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Bellevue Schools Foundation Welcomes Five New Members to Its Board of Trustees

Premier Washington State nonprofit expands its Board of Trustees
to support critical education initiatives in Bellevue.

Bellevue, Washington -- Bellevue Schools Foundation is pleased to announce the election of five new Trustees to support the students, parents, and educators who comprise the Bellevue public school community. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the addition of Jungyeol Kim, Kirsten Paulsen, Claire Sumadiwiry, Robert Tolstykh, and Lisa Winsby as its newest board members. Their first terms as Bellevue Schools Foundation Trustees begin this month.



Jungyeol Kim

Jungyeol Kim is a passionate advocate for education, firmly believing in its transformative power to unlock opportunities and empower individuals to reach their full potential. She recognizes education as the cornerstone of our society's foundation. As a Bellevue Schools Foundation Trustee, her primary goal is to ensure that BSD provides equitable and high-quality education to all students, regardless of their backgrounds or circumstances.

Jungyeol believes that a vibrant and dynamic school district requires engaged community members. To this end, she recently founded the Pacific Northwest Korean Parents Association and currently serves as its Co-President.

With a decade of dedicated volunteering experience in the Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA), Jungyeol brings a unique perspective and deep understanding of the district's inner workings. As a proud parent of three successful graduates from our school district, she has witnessed firsthand the impact of a quality education on students' lives.

Kirsten Paulsen has been surrounded by the art of home builders since before she could walk. She was raised in Clyde Hill by her mother, a nurse and her father, a well-respected Eastside home builder. Watching her father, Tom, in the field working with both clients and employees, taught Kirsten the core of her business principles: honesty, hard work and dedication.

Kirsten, a lifetime Eastside resident, graduated from the University of Washington, with honors. After a 8 year career as a Marketing Specialist for Starbucks Coffee Co she joined the #1 real estate team at Coldwell Banker Bain. Kirsten spent 15 years in Real Estate and reached the top two percent at Coldwell Banker Bain in Real Estate sales, internationally. Working both as a Listing Broker and a Selling Agent she understood the business of real estate as a whole and excelled and awarded International Presidents Circle Elite, a top designation and honor in the Real Estate community.



Kirsten Paulsen

Passionate, driven, and armed with a thorough knowledge of the Seattle and Eastside markets, Kirsten has executed large events not only working as a marketing specialist for Starbucks, but also as a volunteer for fund raising events in the Bellevue Community. Kirsten's passion for kids and their education has driven her commitment to the Bellevue School district and the STEM programs as well as mental health education in the Bellevue Public Schools.

Kirsten and Patrick McGrath's son currently attends Bellevue High School where he enjoys playing for the Bellevue High Wolverines Football team. Her commitment to continuing the Bellevue legacy of a strong platform for preparing kids for their future resonates in all she does.

Kirsten has proudly joined the Bellevue School foundation to dedicate her efforts in perpetuating the best forum for kids to learn and grow with an awareness of the importance of mental health through school funded programs.



Claire Sumadiwiryra

Claire Sumadiwiryra is the founder of Bellden Cafe in Bellevue, Washington, which was voted the Nicest Place in WA by Reader's Digest for its community work and philanthropic focus. After graduating from the University of Washington with degrees in Business and Sociology, and earning an MBA from Seattle University, she gained extensive experience in global business relationships, hospitality consulting, and community development.

Since opening Bellden, it has been voted the Best Coffee Shop in Bellevue for two consecutive years. Claire has also partnered with over 25 charitable organizations, donating both time and money by allocating a portion of her proceeds and allowing her employees up to eight hours a quarter for community service work. Her passion for others, coffee, and the success of her cafe have attracted media attention from outlets such as The Seattle Times, Reader's Digest, Good Morning America, local 425, Bellevue Lifestyle Magazine, King 5 News, and Seattle Refined. In May 2019, she graced the cover of 425 Business for her purpose-driven approach to business. When she is not working at the cafe with her team or

caring for her young children, Claire supports the boards of the Overlake Foundation, Bellevue Downtown Association, and Congregation For the Homeless as a board member.

Robert Tolstykh resides in Bellevue's Lakemont neighborhood with his wife and 4-year-old son. Professionally, he is a wealth advisor, helping clients achieve their financial objectives through strategic financial planning. Beyond finance, Robert values education and actively supports the Bellevue Schools Foundation, dedicating time and resources to enhance educational opportunities for all students. As a husband, father, advisor, and education advocate, he shows strong commitment to his family, clients, and community.



Robert Tolstykh



Lisa Winsby

Lisa is a Senior Vice President of People & Culture with the Seattle Mariners, leading employee engagement, inclusion and belonging. She is a parent of a BSD graduate and two children attending Chinook Middle School.

Lisa is also a passionate believer in equitable, accessible, high-quality public learning, serving the dynamic and diverse needs of students. She's thrilled with the opportunity to give back to the community and our youth, and positively impact students' lives through learning.

Ms. Kim, Ms. Paulsen, Ms. Kirsten, Ms. Claire, Mr. Tolstykh and Ms. Winsby join 14 additional members currently serving the Bellevue Schools Foundation Board of Trustees. To learn more about all the trustees supporting the organization, [click here](#).

ABOUT THE BELLEVUE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION: Established in 1979, Bellevue Schools Foundation (BSF) is the 1st foundation dedicated to supporting public K-12 initiatives in Washington State. Its mission is to promote and fund the best possible learning opportunities for all students in Bellevue's public schools. As a pillar in the community, the Foundation is uniquely positioned to be a catalytic agent of positive change and advancement in the public education sector.