

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



Date: Jan 8, 2024  
Starting Time: 5:35 pm  
Ending Time: 7:32 pm  
Virtual meeting

### **ATTENDEES:**

At Benson: Rachael Kuryunny (RK); Rob Johns (RJ); Josh Piper (JP); Roger Edwards (RE); Thomas Smith (TS); Bobbie (Rob) Walker (BW); Dale Bajema (DB); Bob Trimble (BT); Jeff Strachan (JS)

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

Guests: Dan Malone (DM); Kevin Clark (KC); Neil Butler, President of DocuDriven

ABSENT: Dave Hutchins (DH)

### **BUSINESS**

- Guest introductions:
  - Dan:
    - 500 applications
    - District says 375 9<sup>th</sup> graders
    - 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents last week – Dan was in construction area with two female students. About 5-600 folks came through. 5 joined us online just after Thanksgiving
    - Pictures for all the decade walls that includes Principal and staff, athletics, shops, etc. Needs to meet with alumni room subcommittee
    - June 3<sup>rd</sup> is graduation
    - Everything switches to new building, and then opens on Monday Aug 5<sup>th</sup>.
    - BPHS dedication is on the 14th. MPG Building dedication is the 21st. Formal events will be at the front of the school; informal events will be at the back of the school (e.g., CTE courtyard). Could go until 5PM. Alumni will have a slot to speak.
    - Graphics will be throughout the building. Kids designed the one below.
    - Kids also designed the banners around the courtyard.

- Will meet soon to discuss mascot/fonts etc. Some things that used to have the mascot will have BT on it. There are other places that could have the mascot. Uniforms decisions as well.
    - Figuring out FTE soon. \$10 million in cuts for the district this year, next year \$30 million.
    - Techshow: April 18, 19. It was chosen in May last year.
    - Jen should be sending out an invite for more tours.
- Voting:
  - Nomination for Vice Chair:
    - BW nominated RK, JS seconded.
    - There was no discussion. RK was unanimously elected.
  - Nominations for the board:
    - RK had previously nominated DB, JP, and RJ to positions 2,3,4 vacant board positions.
    - GO seconded.
    - There was no discussion. The three were elected.
  - Nominations for the board positions 11 and 13:
    - There are currently people interested but not willing to accept nomination at this time.
- Member report – JP:
  - 70 paid members – many with subscriptions now. This is a record for January.
  - Thank you everyone for renewing.
  - Thank you for RK's recruiting!
- Financial Report – BT:
  - \$1300 outstanding with 2 checks out.
  - Savings: \$3264.78
  - Checking: \$2209.84
  - Annual report:
    - BT is building a spreadsheet he will present next month and we'll walk through 2022 and 2023.
  - ML: Reminded that we voted last month to have a line item around Cloud Storage (\$600 pre approved). So this needs to be reported out each month.
- Neil arrived
- Archival storage – RE:
  - Last month RE searched for businesses that could scan our archival materials. He found NationRecords a referral service – they forwarded our information to 4 companies for bids.
  - Neil from DocuDriven previously came to the building and counted up the materials and estimated the amount of items to scan, and their condition.
  - 2 of the vendors were in Seattle, which seemed impractical.
  - Neil from DocuDriven presented a sample of record scans. He said that the 1920s and 30s items were very well preserved.

- Discussed quality of scans and whether items will be searchable. Even with smudged areas, they will be partially searchable. Discussed the three color choices: black and white is not usually the best choice because the OCR is a little more difficult.



- Color:



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- Greyscale:



- \$1.50 per page, their lowest cost. Total cost for the project can be broken out, either picking up whatever could be scanned at a time, or picking up everything and just scanning the dollar amount allocated per month.
- It would cost about \$2400 per decade.
- Dropbox is the preferred method of giving the finished documents to you.
- Neil was excused
- Discussion:
  - Could use some of our money to do some samples to use to solicit more funds.
  - Discussion around tech show, picnic. Can discuss using the foundation.
  - We will create a subcommittee to discuss further.
- Discussion about publicizing the dedication of the new building. Josh will put something on the website, point back to PPS.
- Meeting minutes approval
  - Dec 2023 draft 2 were sent with corrections Saturday night, including email correspondence.
  - Move to accept minutes as corrected. JS moved, JP seconded.
- Newsletters – DB:
  - Techshow
    - deadline in Mid-March
  - Picnic/Dedication special September 14th
  - Print and electronics.
  - Exploring news flashes, electronic only at our next meeting.
  - DB will ask Connie about Adobe software renewal.

