

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



Date: April 8, 2024
Starting Time: 5:33 pm
Ending Time: 7:05 pm
Hybrid meeting

ATTENDEES:

At Benson: Rob Johns (RJ); Josh Piper (JP); Roger Edwards (RE); Thomas Smith (TS); Dale Bajema (DB); Bob Trimble (BT), Bobbie (Rob) Walker (BW)

Virtual: Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB); Gerry Ochs (GO); Mike Landstrom (ML)

Guests: Dan Malone (DM); Kevin Clark (KC); Dick Spies (alum, former board member); Taylor Maiava-Hall, class of 2003; Katie Lonard (friend of Rachael's that has a plan for an aviation program, and mother of incoming 9th grader son)

ABSENT: Dave Hutchins (DH); Jeff Strachan (JS), Rachael Kuryunny (RK); Anthony Reimer (AR)

BUSINESS

Note that additional information provided after the meeting but relating to topics discussed are added with brackets: [info].

- Guest introductions:
 - Dan:
 - Tech Show:
 - Alumni and Modernization will be in the gym
 - Dan will make sure that our yearbooks are down there.
 - Subcommittee will meet Wed on technology
 - Grand Opening:
 - Need blurb on alumni page. Starts at 10AM on September 14th, official activities until 11AM, then alumni will take over in the back.
 - 10 alumni hosting the hall directing. We should do a training before so that we are familiar with where things will happen.
 - They will need to figure out parking because there isn't any.

- Laser light show? Need to talk about it for next tech show.
- Guadalupe started his new job in LA today... not sure he will be back.
- Think about having a younger alumni and someone from this leadership group to participate in the ceremony.
- Lunch plans? Selling/giving away dogs/burgers? Save it until noon? Dan is expecting there would be 800 to 1000 people. There could be use of the community kitchen. There is the snack bar, too, which moved and is facing south.
- Both courtyards will be open.
- Decade image frames are ready.
- Met with company designing the new mascot. They shared their possibilities with students yesterday, meet with staff next week. He thinks we will like what they bring.
- Graduation June 3rd, Providence Park. Next year at PSU.
- New students:
 - 292 right now, sent 40 out to the wait list, which is now exhausted. They either have to return their schedule or call the school. The idea of 325 is still possible. Sophomores starting next Monday can put their names in to transfer. 25-30 sophomore slots.
 - There were caps on some schools, like McDaniels. Everyone that applied from Grant/Cleveland/Roosevelt are coming.
 - There are a few students that did not have majors that will receive a standard diploma.
- Briefly discussed budget cuts.
- Taylor:
 - Spoke with Dan via phone re dates for the Opening. Gathering contacts to give interviews/record. Marshall campus will be used. Sent Dan a blurb to send to others.
 - Will have a table at Tech Show to try and get people interested.
 - Will be coordinating with her cinematographer.
- Dan Malone left the meeting.
- Member report – JP:
 - 81 paid members
- Taylor Maiava-Hall left the meeting.
- Financial Report – BT:
 - Around \$4700 in the account.
 - \$18.81 to be exact after PayPal gets their cut. Moved to the CU.
 - Looking forward to picking up new members at Tech Show.

- There will most likely be expenses for Tech Show and Grand Opening.
 - [Up to \$200 approved for Tech Show cakes.]
- Archival storage – RE:
- Meeting minutes approval
 - March draft minutes were only sent out this morning. We will wait to approve until last month.
- Tech Show Expenses:
 - Cakes – ML moved that we allow for expenses up to \$200, BT seconded, motion passed.
- Newsletter -DB:
 - All the pieces are in to Connie except the Athletic Director's report.
 - If the bill for printed copies is over \$250, DB will bring the receipt for new motion.
- Site Council Report – DB:
 - Few people met with Chris Brida, Director of CTE at PPS
 - Funding for CTE was structured. If a course at Benson Tech doesn't fit into their buckets it's difficult to get funding.
 - In the course book, there are some arts classes considered CTE – he will try and get copies so everyone can review and then would like to have people come and talk about what is offered today and then we can see how we could push the courses toward what makes sense for industry/green programs.
 - Talk about bringing back aviation, architecture, film, etc.
 - JP says McDaniels has engineering courses.
 - So there's a lot to learn about what is going on regarding CTE.
 - The district seems more concerned with getting CTE in all high schools, but that includes pre law and other things.
 - BT: We still might end up fighting to keep what we have.
 - DS: Where does a possible design program fit in?
 - JP: I think there was a track in the framework – as long as you operate within the framework and have FTE to fund the position, he was open to do other things.
 - KC: ODE recommendations set the framework. There's been pushback. How does Benson Tech structure their CTE coursework to make it more advanced than what the district is doing for other high schools? There's resistance to giving teachers latitude in their course descriptions. This could be a barrier for a design program that you are envisioning. Our advantage might be the partnership with higher learning, but there may be challenges to have coursework accepted at the high school level as well as at the college level. There's also the challenge of cost for college credits. But we should push on it.
- Alumni Room – RE:
 - They will meet Wed and look at things for the display cabinet.

