



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Analisa Barrett

Analisa Barrett is a current parent at BFS, and has been an integral part of the BFS community for nearly fifteen years. Analisa served as a co-opted member of the BFS finance committee for two years before joining the board as a trustee in 2024. Analisa brings her financial acumen to the BFS board and the finance committee, leveraging her professional experience as a financial strategy consultant in the non-profit sector. She earned her BA in Economics from DePaw University. FunFact: Analisa is happiest being out in nature with the people and animals she loves.



Melissa Cavanaugh

Melissa is a current parent at BFS and has been part of the Board of Trustees since 2023. A member of Brooklyn Monthly Meeting, she is passionate about supporting Quaker education and serves on the Board's Spiritual Life Committee and the Meeting's BFS Care Relations Committee. Her professional background includes nearly 30 years of experience in marketing and communications, including content strategy, thought leadership, social media, crisis communications, and internal communications. Melissa holds a B.A. from Franklin & Marshall College. FunFact: Melissa loves reading, traveling, and reading about traveling—all of which offer glimpses of the world through others' eyes.

Jackie Chu

Jackie Chu, a current BFS parent, joined the BFS Board in 2025. Jackie's long career in both public and independent education has made her an expert in how educational organizations optimize resources to serve students. Most recently, Jackie served as the Chief Financial Officer of the Chief Financial Online Academy, a non-profit consortium of over 140 independent schools worldwide that provides innovative online learning experiences for students, families, educators, and schools across the globe. Jackie earned her BA from Rice University in History & Economics, Her MA from American University in Feminist Economics, and her MBA from Columbia University. FunFact: Jackie is a big fan of the Mets and Liberty!



Mark Doty

Mark Doty joined the BFS board in 2024, and is no stranger to Quaker Education: Mark, his sister, his grandmother, and his great aunt all attended BFS, and his mother taught at BFS! A Member of the Brooklyn Monthly Meeting, Mark has spent his 30+ year career at Mary McDowell Friends School, where he is currently the Director of the Upper School. Mark earned his BA from Earlham College, and his Masters in Special Education from Bank Street College. FunFact: Mark loves photography.

Shu Shu Costa

Shu Shu Costa is a Partner at Learning + Design, which is a non-profit collaborative that exists to positively impact schools and other learning communities. One of those schools was BFS, which worked with L+D on its strategic plan, and Shu Shu was one of two consultants and facilitators. She received her BS from Cornell University, and is currently working on her MA from Union Theological Seminary/Columbia University (expected graduation in 2025). FunFact: Two of Shu Shu's three children have taught in Friends schools!



Hon. Dena Douglas

The Honorable Dena Douglas is a proud Lifetime Friend, graduating from BFS in 1983. Dena has returned home to BFS several times in recent years, serving as the Distinguished Alumni Speaker at the commencement ceremony for BFS' Class of 2023, and joining the BFS Board in 2024. Elected a Civil Court Judge in 2007, Dena was elected Justice of the New York Supreme Court, 2nd Judicial District, in 2022, where she continues to serve today. Dena earned her BS from Northwestern University and her JD from St. John's University School of Law. Dena is a devoted mother, and enjoys music, sports, and theater.



Nicole DuFauchard



Nicole, who joined the Board in 2022, is an Educational Champion of BFS. Having served as the Head of School at The Advent School in Boston for many years, Nicole brings vast experience in independent schools, social and emotional well-being, fundraising, and outreach and development. She holds a B.A. from Penn State, and an M.A. from Queens University of Charlotte. FunFact: Nicole has two French Bulldogs named after her favorite musicians—Miles Davis and Biggie Smalls.

Karin Kringen

Karin Kringen is a current BFS parent, and the Managing Director at Blue Owl, where she is an attorney. In her role, she focuses on providing legal advice relating to capital markets/financing, SEC reporting, corporate governance and investor relations. Before joining Blue Owl, Karin was in-house capital markets counsel at Wells Fargo, Credit Suisse and Deutsche Bank. She received her JD from the University of Michigan Law School, and her BA in Economics and Government, cum laude, from Smith College.



Sabrina LeBlanc



Sabrina LeBlanc is a current parent at BFS, and a proud member of the BFF. Sabrina held several leadership roles at Weight Watchers, including VP of Innovation, VP of Product Management, VP of Program Management, and Director of Customer Service. In addition to serving on the BFS board, Sabrina sits on the boards of Prospect Park Alliance and Justice in Motion. She received her BA from the University of Pennsylvania and her MBA from Yale School of Management. She enjoys combining strategic thinking with creativity and has a great enthusiasm for positive change and problem solving.

Bill Morris, Treasurer

Bill, who joined the Board in 2016, spent 13 years as the Head of School at Friends Academy on Long Island. Prior to that, he served in various roles at the Taft School in Connecticut throughout his 27 years. Among his expansive skill set, Bill specializes in education, independent school education, building academic excellence, structuring finances, investments, risk and debt, and strategic planning and innovation. He received his B.A. from Bucknell University, and M.A. degrees from University of Connecticut and Columbia University. He also received a Klingenstein Fellowship from Teachers College at Columbia University. FunFact: Bill has seven grandchildren!



Rich Nourie

Rich Nourie was a teacher and leader in Friends Schools for 42 years. Currently the Interim Head of School at Friends Seminary, Rich previously spent 19 years of his illustrious career as the Head of School at Abington Friends School. Rich holds a ScB in Psychology from Brown University, and an EdM in Human Development and Psychology, from Harvard Graduate School of Education. FunFact: Rich loves music, the outdoors, spiritual life in community, reading and being a joyful grandfather to five beautiful grandchildren.



Ed Oliver, Chair



Ed is a current parent at BFS, has been part of the Board of Trustees since 2016, and currently serves as the Board Chair. A member of the Brooklyn Monthly Meeting, his areas of expertise include, Quakerism & Spiritual Life, independent school education, finance, investments, strategic planning and innovation, and communications. Ed received his B.A. from Morehouse College and his M.B.A. from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. FunFact: Ed loves snowboarding and running with his daughter!

Eisa Ulen Richardson

Eisa is a current parent at BFS, and has been part of the Board of Trustees since 2021. Among her areas of expertise are, building academic excellence, fundraising, outreach and development, local community relations, and DEB work. She is Founder and Executive Director of Greenprints, the non-profit that runs Camp Fort Greene, and an Adjunct Lecturer at Hunter College. Eisa received her B.A. from Sarah Lawrence College, and her M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University. FunFact: Eisa is an award-winning writer whose essays on African-American culture have been widely anthologized. She is also the author of the novel, Crystelle Mourning.



Matt Runkle



Matt Runkle is a current BFS parent to three kids. He works as an energy investor at Blackstone, with a focus on large infrastructure projects. He has previously served as the Chair of the Brooklyn Community Board of the Jeremiah Program, a non-profit social services organization. He joined the BFS Board of Trustees in 2024 and serves on the Finance and Advancement Committees. Matt has a B.S. in Geology & Geophysics from Yale University.

Adam Sacks

Adam Sacks is a current parent at BFS, and has been part of the Board of Trustees since 2021. Among his areas of expertise are buildings and properties, as he works in single family home construction throughout New York City. As a product of a liberal education, Adam believes very strongly in the power of an independent school education to develop lifelong learners. He received his B.A. from Tufts University.

