

**2018 Pella Christian High School Society Meeting
New Board Member Nominees
Five to be elected to three-year terms (2018-2022)**

District I: (one to be elected)

Gerrit Brouwer or Troy Hugen

Gerrit and his wife Michelle reside in Pella and attend Faith CRC. They have three children, Tessa is a freshman at PCHS, Nathan a 5th grader at PCGS and Lilian is 4 years old. Gerrit is employed at Pella Corporation as an engineer.

“I love how Christian education reinforces Christ in all areas of life and encourages young people to develop and live out a Christ-centered life. I believe that the board has historically served well to support this mission. I have grown to love PCHS and the student body more and more every year and would like to do my part to continue the legacy.”

Troy Hugen lives in Pella and is married to Brenda. The Hugen family has four children, Troy is a PCHS graduate, Taryn and Ty are currently attending PCHS and Teah is 8 years old. The Hugen family are members of the Pella II Christian Reformed Church. Troy is employed as a plant manager at Helena Industries in Des Moines.

“Life is a gift from our creator and as such it makes great sense to spend as much time as we can with and around fellow believers. What we become is through His grace and a Christ centered education is an instrumental part in developing lifetime believers and servant leaders. As the world around us continues to attack our biblical foundations we must work doubly hard to protect and maintain that which we so strongly believe. Christian education has a key role in developing and supporting the next generation of believers.”

District I: (one to be elected)

Cindy Gritters or Kevin Veenstra

Cindy Gritters is married to Dave and they have three children, Calise and Cody are alumni of PCHS and Jocelyn is a sophomore currently attending Pella Christian. Cindy is a secretary at Gritters Electric and the Worship Coordinator at Calvary CRC where she is a member.

“I am so thankful for the wonderful Christian education I have received. I also have noticed that my children have been adequately prepared to succeed in college and in life as a follower of Christ and I want that to continue for future generations.”

Kevin Veenstra resides in Pella and is married to Carrie. They have five children, Devin, Brennan, Cailee and Kenden who are all graduates of PCHS and Jeron who is in kindergarten at PCGS. The Veenstra family are members of the Covenant United Reformed Church in Pella. Kevin is a painting contractor with Veenstra Painting.

“Having been exposed to and attended Christian schools committed to a Reformed Biblical worldview from kindergarten through college, I am aware of no better method of preparing our young people to be properly equipped to handle thankful living in our fallen world. For me that thankful living includes a willingness to serve on the PCHS board when asked.”

District II: (one to be elected)

Matt Vander Linden or Byron Vander Molen

Matt is a member of the Peoria Christian Reformed Church and lives in Pella. He is employed as a Financial Officer at Farm Credit Services of America.

“I think it is important to teach kids from a Christian perspective and Christian schooling plays an essential part in this. A Christ centered education reinforces what the kids see and hear at

church and home, which helps tie all parts of their lives together. Supporting these areas will help the children in establishing a Christ centered worldview that will be critical as they go out into the world.”

Byron and his wife Carla reside near Lynnville and attend Peoria CRC. They have two grown daughters, Jessica and Janelle, both alumni of PCHS. Byron is employed as an electrician for Gritters Electric and farms as well.

“I believe that Christian education is a privilege. We have to be able to send our children to a school that has a Christ-centered education and know they are being molded as responsible adults in a broken world. As a graduate of PCHS I would do my part to keep this school the best it can be.”

District II (one to be elected)

Matt Roozeboom or Marilyn Van Mersbergen

Matt is a 1995 graduate of PCHS and attends Grace Fellowship. He is currently finishing a three-year term on the PCHS Board and has decided to place his name on the ballot for another term. Matt resides in Pella and works at PPI.

“I believe that Christian education provides the unique opportunity to place each subject taught within the larger perspective of God’s created order. I have enjoyed the last three years serving on the board and look forward to the opportunity for a second term to continue work on a few ongoing projects. It is truly exciting to be a part of all the great things happening at Pella Christian High.”

Marilyn Van Mersbergen and her husband, Wayne, live in Pella and attend Grace Fellowship Church. They have three children, Jennifer (Noteboom), Lisa (De Bruin), and Jason who are all PCHS grads. Marilyn has served as director of Pathways of Pella for 22 years.

“I feel strongly that Christian education helps us as parents prepare our children for adulthood. The future of our youth is very important to me and I want to use the gifts God has given me to assist with that.”

District III (one to be elected)

Dan Rooda or Doug Uitermarkt (one to be elected)

Dan Rooda and his wife Helen live near New Sharon where Dan is a sow farm manager. They have three children, Matthew and Adam, both PCHS alumni and Angela who is currently a freshman at PCHS. The Roodas are members of the Cedar Christian Reformed Church.

“Helen and I lived in North Carolina for six years when we were first married. Even though North Carolina is in the Bible belt, we wanted to come back to our roots to raise our children in the Midwest and allow them to have a Christ based education. You can get an education anywhere but a Christian education gives your children a solid foundation that can be built on for a lifetime.”

Doug Uitermarkt is married to Patti and they have three children, Colten will be graduating from PCHS in May, Emily is a sophomore and Dylan attends PCGS. Doug and his family live in Pella and are members of Federated Fellowship. Doug is employed as a contractor.

“I support Christian education because I believe that a Christian school provides an extremely important partnership opportunity to Christian parents who strive to provide their children with a Christ centered foundation. It wasn’t until years after graduating that I fully understood how important Christian education was to my own development, and I would like to serve on the board to assist in seeing that Pella Christian High School continues to flourish in providing opportunities to students today

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