- JP: Also going to talk about technology in the room. – Initially it didn't sound like there were rules, but now Rachel's husband has proposed donating some LED displays that are like 70 inch iPads. We need to get the OK to bring them in and see if it will work. There is one unit with 2 displays, and a single unit.
- KC talked about potentially using this for other things like student groups.
- Scholarship Committee – DB:
 - RK has been in touch with the people approving the applicants and has been reviewing the applications. Would be nice to have an alumni there to shake hands and congratulate the kids. We will need to find the date.
 - [RK: I remain part of the selection committee for the Alumni Scholarship, and we'll be meeting to chose this year's recipients in early-May. In recent years, awards have been announced by counselors and admins at the senior awards ceremony; Jeff attended a few years ago and wasn't even able to meet with the recipients. We didn't send anyone last year in part because of Jeff's previous experience, and in part because neither Jeff, Dale, Rob, nor I were free the time/day of the event.]
- Booster Club – JP (for JS): Pass on this today.
- Tech Show – RK:
 - Confirmed that people will be there. Max will be there both nights and bringing cake.
- Concessions – JS: skipping as he is out.
- CTE achievement award.
 - There is lots of burnout this year. Suggestion was to wait until the fall to bring this up. But do a teacher welcome and discuss a proposal then.
- Digitizing Tech Pep
 - The one year that was digitized is now with the librarian, who said he would rebind the pages.
 - There will be a way to view this at Tech Show.
 - We'll have a notice that we will continue to scan years, alumni can help by donating or joining the alumni association.
 - JP showed that if you log in to the alumni site, you can go to 'Tech Pep Archives' – showed us the search function. The interaction model looks like you are paging through a book, and there is no download button.
 - While RE will have the originals, we'll have the 'ipad' monitor there, maybe by the alumni membership table. Here's a photo of the 59" display.



- Discussion about getting alumni groups to donate per class.
- More on Tech Show:
 - RE will do the obits, which is also on the website, he also has a thumbdrive and would bring his machine.
 - Not sure where the ipad will be, probably close to JP.
 - Sign to explain the tech pep project: RE will create.
 - RJ read through the notes on last week's meeting provided by Max.
 - DS's reunion will probably be coordinated with the Grand Opening.
 - There is a pizza party next Wed, CE will be there to talk about alumni association/Tech Peps.
 - [RK: The class of 1964 will not have a table at TS since their reunion is the day before. Roger will be attending the '64 reunion and will hopefully be able to get them to sponsor the scanning of some/all of the newspapers from their four years at Benson. I have offered other classes the opportunity to table at TS if they would like.]
 - [RK confirmed with Jacob (KBPS instructor) that he can figure out a way to stream their live show from the alumni room during Tech Show.]
 - JP – we need to ask them to raise the basketball hoops. RJ will ask Dan to do that.
 - [RK confirmed with Jeff that he'll be selling concessions at Tech Show, with the same general setup as last year.]
- Katie Leonard was introduced.

