



Applicant Applying for the 2026 Spring Parent Elect Elections
Seating will take place at the Annual October Meeting.

Name of Applicant: ANKUR BHATIA

Board Position Applying for: Parent Elect

Application Submission Date: 4/6/2026

Why would you like to be a PCCS Board Member: I AM VERY MUCH ALIGNED WITH THE GOALS AND FOCUS OF PCCS AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO USE THE SKILLS GAINED TO HELP WITH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS. I KNOW THAT I CAN BRING MUCH BENEFIT WITH MY EXPERIENCE, EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS.

What is your background: FINANCE AND MARKETING

What Skills, networks, experiences and other assets will you bring to this board: FINANCE BACKGROUND, OUTREACH EXPERIENCE AND PAST 6 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE SERVING ON PCCS BOARD WITH MAJORITY OF THOSE YEARS SERVING AS A TREASURER

What involvement (if any) have you had with PCCS school Governance (e.g. Committees, Board service, PSO): FINANCE, PSO

What non-PCCS board experience have you had: SERVED ON SEVERAL NFP BOARDS IN THE PAST.

What non-profit experience have you had: SERVED ON VARIOUS BOARDS AND SERVED IN THE COMMUNITY

How will PCCS benefit from your participation: WITH MY EXPERTISE FROM FINANCE AND MARKETING BACKGROUND

A governing board is responsible for oversight and planning rather than daily operations. At PCCS, we have a governing board. In what ways do you expect to impact the governance of the school when the focus is on oversight strategic planning, decision-making and financial planning: PROVIDE THE SUPPORT WHERE NEEDED.

What are your top priorities for the school's strategic plan: OUTREACH AND FINANCIAL STABILITY

Board members are expected to serve on at least one board committee. Please select which committee you might be interested in (this is not a final choice, just used to gauge interest): FINANCE

Term you are applying for: SPRING PARENT ELECT ELECTION

In addition to this questionnaire, we require submission of a copy of your resume and 3 letters of reference. Please submit these documents via email to parent_elected@pccharterschool.org or you are welcome to drop your documents off in a sealed envelope Attn: Parent Elect Committee at the office prior to April 8, 2026 at 3:30PM.: YES, I WILL BE EMAILING MY RESDUME AND 3 LETTERS OF REFERENCE TO parent_elected@pccharterschool.org

Letter of Intent: YES, INCLUDED WITH ADDITIONAL MATERIAL PACKET.

Ankur Bhatia

Dear Board Members, PCCS

I am writing to state my intention to serve on the Prairie Crossing Charter School Board. I am very much aligned with the goals and focus of your organization and would like to use the skills gained to help with school and community projects.

As I reflect on the reasons we decided to choose PCCS for our kids' education, which are also the motivating factors for me to serve on the school Board:

1. Individualized attention with small sized school – Similar to a Montessori approach from where both my kids' transitioned to PCCS from, this environment allows continuity of personalized focused experience for the children and allows them to build on their strengths and overcome weaknesses. I hope to help foster this growth through my perspective as a father and professional experience.
2. School's focus on the environment – PCCS allows its students to teach the community the importance of natural lifestyle and caring for our natural resources which will benefit the community for many years as we focus on sustainability and attempt to foster a healthy environment for generations to come. It would be an honor to be a part of this effort more closely and help advance this mission.

In the past, I have also served as a Board Member for a non-profit organization, Family Services of Lake County and have experience in chairing committees and strategic solutions. I believe that my administrative experience, financial background, and proven leadership skills will prove useful to your school.

I have been in banking/finance industry for last 17 years. Enhancing staff performance and resourcefulness are some of my key strengths. I get along well with others and thrive on finding resolutions to problems. I am confident that these qualities together with my commitment to work will be an asset to your organization.

Some of my personal achievements in my professional capacity I can bring to your organization are as follows:

- Represent the organization and serve as a spokesperson, if required.
- Take an active part in the budget planning process.
- Offer a broad knowledge of programs, policies and implementation strategies.

