

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



Date: May 13, 2024
Starting Time: 5:30 pm
Ending Time: 7:21 pm
Hybrid meeting

ATTENDEES:

At Benson: Rob Johns (RJ); Josh Piper (JP); Roger Edwards (RE); Thomas Smith (TS); Dale Bajema (DB); Gerry Ochs (GO); Anthony Reimer (AR)

Virtual: Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB); Bob Trimble (BT); Mike Landstrom (ML); Rachael Kuryunny (RK);

Guests: Dan Malone (DM); Kevin Clark (KC); Brian Corey, Athletic Director; Ken Bakke (KB), former board member

ABSENT: Dave Hutchins (DH); Jeff Strachan (JS); Bobbie (Rob) Walker (BW)

BUSINESS

- Guest introductions:
 - Dan:
 - Alumni Room: Committee has been going well working. Hard to decide what will be in the cases.
 - Graduation at Providence Park for the last time. Tickets are all eTickets, he'll send the link.
 - Graduation will be inside at PSU next year.
 - Senior check-out is Friday the 31st from 8ish to noonish. If you want to be there to hand out anything. Last year we handed out a card with alumni association information, membership 1 year free. There is a bag with a graduation cord in it for almost everyone, it would be ok to put a card in there. 167 graduating seniors.
 - Meeting August 19th in the community room. Can meet at 4:30 to give a tour, about how to use the space for September 14th re-opening.
 - Re-opening day on September 14th.
 - If it rains it will be in the commons.
 - RK: The video person wants to speak to someone at PPS about how admission requirements have changed over time. Dan said he would talk to Principal Wilson about that as well.

- Amy Henry has a student mental health team and have monthly meetings, schedule a health fare around the first of the year. They would like help with funding Stress items/fidget widgets (squeeze balls etc.) and light snacks for the group meetings. An alum donated about \$250-300 for the cause already. She doesn't have hard numbers.
 - JP suggested the Boosters may be a conduit.
 - RK: suggest to Amy that we could help reach out to Alumni about the club/fare, see if there are alumni that could participate and donate.
 - PPS Board on parental funding: Not sure they all knew what they were voting on. They voted: if you have a foundation the rule affects you. The Boosters and the Benson Tech Foundation don't fall under the rule because they don't pay for staff.
 - RK: I think we're going to see less donations as parents realize their donations don't go to their kids schools. We understand the intent, but it was not written to have the intended effect.
 - DM: Constitution contest, athletics, etc. will probably end up retaining their money, other programs will lose out. There will be cuts in the money that the schools get for things like campus tour buses, etc.
 - Construction:
 - No tours from June 1 – Aug 5th, so maybe a last tour end of this month. Jen will reach out with day/times.
 - Lots of finish work
 - HVAC still a challenge for many parts of the building.
 - Last part to be done will be the radio building.
 - Lockers are going in.
 - Discussion about what will be on the dedication plaque. It may be nice to have DAG, master planning committee, etc. listed somewhere.
 - Parking: Tried to broker a deal with spaces, but someone above said no. All the other spaces around are rented out, might be old Lloyd Parking.
 - Furniture deliveries are still occurring.
 - We just finished each decade panel verbiage and pictures. Wednesday at 8:30AM tour.
- Dan Malone left the meeting.
 - Brian Corey:
 - Raised a little money with the balloon game. Banner was donated from the print shop.
 - Need 22 players on the roster by Aug 21st, and then we can have a season. After that he will go to other teams and

create the games. Right now he has 18 kids on the roster. Would love to have 30 by the 5th since some will balk at reality of practices. Wants a solid 26 to stick.

- Will have a picnic on June 15th at Irving Park at noon in a covered area. Not very structured. Lots of things to play with. Dogs, chips, cookies, etc. Every incoming male will get an invitation with a QR code. Would love alumni help if you are interested. JP: we have the alumni tents if you ask Principal Curtis Wilson to use them.
- Logistically there isn't anywhere to do other activities between the picnic and August 5th practice. Practices will be fun and light: agility, running, flag football etc. As fun as possible. No expectations.
- Would like to start August 5th with a good group of participants. Do NFL-style combine drills and then a BBQ.
- We have a Freshman team this year, and we will get a JV team as soon as the season is over with an additional coach.
- There still is no equipment. We might be starting practice with things that he owns personally. Discussion about the fact that he can't get equipment until they actually have a team. If anyone knows anyone with a connection to help getting some practice equipment, please pass on the contact.
- After school football club with fun activities, the year after.
- Has been talking to football people all over the city. Trying to get some programs thinking about advising their kids that Benson is an option.
- There's a QR code for donations or can write a check to Boosters for tax deductible donation, etc.
- Every other team has low participation, some only have varsity teams so they get exceptions to have younger kids on the varsity teams.
- It's a dangerous game, folks are worried about concussions. It's complicated and a lot of work goes into every game. Kids in track or basketball don't necessarily want to risk injury. Soccer is popular but actually has more concussion risk. Since protocol changes with football there's less injury right now. Outside the PIL, communities are showing up. Estacada is doing it right to make it fun, middle schoolers want to play. Wants the parents to come to the picnic so he can talk about safety and give them the facts.
- Wants this to be the anchor for a group of boys while they are at Benson Tech, to help them flourish.
- Challenge at Buckman because there's no bleachers. Trying to make it a positive to have fun – food, games, like a giant picnic. Mr. Wilson might say yes but the district may say no.