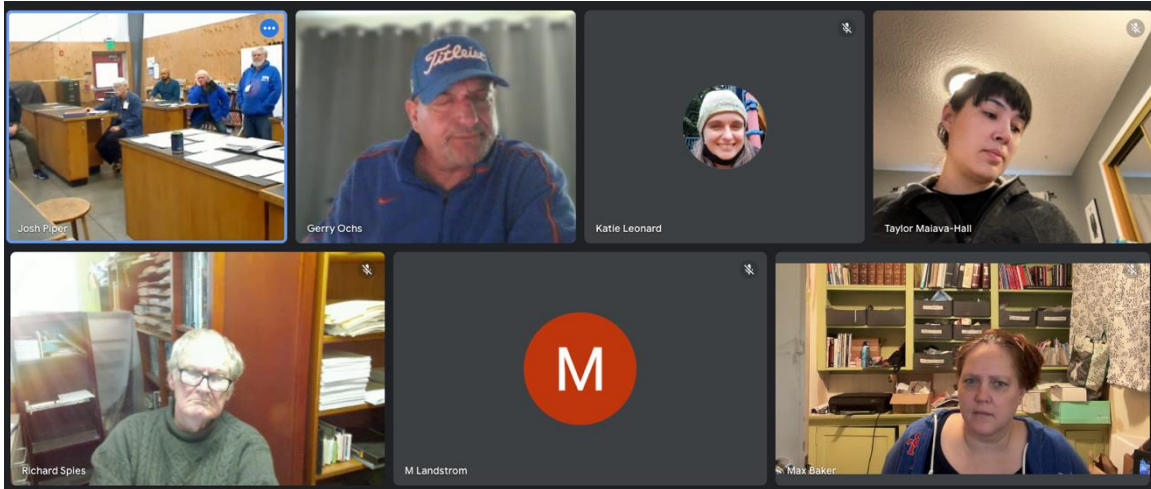
- Just came to listen in. She graduated with RK. She's an airplane/helicopter pilot, for 26 years. (Major was Drafting). Is very familiar with PCC's program on aviation and would love to help bring this back at Benson Tech.
- More familiar with the schools on the West Side, because they work closer with PCC. They have teachers at the high school level who are mechanics, ground and flight instructors. Intro to aviation, intro to aircraft systems, and one aimed at broad information needed for initial pilot license. She was not involved as starting that program, but did research it. Those are options that are already offered at the high school level, so we wouldn't have to reinvent the wheel. There are free high school level curriculums that have already been developed by a nationwide association. They will give out the curriculum for free if you commit to teach it for a full year. There is need for drone pilots, pilots, air traffic controllers, etc. Kids can become pilots as young as 17. There is civil air patrol, which is like ROTC.
- RJ: JS was a 1977 Aviation grad, was naval program, then degree and commercial pilot. Would like to have a dialog. If we could create a club, that is a way to get a program going. Club would indicate interest. It's a natural thing for the school and we appreciate your support. McDaniel put it in their engineering program, which we just learned. Lots of good discussion to be had.
- KC: I watched your video and it was excellent. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxwvbyFhwQ>) Have you discussed with the district? It would be great to present at site council. It's a good motivator.
- RJ: We'll get with site council, try and get this in front of Christopher.
- Katie: I have taken enough classes to be certified as a limited CTE instruction, would just need a sponsor. Has been teaching many years at PCC.
- Trivia by BT:
 - Simon Benson born 8 Oct 1851, Died Aug 19 1942
 - Simon Benson is buried in RiverView cemetery in SW Portland.
 - The ship built with his name was Liberty Ship 2032 launched 19 June 1943 and was scrapped 1969.

Scrapped 1969 **UPCOMING BUSINESS**

- Task: Need thank you list for when we move into the new building, for committed partners.
- **Next board meeting is:** May 13th, 5:30, hybrid, in-person in the auto classroom. Technology subgroup meeting after.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
 Secretary
 BPHS Alumni Association



BUSINESS SAVINGS	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
BSAV00	\$3,265.02	\$0.08	-\$0.00	\$3,265.10
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.24	\$0.00		
Actual Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance	
03/31 03/31	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 31 Days	0.08	3265.10	

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

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BFLX00	\$1,751.80	\$194.05	-\$303.60	\$1,642.25
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Actual Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance	
03/07 03/06	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #220 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing	-303.60	1448.20	
03/11 03/11	Deposit ACH PAYPAL*TRANSFER	94.05	1542.25	
03/26 03/26	Deposit ACH PointWest CU*Mobile Dep	100.00	1642.25	

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CLEARED CHECKS - BUSINESS FLEX CHCK								
CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT
220	03/06	303.60						