My enclosed resume will provide you with more details regarding my qualifications and experience. I know that I can bring much benefit with my experience, educational qualifications and skills and I look forward to putting these towards a good cause. Please contact me by phone or email. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Ankur Bhatia



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OBJECTIVE

Obtain a position that will allow me to contribute to a high-performance organization using my organizational, analytical, and technical skills and financial experience.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Proficient in working with business banking solutions including but not limited to lending needs, cash management and cash flow projections for both domestic and international business.
- Results-driven sales and leadership professional with over 15 years of banking, financial markets, and managerial experience.
- Awarded Retail Sales and Service Excellence award at Fifth Third Bank 18 times in 2 years as branch manager.
- Recipient of Gallup Great Workplace Award for Excellence In Managing for 2017 & 2018 at PNC and Sales and Service Achievement Award for 2017 at PNC.
- Exceptional Project management and negotiation skill and the ability to provide strategic and analytical support across wide variety of departments and activities to help build a strong foundation and improve processes and adapt to the changes within organization and all lines of business including risk mitigation.
- Proficient in various banking software's, accounting software, payroll processing software, Treasury management software and Microsoft suite.
- Strong interpersonal, analytical, and written and oral communication skills.
- Served on executive board committees for 2 Not for Profit organizations.

EXPERIENCE

PNC Bank

February 2016 – Present

- Responsible and accountable for directing and administering the branch and business partners to grow business banking, treasury management and wealth management solutions for clients in the market.
- Lead the operational and sales aspect of business banking and consumer banking with team management including but not limited to cash management, sales forecasting, operational processes, execute strategies, align all lines of business, risk management.
- Lead and motivate staff to maximize productivity, provide feedback and recommend opportunity for growth and increase team participation with a superior customer service focus.
- Work with Business banking segment on accounts receivables, payables, ACH, Wires international and domestic, fraud mitigation tools, positive pay, escrow accounts, statement reconciling, cash logistics, improving business daily cash flow, payment solutions and various levels of reporting.
- Work with Business owners on business lending needs including lines of credit, equipment financing and lease and term loans.
- Promote growth through development of deposits, assets, fee-based services and retention of new and existing customers.
- Closely monitor branch Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement and diligently work on improving profitability by focusing on fee generating products and minimizing controllable expenses.
- Supervise and coach teams on the proper behavior, sales techniques, service expectations, and compliance guidelines.
- Establish close relationships with assigned business partners, such as Mortgage, Business Banking Officers and Brokerage Representatives.
- Implement policy and procedures to ensure compliance with internal controls to mitigate risk and work on core principles and values of the organization.

Fifth Third Bank – Branch Manager

Dual Branch Manager & Hub Manager

December 2007 – January 2012

January 2012 – February 2016

- Responsible and accountable for directing and administering two financial centers & Hub with other branch managers and business partners to grow business banking, treasury management and wealth management solutions for clients in the market.
- Promoted growth through development of deposits, assets, fee-based services and retention of new and existing customers.
- Supervised and coached teams on the proper behavior, sales techniques, service expectations, and compliance guidelines.
- Worked with senior leadership team to onboard new managers and bankers in the market and mentor them.
- Marketed Champion for Preferred banking customers, brokerage and insurance.
- Worked with over 300 business banking households ranging from small to mid-cap to large corporations with their treasury management needs, borrowing needs, letters of credit, cash management, merchant processing solutions and payroll needs.

- Reviewed tax documents, articles of incorporation, partnership documents and trust documents for various business and individual clients.
- Worked with internal and external auditors of the bank to ensure proper policies and procedures are followed. Perform audits at the branch level.
- Reviewed monthly P&L's for multiple banking centers.
- Worked with various tax accountants and attorneys for business banking, treasury management and wealth management needs.
- Worked with businesses for equipment financing/lease and various SBA lending options.
- Originated and reviewed business and personal loan application, reviewed PFS and credit reports.

Fifth Third Bank - Relationship Manager/Investment Consultant

December 2005 – November 2007

- Sales/Goals Function - consistently met and exceeded sales goals for loans, deposits, and fee income, as set by management
- Established close relationships with assigned business partners, such as Mortgage, Business Banking Officers and Brokerage Representatives
- Met with customers to discuss financial needs, emphasizing financial counseling and lending, and made recommendations
- In partnership with staff and business partners, actively worked the call lists, and other means for obtaining new business and retaining current business
- Provided guidance to the Customer and Financial Service Representatives in the referral/sales process

Lasalle Bank - Teller Manager

March 2003 – December 2005

- Ensured accurate and timely processing of basic transactions for banking center customers
- Balanced daily cash in accordance with established policies and procedures
- Promoted consumer services and products, via customer education and cross-sell referrals
- Balanced cash vault, audit tellers, money orders, official checks, order cash, process ATM