- Brian Corey left the meeting.
- Member report – JP:
 - 90 paid members
- Financial Report – BT:
 - \$163 PayPal.
 - \$4300.90 in accounts.
 - Wrote 4 checks: stamps, yearbook scans, tech show cake, tech show supplies.
- Meeting minutes approval
 - March and April Draft minutes sent, and corrections added.
 - JP moved we approve the March minutes as corrected. GO seconded. Vote passed.
 - JP moved we approve the April minutes as corrected. GO seconded. Vote passed.
- Newsletter -DB:
 - Sept 14th re-opening dedication is the new target.
 - Shooting for 16 pages. Would like a center section devoted to modernization, going back to the initial decision, bond measure, DAG, etc. Like a record: 1st year, 2nd year etc. A standalone middle section.
 - Want it mostly together by middle of August. Will include football and other news.
- Site Council Report – DB:
 - Final specs on the mascot have been signed.
 - We will have some gear for Sep 14th re-opening. Trying to coordinate ordering with boosters, alumni etc. Order in July and then have some Astro gear for the re-opening.
 - Staff positions: additional staff cuts next year unless the legislature appropriates more money the cuts will be deeper. PTAs, parents are already starting to lobby the legislature to look for more/stable funding – and they need alumni groups and others to join.
 - Projected decline in school enrollments. As much as we hoped we could bring back programs when we moved back to the school, with declining numbers we may not be able to keep the funding we have today. We talked about bringing in partners, etc.
 - We need to think about keeping our programs relevant. We've talked about visiting the Aviation program at Liberty high school. There are folks interested but there's no solid plan yet.
 - JP: talked to Liberty kids at the track meet and the Liberty kids will be showing off their projects at the Air Show.
 - KC: Please let her know we would like to have her speak at Site Council.
 - RK: I'll email Katie Leonard and loop her in to the email going around about it.
- Alumni Room – JP:
 - Subcommittee met 3 times since last board meeting.

- There had been a question whether the district would allow us to accept the donated equipment, but we have the greenlight.
- About 2 weeks ago, pulled everything out of storage and tried to get a feel for what we have, arrange in themes for the display cases outside the alumni room. We are on track with this.
- There's another case we just found out about in the main hallway – the current plan is to fill it with memorabilia and also a poster with Alumni Association information.
- Last Thursday we went through photos and things donated by people. There were a lot of great athletic photos, and historic documents.
- Commencement programs from almost all years.
- Questions about how we capture our time at Marshall... the metallic letters on the building? Dan will bring it up with student leadership. What is special to the kids that are there now? Marshall and the pandemic was their experience.
- Scholarship Committee - RK:
 - Last week we selected students to receive the scholarship. Two are living independently. One moved to Oregon recently so did not qualify for Oregon Promise. Nice mix of kids. We had \$9000 to give. We divided it according to need. This is the last year of full year at home pandemic kids, so it makes evaluating transcripts difficult. But the teachers and councilors that comprised the rest of the scholarship committee are so grateful that we continue to be involved and are measurably impacting the lives of these students.
 - Senior awards ceremony a week from Thursday – one 45 minute period.
 - There is no space for any of us to present, but we could have a representative there. Jeff went last year and said he felt like he didn't even get to meet the students. But we could have a representative there.
 - We are getting the verbiage change in our scholarship description so that's it is a requirement to stay in touch with us. We've had less success in the past on this so maybe this will help.
- Digitizing Tech Pep
 - First year is now complete for Class Year 1920-1921
 - 1922-23 are ready to go. There has been some success with supplementing materials.
 - Was able to meet with the last Tech Pep advisor, Rob Melton, 1995-2010. Gave us a book with all of his issues. An important addition to that collection.
 - RJ: The display at Tech Show was really interesting. Is that something we could put in the Alumni Room for September 14th?
JP: As soon as we get keys, it will be out of my house. ☺
 - RK: Gregory Huntington, the yearbook teacher right now, has been tasked with restarting the newspaper program next year. Reached

