

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



Date: Oct 9, 2023
Starting Time: 5:30 pm
Ending Time: 6:30 pm
Virtual meeting

ATTENDEES:

Virtual: Gerry Ochs (GO); Mike Landstrom (ML); Jeff Strachan (JS); Rachael Kuryanny (RK); Rob Johns (RJ); Josh Piper (JP); Roger Edwards (RE); Thomas Smith (TS); Bobbie (Rob) Walker (BW); Bob Trimble

Guests: Dan Malone (DM); Kevin Clark (KC), Ken Bakke (KB)

ABSENT: Dave Hutchins (DH); Dale Bajema (DB); Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB)

BUSINESS

- DM updates:
 - Alumni Room Subcommittee held a discussion on the Wooden display cases, the old cases are being refurbished.
 - Library Items are being reviewed and sorted through.
 - Closet space use is under discussion.
 - Eighth Grade Night will be held on November 7th. [Updated after the meeting – now Nov. 28th.]
 - Applications begin November 7th. RK added that applications are due by December 15th.
 - Transfers and Enrollment, 3,000 Invites have been sent to Middle Schoolers.
 - 400 Students are anticipated and if that trend continues the new School will be full in 4 years.
- Other Items RJ and RK:
 - The Alumni Room Subcommittee meeting will be held at 4:30 PM on December 11th.
 - The Scholarship Committee will meet on November 13th. [After the meeting update: In-person meeting changed to Dec 11th due to PAT strike-associated closure.]
- Membership – JP:
 - Presently 106 members.

- Treasurer Report – BT:
Bob indicated that he has already sent the Financial Bank Statement to Max. There is a total of \$5,678 dollars in the Savings Account.
- Minutes – RJ:
 - Prior Meeting minutes for both August and September of 2023 were moved for approval by RK and a motion to approve was passed by all Board Members for both August and September 2023 Meeting Minutes.
- Newsletter update – RE:
 - Assignments have been made for the Articles.
 - November 1st is the due date for submission of all Articles.
 - The Newsletter will be sent out in November in an electronic version.
- Alumni Room Committee – RJ:
 - The area is designated as Classroom Space and can be portioned off, due to its location in the building it is unlikely it will be used for Classroom space.
 - The room was visited and reviewed by the Committee and Dick Spies took measurements of the area for planning purposes.
 - Dan Malone was involved and shared many ideas on its use.
 - JP indicated that he was impressed with the Alumni Room and said it is a great space to be utilized.
- School Tours - RK:
 - There is a Tour set for October 26th at 4:00 pm.
 - Another Tour will be held on November 30th.
- Annual Meeting and Term Limits discussion – RJ and RK: **The Annual Meeting will be held on November 13th**. School will be in session that day after the Friday, November 11th Veterans Day Holiday. There was discussion on the Term Limits and expiration of some Board Member Positions, Officers positions expiring are RW, RK, JS, JP and DB and RJ.
- Board Members that have met the limit of 2-consecutive terms of 3 years are DB, RJ and JP. The issue of reinstating their membership will be resolved at the Board Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting in November.
- ML reminded the group of following Roberts Rule of Order. ML and KC discussed solving the issue and following the requirements of the Bylaws by officially extending the Term Limits. The issue requires approval by a 2/3 majority of the Board of Directors.
- Benson Polytechnic Obituaries Link - RE:
 - The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is working on the Alpha Numeric Link and making updates for the Electronic Obituaries.
- QR Codes - RK:

- There is a definite need for a QR code to use in gathering additional Alumni. Many have requested information during Alumni events that Rachel has attended. A QR code would be useful for people to scan at events and access the website.
- TS will take the lead in creating the QR code.
- Use of the Marshall Field and repairs to Buckman Field were discussed. The future use of the Marshall Field and Buckman Field are topics with the Site Council.
- Jessica Russell, Benson's new Athletic Director has involvement and is advocating for Benson with the PIL.
- Class of 1950 Luncheon Reunion - RE: Held at the Clackamas, Elmers Restaurant on Thursday, September 28th. Gerry Ochs and Roger attended the Luncheon. Gerry gave an update on the Modernization Project. Roger told some stories to the group and brought a 1950 yearbook. One of the 1950 Attendees actually wrote in the book. Jim Robb provided the Alumni Board a file on the Alumni Scholarship fund. The first Scholarship was given out in 1991, in the amount of \$250.00. The original Scholarship fund was \$4,000 and is now \$132,000.

UPCOMING BUSINESS

- **Annual Meeting will be held on November 13th at 6:15 PM – following the Board Meeting.**
- The November Board Meeting will be held November 13th at 5:30, hybrid, in-person in the auto classroom. [After the meeting this was changed to all online due to teacher's strike.]
- Discussion to be resolved regarding the Board of Directors and term limits, following Roberts Rules of Order.
- 3 members – RJ, DB and JP have reached the 2 consecutive - 3 year term limits and will need to be officially resolved with changes to the Bylaws during the Board member meeting and prior to the Annual Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:27 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

First Draft - Gerry Ochs (GO)
Revised Draft - Rob Johns (RJ)

Finalized and Officially Submitted
Maj Britt (Max) Baker
Secretary

BPHS Alumni Association