

## **Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association Monthly Board of Directors Meeting – FINAL**



Date: Sep 25, 2023  
Starting Time: 5:30 pm  
Ending Time: 6:30 pm  
Hybrid meeting

### **ATTENDEES:**

Virtual: Gerry Ochs (GO); Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB); Mike Landstrom (ML); Jeff Strachan (JS); Rob Johns (RJ); Josh Piper (JP); Roger Edwards (RE); Bobbie (Rob) Walker (BW), Dale Bajema (DB); Bob Trimble (BT)

Guests: Dan Malone (DM); Kevin Clark (KC), Dick Spies (DS), Chuck Heil (CH), Jessica Russell – new Athletic Director.

ABSENT: Dave Hutchins (DH); Rachael Kuryunny (RK); Thomas Smith (TS)

### **BUSINESS**

- DM updates:
  - September 14, 2024 is the date of the grand opening.
  - Canadian visitors coming next week: looking to see how to create what we've done here.
  - Starting to have teacher tours to show classrooms. You can join one if you need to: Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> October is the next one.
  - Class of 1978 took a tour 2 weeks ago. DM announced that we were replacing the banners and told them we wouldn't turn down money - \$1200 donated by the end of the day. Estimated cost for replacing them all is \$3600. (\$1800 from the school, we are trying to match. There will be a plaque for those that donated)
  - Construction is still on time! The construction offices are moving to building C classrooms that won't be used next year.
- Jessica Russell – New athletic director
  - Has met with JS about concessions.
  - Has met with the Boosters.
  - Grew up in Portland, attended Lincoln H.S.. Away for college, back and taught/coached at middle school. Helped Haskins build the middle school sports program, coached every season. Was at Lincoln for the last 7 years, and excited to be here!
  - Beauty of high school sports is some kids trying out new sports, others trying to become good enough for scholarships and beyond.
  - Marshall campus – the field is often used for extra things. Grant has been using the field for their home games for football. Because they

are displacing our own games, they are paying Nike dry warmup tops for the soccer teams.

- Need a few assistant boys soccer coaches or officials. Hoping to give Benson grads a stipend to get some to come out, like paying for First Aid courses.
- JS says – need Oct 29<sup>th</sup> concession stand if they want to man it there could be funds for them from that.
- Membership – JP:
  - 106 members. Alexander from class of 78 just joined.
  - Kudos to RK as well.
- Treasurer's report:
  - \$3264.54 in savings at the end of August
  - \$2090.51 in checking at the end of August
  - \$847 in PayPal; most memberships
  - Picnic: spent \$1500, we will need to get some better numbers about what money came in non-membership from the picnic.
  - Note the food left over from the picnic was used at the Teacher Welcome at no charge, so that \$1500 covered both events.
- Minutes – MB:
  - ML moved that we accept the July 2<sup>nd</sup> draft minutes, GO seconded. Motion passed.
  - We will postpone accepting the August minutes to give people another chance to review.
- Newsletter update – DB:
  - Draft to Connie mid-November.
  - Hoping for an article from Jessica Russell
  - Tech Show Dates
  - Robotics Club
  - Foundation shoutout
  - Acknowledge JS's contribution to concession stand
- Benson Obits – RE
  - Created a spreadsheet, since the articles are weathering.
  - Took electronic photos (4000!) scanned with Genealogical Forum of Oregon's (GFO) equipment.
  - The last name is hyperlinked, so the obituary comes up.
  - It's incredible.
  - JP says we can host this on our website.
- Alumni Room – DB
  - 1945 alumni Chuck Heil addressed the board. They have a reunion every year. His idea is to make it as electronic as possible because there won't be room for everything. Maybe corporate sponsorship for equipment – sound, projection, research stations.
  - Talked with DM, who likes the idea.
  - RJ: It could also be used as a classroom... how can we work together with what PPS would supply.

