 2), one in middle (gr 6) and one on the high school campus (gr 8). We have been at PCS for four years now.

I have a diploma in Business Admin & received my Ontario Real Estate License in the early 2000s. I currently work as an Exec Assistant to a busy Real Estate Team at Re/Max. I am originally from Southern Ontario but moved here with my family in 2013 to explore new adventures. My husband & I love the outdoors & travelling. We enjoy exploring this Island with our kids.

I attend Glad Tidings Church where I'm a part of the leadership team. I lead worship at our Belmont Campus in the Westshore.

I always look for new opportunities to serve our community. Having kids in all three areas of education (elem, middle & high), I like to have a pulse on all that's going on. And I want to help in any way I can with support, prayers & helping to make decisions.

[Christian Education is] an opportunity to not only follow standard curriculum but to have opportunities to grow in faith-based learning. Allowing our children to have the opportunity to learn in an environment that holds the same values as we do in our home.



**James DeGreef**

Attends: **Victoria Alliance Church**



I am a PCS Alumni, Grad 93 (my horrible photo is in the high school is proof), and my two daughters (Annika grade 10 and Jaimee grade 6) currently attend PCS. My lovely wife Josie is a new grade 6 teacher. I think Josie is an amazing teacher and I'm super proud of her doing this. :^) I believe I have a good perspective of where PCS was 30 years ago to today, which should help give perspective for BOD level decisions.

I am a happy husband, father, and tech entrepreneur / investor. I did well with my company GenoLogics, I'm very involved in the Victoria tech community, and I am the Chair of the Capital Investment Network. For the past 6 years I have been working with a team of local Christian missionaries in Uganda called Christian Model Ministries (Google it) and bring teams of short-term missionaries to Uganda - which is so much fun, we encourage the local Church there, and a big blessing to those who go.

I feel called to join the VCES Board of Directors and plan to give good time, energy, and focus to this position.

Some areas I can help include:

- solid BOD experience from other organizations and companies
- perspective and insight into PCS in various ways
- technology, computer systems, software knowledge
- experience with high performing teams / organizations
- a strategic mind and am able to vision and plan years out  
(but don't ask me to find something in my kitchen / fridge, I can't)

I believe the Great Commission is at the heart of Christian Education – making disciples and future leaders who make disciples. I learned from James Prette that Young Life considers it very wrong to have boring Bible studies (love this idea), and believe that through God's power and our intentionality, we should work to make the Bible come alive and be inspirational to the PCS students and community, for learning, interpretation, and application to every aspect of our lives and for God's glory.