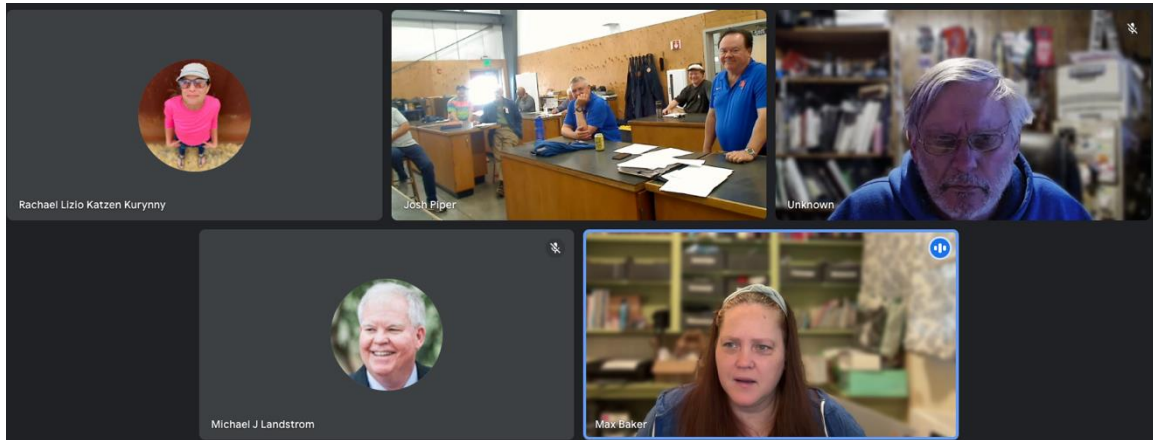
- out to start it as a club and then as a program the year after. Asked about alumni interest in helping. RK said we could provide some perspective and could meet with RE.
- RJ: We could outline a need/cost ask for classes to get together to donate to fund it – tie scanning old ones to the new program. Long term project/support needed.
 - Tech Show lessons learned:
 - RK: This year was a placeholder year. Next year will be a very different beast. Old gym AND Alumni Room. Nametags – we forgot this year, and we need to make sure they are there. I got all the sign-ins in, I think there were 14 sheets and there's about 15 names on a sheet. Around 200 people. Sign-ins are a partial indication. It didn't seem as slow as I expected. We did sign up 10 more people during Tech Show.
 - RJ: We want to make sure people volunteering get a chance to wander around in Tech Show as well. RK agreed, as she's not had time to wander. It was nice to have the concession stand nearby. We'll have that near the old gym, too. The big screen was great. People at the front did great introducing the Alumni Association.
 - AR: There were lots of people from 21, 22. It's nice they came back so early after graduation.
 - RK: I think it's because 20, 21, 22 Tech Show was cancelled, so there was some enthusiasm to check it out since it was the last year at Marshall. We also captured a lot of their names thanks to the people hanging out at the front and getting them to sign in.
 - Discussion around next year will be really crowded. Probably the biggest in the last 40 years. Would like to recruit some alumni members to help with the event. They don't have to be board members – just willing to be knowledgeable and talkative.
 - RE: The record year was about 11,000 attendees, in the 1930s.
 - RK will reach out to DH to see if he wants to attend in the fall.
 - Potential space for alumni businesses:
 - TS: Peter Yew connected TS and RK to a Benson Grad who owns a local cigar event company.
 - RK: I think at the next meeting we could discuss a place on our webpage to highlight alumni businesses. If we want to actively nurture business relationships we might want to have part of our webpage with alumni owned businesses. For instance, do we want the owners of the businesses to be alumni association members?
 - KC: Our past discussions involved increasing BPHS financial, equipment, and service donations from alumni owned and/or operated businesses. A possible tiered-subscription BPHSAA web presence for those businesses could fuel future donations. But, such web presence also raises BPHSAA liability and other legal concerns we would want to discuss.

UPCOMING BUSINESS

- Task: Need thank you list for when we move into the new building, for committed partners.
- **Next board meeting is:** June 10th, 5:30, hybrid, in-person in the auto classroom. Technology subgroup meeting after.
- July 8th will be only online.
- August 19th at 4:30 school tour, normal meeting 5:30 location TBD/hybrid.
- Sept 9th right before re-opening ceremony.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
Secretary
BPHS Alumni Association



BUSINESS SAVINGS		BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE	
BSAV00		\$3,265.10	\$0.08	-\$0.00	\$3,265.18	
		YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD			
		\$0.32	\$0.00			
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description			Amount	Balance
04/30	04/30	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 30 Days			0.08	3265.18

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		\$1,642.25	\$113.81	-\$631.15	\$1,124.91	
		YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD			
		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description			Amount	Balance
04/04	04/03	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #222 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing <i>RACHAEL STUFFS</i>			-28.44	1613.81
04/09	04/09	Deposit ACH PAYPAL*TRANSFER			18.81	1632.62
04/15	04/12	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #221 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing <i>ROGER - YEARBOOK</i>			-200.00	1432.62
04/24	04/23	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #224 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing <i>MAX - TECHSHOW CASH</i>			109.95	1322.67
04/24	04/23	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #223 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing <i>RACHAEL - TECHSHOW STUFF</i>			-292.76	1029.91
04/27	04/27	Deposit CUSC Transcn 04/27 - IQ CREDIT UNION - 7017 NE VANCOUVER MALL VANCOUVER WA <i>TECH SHOW CASH</i>			95.00	1124.91

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CLEARED CHECKS - BUSINESS FLEX CHCK								
CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT
221	04/12	200.00	222	04/03	28.44	223	04/23	292.76
224	04/23	109.95						