- Scholarship committee -DB:
  - It may be March before we receive a report about the donations to the fund.
  - RK saw on her student's account and we may want to add 'must be willing to communicate for 2 years following being awarded a scholarship.' – who should we reach out to? DB gave the info to RK.
- Site Council Report – DB:
  - Dec 14<sup>th</sup> was the last meeting
  - There was a discussion about the process of how to add new courses to the curriculum. Benson's VP Sara Callies will go out and ask teachers what classes they want to teach, it's written up and goes to PPS' Office of Teaching and Learning, where it has to be approved, part of which is governed by the state. What was discouraging was that the office decided to freeze the codes in PPS. If a school would like to add a course that other schools don't have (like aviation), then they would not consider it for the next 2 years.
  - We have optimism moving into the new school about what might be offered, but this is a big obstacle.
  - KC: We asked school administrators about modifying the curriculum through other various methods (clubs, satellite courses, etc.). They didn't say no or yes, but they don't seem to want to deal with any changes at the moment. Now we're not sure how we are going to launch new or revised curricula for perhaps several years after the new school re-opens. We can be self-sufficient to the degree that the district will allow us to do so. There are options to fund offerings through industry connections and other sources. It may be a matter of when.
  - DB: Curtis has a philosophy that if the students want it, we'll try hard to get it. There also has to be teacher interest.
  - BT: Keep in mind that Curtis Wilson is going to retire in a few years as well.
  - KC: We need lateral educational connections between academies. We need to find a way to strengthen cross- or interdisciplinary education. As a PPS CTE advisor, I suggested possible methods, such as electives. But, the district was not terribly enthusiastic about suggestions.
  - The process of transitioning to academies started in 2017 at the district level. Many of the PPS management and teachers involved in the process are gone. BPHS was selected for pilot program development. Some recent teacher feedback indicates the reality is a little different than the plans were for academies. It might be good to have a meeting with teachers to hear their concerns. This may lead to building more robust programs.

- DB: Previously we thought we would bring back FB at JV level. This was the understanding that everyone had re Haskins. In Nov. Marshal preferred that we do what Ida B Wells did: Freshman for a year, then move up, etc. They were successful after five years.
- KC: At or below current capped enrollment may deter FB success. We need to continue this conversation and maybe lobby our position with the district.
- DB: Dan Malone's contract ends June 1st. However, once we move in there will be many things to finish up. Curtis is working to see if we can keep Dan on in some capacity.
- KC: He's putting in a lot of hours and is underpaid – a fraction of FTE. So we might want to write a letter of support, maybe involving multiple BPHS affinity groups, to try and get him funded at least through the calendar year 2024 or the middle of the academic year 2024-2025.
- Discussion about how Dan get things done and his experience and knowledge is invaluable.
- DB: Site council will draft something.
- Alumni Room – RE:
  - RJ: Please reach out to Dan/Jen about whatever it is we need to do for the Alumni Room, so we know by next meeting what we have to do.
- Yearbook – RK:
  - Steve Curley is not doing Yearbook this year. Greg Huntington is. A senior is assigned to design the ad - \$180. We got the last page in the yearbook.
- Misc:
  - RK will be out for April meeting, so can't lead the discussion about Tech Show. We could do a zoom meeting meeting to April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will still have our meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Max set up the zoom meeting link and sent it out to the board during the meeting:
    - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84104770831>
  - The popular construction teacher was fired due to not making progress to CTE teacher licensure. 6 credits a year over 3 years. The students are contacting the district. Concordia used to offer classes, PCC offers classes, so not sure what there is to do about it.
  - [After meeting: Max found this website that talks about licensure in Oregon: <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/learning-options/cte/tlresources/pages/cte-teacher-licensure.aspx>
  - There are 5 schools that offer CTE teacher certification prep classes/pathways.]

## **UPCOMING BUSINESS**

- **Task: Need thank you list for when we move into the new building, for committed partners.**

- **Next board meeting is: Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30**, hybrid, in-person in the auto classroom.
- **Tech show planning zoom meeting, April 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30PM:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84104770831>

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker  
 Secretary  
 BPHS Alumni Association

BUSINESS SAVINGS	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
BSAV00	\$3,264.78	\$0.08	-\$0.00	\$3,264.86
	<b>YTD DIVIDENDS</b>	<b>YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD</b>		
	\$0.95	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
12/31	12/31	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 31 Days	0.08	3264.86

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	\$1,612.04	\$597.80	-\$0.00	\$2,209.84
	<b>YTD DIVIDENDS</b>	<b>YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD</b>		
	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
12/12	12/12	Deposit ACH PAYPAL*TRANSFER	18.81	1630.85
12/22	12/22	Deposit ACH GoFundMe*PAYOUTTRN*1*TX38147892400XT**3S5U2X61CEH8O6EO\RM\*IK*TX38147892400XT GoFundMe payout	578.99	2209.84

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