

# CANDIDATE INFORMATION

## ELECTION 2024



<b>Name*:</b>	Michael Corbett
<b>Current administrative role*:</b>	Principal ~ Rockingstone Heights
<b>Previous administrative roles*:</b>	Vice Principal ~ Fairview Heights Elementary
<b>Region/School Board*:</b>	HRCE

### SECTION 2: More About You

*Share a bit about yourself! What makes you the right person to represent your peers on the PSAANS Board of Directors? Please comment on the following:*

**Experiences:** *Governance, negotiations, prior experience serving on a board of directors, PSAANS or a committee, etc.*

I have held a number of different leadership roles within my career.

When teaching overseas, I worked with my staff to negotiate wages and working conditions for the staff at my work site. I became the Teacher in Charge of the school, working to support students and staff alike.

Here in Nova Scotia, I have been in school administration for approximately 5 years. Presently I am in my first year as principal.

As a vice principal, I served on the Advisory Panel of Principals (APP) with Steve Gallagher for the 2022/2023 school year. The APP met several times over the course of the year to discuss big picture issues affecting education in HRCE, and work to generate effective solutions to challenging issues.

During this time, I served as vice principal of Fairview Heights, one of the most diverse schools in HRCE. Fairview Heights had the biggest Pre-Primary in the province and welcomed students from all over the world.

Presently I work as the principal of Rockingstone Heights School, a pp-8 school supporting families from a wide range of cultural and socio-economic diversity.

Outside of education, I served on the board of DiscNS, a Provincial Sporting Organization for approximately 13 years, in a variety of capacities. Most recently I was president of the organization. In this capacity I liaised with a variety of stakeholders throughout the province for individuals playing disc related sports (Ultimate and Disc Golf). I worked with government members on funding grants and supports for this sport, and athletes to foster sport growth within the province.

**Skills & Qualities:** *Highlight those that best prepare you to be a Board Member*

I believe I am good at seeing a whole picture when considering an option. I tend to put people in the best light when considering a different perspective, and work to view challenging conversations from another's point of view.

I am comfortable recognizing that there are areas I do not have firsthand knowledge of, but I do not like to settle into my own ignorance. I believe that I am always learning and look forward to this as an opportunity for growth.

I bring a lens as a leader of elementary education, who has worked closely with a wide range of new Canadians. The needs of this diverse population are not yet fully realized by our system, and we recognize that this population is growing within the province. I believe it is incumbent on us as educators to meet the needs of all students, and ensure that our newest, vulnerable Nova Scotians are supported effectively within our system.

**Other** *Final thoughts*

PSAANS can be an effective voice for educational change in our province. I look forward to the opportunity to work with the board to see that all our students, their families, and our system continue to grow, develop, and thrive.