Satisfaction Marketing Pvt. Ltd. – Marketing Manager

May 1998 – May 2002

- Managed sales and service of retail outlet
- Maintained partnerships with the wholesalers by fulfilling their needs
- Handled sales promotion activity through sales presentations
- Established relationships with new accounts in multi region territory
- Organized seminars and other marketing activities
- Facilitated product launch seminars and participated in trade shows
- Created marketing campaigns and participated in success measurement of the campaigns
- Worked with advertising companies to create advertisement for the new and existing product lines
- Worked with Corporate offices of Whirlpool and Samsung in development of advertising campaigns and launching them to deliver a consistent message to the target audience

EDUCATION

D.A.V.V. University

Bachelor of Business Administration

April 1998

Masters of Business Administration

June 2000

Major(s): Marketing and International Business Management

DePaul University Chicago

Senior Executive Leadership Program

October 2013

Dear PCCS Nominating Committee,

It is an honor to recommend Ankur Bhatia for a third term on the Prairie Crossing Charter School Board of Directors. Having served alongside Ankur for a term, I have seen firsthand the steady, insightful leadership he brings to our school community.

During our time on the Board together, I was consistently impressed by Ankur's dedication. Serving as Treasurer and as an officer on the Executive Committee, Ankur has gone well beyond the standard requirements of a Board member. His willingness to take on the heavy lifting of committee meetings and financial oversight is a clear testament to his commitment to PCCS's long-term health.

In the boardroom, Ankur acts as a vital "north star" for the group. Whenever discussions begin to drift, he has a unique ability to gently but firmly bring the conversation back to our core objectives. He is remarkably well-liked and possesses a temperament that fosters collaboration across the entire table. He gets along with everyone, ensuring that even difficult decisions are handled with professional grace and a community-first mindset.

Ankur's devotion to the school isn't limited to governance; it is deeply personal. As a parent of both a PCCS graduate and a current 5th grader, he remains a visible, active volunteer at school events. He doesn't just lead from the top—he rolls up his sleeves alongside the rest of us.

Ankur's institutional knowledge from his previous two terms, combined with his fiscal discipline and collaborative spirit, makes him an indispensable asset to the Board. I fully support his candidacy for a third term.

Sincerely,

Navin P. Chatlani

Navin Chatlani

Former Board Member & PCCS Parent

Stephen Heroux
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4.7.2026

To Whom it May Concern

I am pleased to offer my strong support for Ankur Bhatia as he seeks his third term as a Parent-elect Board Member for Prairie Crossing Charter School.

Ankur has already demonstrated exceptional dedication and effectiveness through his two prior terms, including his leadership as Chair of the Finance Committee. His financial expertise has been a clear asset to the school, helping guide sound decision-making and ensuring long-term fiscal responsibility.

What sets Ankur apart is his resourcefulness and even-keeled judgment. He approaches complex challenges thoughtfully and pragmatically, consistently balancing immediate needs with the broader, long-term interests of the school community. His ability to remain steady and objective, particularly in situations that require careful consideration, makes him a trusted and respected leader.

Having known Ankur for several years, I have been continually impressed by both his depth of knowledge and his genuine commitment to the sustained growth and success of Prairie Crossing Charter School. He brings not only expertise, but also a forward-thinking mindset that is critical for the school's continued development.

I strongly recommend Ankur Bhatia for re-election and am confident he will continue to serve the school with distinction.

Sincerely,

Stephen Heroux

PCCS Board Secretary & Parent

April 2nd, 2026

PRAIRE CHARTER CROSSING SCHOOL
1531 JONES POINT RD
GRAYSLAKE, IL 60030

Re: Recommendation Letter for school board membership applicant Ankur Bhatia

Greetings!

I am pleased to recommend Mr. Ankur Bhatia for your board. I have known Ankur for 11 years and can attest to his strong work ethic, leadership, and problem-solving skills. He is dedicated to his work, supports his team, and freely shares his expertise from over 18 years in management. Alongside professional accomplishments, his humor and positivity make him well-suited for board membership. Ankur consistently interacts with others compassionately and professionally.

In addition to his impressive background, Mr. Bhatia has demonstrated exceptional adaptability and innovation in challenging situations. His ability to communicate transparently and thoughtfully enables him to build trust within diverse groups. Ankur has played a pivotal role in several projects, delivering outstanding results while maintaining high ethical standards. His commitment to ongoing learning and growth inspires those around him, and his vision aligns perfectly with the values and goals of your organization. I am confident that his unique perspective and proven track record would be valuable assets to your board.

Sincerely,



Jakub P. Nowak
Senior Vice President
Retail and Small Business Banking
PNC BANK