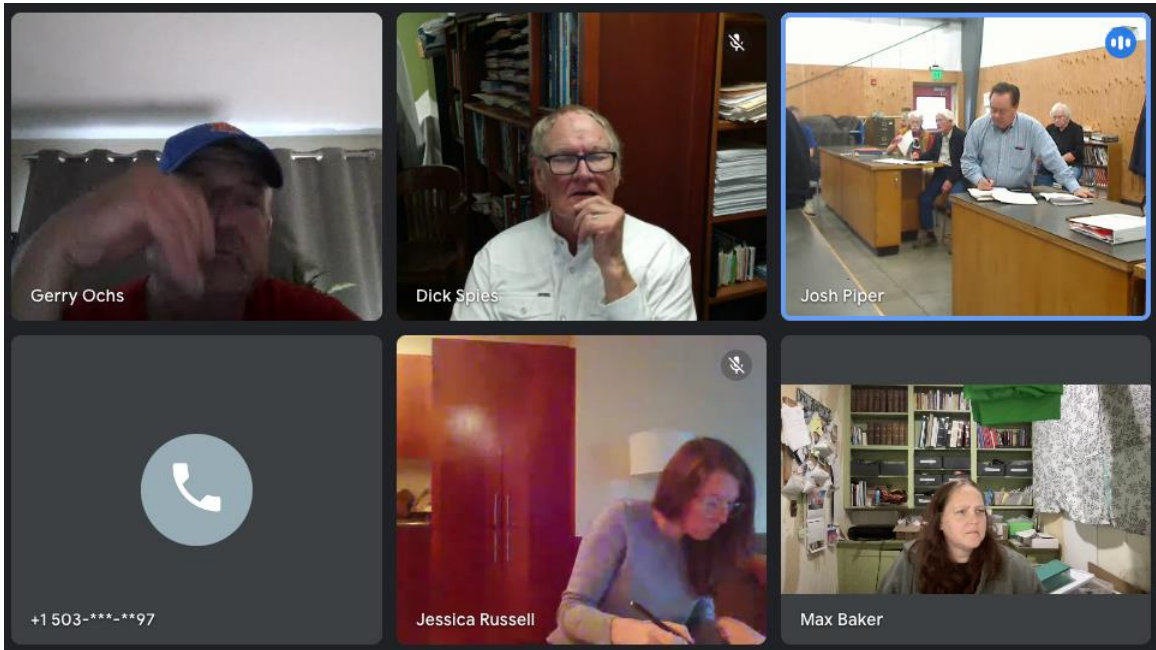
- Remember 9 of the original balcony auditorium seats are going in there.
- DB: let's get some interested people together for a committee, get together with DM, view the space, and make some decisions. JP, DS, CH, BT, RE. DB.
- Site Council – DB
  - Next Thurs 4:30 – 6PM
- Scholarship – DB
  - Last year we sent out electronic reminders. We think we need to get it out earlier this year. There's a draft being worked on. Ask to the board is to authorize the committee to send it in October, also paper copy to previous donors. \$100 postage budget. JS moved and BW seconded. The motion passed.
- Alumni reunion – RJ:
  - RK set up the school tour – this was a great idea.
  - Big dent on the sports banner donations.
  - Need to keep refining how we do it and how we ask, tailored to the group. Applaud RK for this. Having alums close to the reunion age also worked well.
- November annual meeting – RJ:
  - Should we have it separate or on the same day? We have been having it on the same day. This would be Nov 13<sup>th</sup>. We might be able to meet in the radio building on campus; if not, the same space.
- Architecture program revisited – DS
  - U of O is relocating their Master of Architecture program from downtown Portland to the old Concordia College campus.
  - They are eager to help us design a program for an architecture class at Benson Tech and possibly finding faculty.
  - DS will meet with them again and would also like to link with the Architecture school at PSU as well – so it will be easy to feed students into those programs.
  - This would fit right into industrial design major: urban design, product design, industrial design. This is what Portland and the PNW is all about. I think we could find good community partners.
  - RJ does recall there is a drafting room in the plans.
- Buckman:
  - track is going to be replaced.

## UPCOMING BUSINESS

- **Task: Need thank you list for when we move into the new building, for committed partners.**
- October 9th is our next meeting at 5:30, hybrid, in-person in the auto classroom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker  
Secretary  
BPHS Alumni Association



BUSINESS SAVINGS		BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE	
BSAV00		\$3,264.46	\$0.08	-\$0.00	\$3,264.54	
		YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD			
		\$0.63	\$0.00			
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description			Amount	Balance
08/31	08/31	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 31 Days			0.08	3264.54

TOTAL OVERDRAFT AND RETURNED ITEM FEES		
Fee Type	Total For This Period	Total Year-To-Date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Items	\$0.00	\$0.00

BUSINESS FLEX CHCK		BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE	
BFLX00		\$2,297.57	\$0.00	-\$207.06	\$2,090.51	
		YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD			
		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description			Amount	Balance
08/17	08/16	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #210 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing			-207.06	2090.51

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CLEARED CHECKS - BUSINESS FLEX CHCK								
CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT
210	08/16	207.06						