

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



Date: Aug 7, 2023
Starting Time: 5:30 pm
Ending Time: 6:30 pm
Virtual meeting

ATTENDEES:

Virtual: Gerry Ochs (GO); Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB); Mike Landstrom (ML); Jeff Strachan (JS); Rachael Kuryunny (RK); Rob Johns (RJ); Josh Piper (JP); Roger Edwards (RE); Thomas Smith (TS); Bobbie (Rob) Walker (BW)

Guests: Dan Malone (DM); Kevin Clark (KC), Dick Spies (DS)

ABSENT: Dave Hutchins (DH); Dale Bajema (DB); Bob Trimble (BT)

BUSINESS

- Discussion about article on plane club, propeller, air strip etc.
- DM updates:
 - About tomorrow:
 - Tomorrow will check – stove in teacher lounge.
 - Think about backup plan of where to boil.
 - Student helpers there by 11:30.
 - Tables will need to be moved.
 - They will clean up leaves.
 - Yearly cleaning done.
 - 2 tours – focused on Freshman and parents.
 - Ice cream was delivered.
 - Link for next couple of tours: every space has some form of painted wall.
 - Other stuff:
 - Radio building emptied in Sept.
 - Tours on Aug 8th, 24th 3:30PM; Sept 8th
 - We will need to decide what to put in the Alumni room.
 - One year from today, Benson Tech building will be used for administrative meetings.
 - Yearbooks are being digitized.
 - If you need swag and are by Marshall, let him know.
 - Alumni may need to help with State banners.
 - ML volunteered to mow lawn – discussion about times. Sat 11AM. He's there all day wed, too.
 - Cleanup - RJ:

- On the 19th, 9AM-2PM
 - Come with tools if you can!
 - Aug 17th is registration and Tour day for Freshman.
- Booster – RJ/RK:
 - Boosters will be there Sat
 - Lisa/Liz, who were key, are gone.
 - They have a new President, KJ, Kelly Janes. Turnover is still happening. 2 moms also excited.
- Membership – JP:
 - 91 members.
 - RK noted that we don't usually hit 100 until summer picnic.
 - Discussion about how attendance at reunions helps us get members. Direct anyone planning a reunion to the association/RK.
- No Treasurer Report
- Minutes – MB:
 - Max sees the four responses with feedback on July minutes, will send a 2nd draft today, and a separate email with Aug draft.
- Newsletter update – RE:
 - It's off to the printer.
 - RK will pick it up on Thurs.
 - First TIME! Had to omit some content to keep it down to 8 pages.
- Simon Benson cutout – RE:
 - They will take the best resolution they can, then see what the company can do with it. No rush – aiming for back to building in Sept 2024.
- Picnic - RK:
 - Noon to 3PM
 - 3 families she knows just got covid.
 - Check-in outside.
 - KC: Might want to wear masks – hospitalizations are up by about 5-10% nationwide.
 - Volunteers from student council to help channel freshman/families in one line.
 - Registration form for parents to fill out who want to be involved.
 - ML: misters for folks outside? RJ will bring 2 hoses/misters.
 - Student Council made a sign welcoming the Freshman. Asked them to be social with the Freshman.
 - There may be less people because it's the last year before we move back.
 - Logistics about moving hot dogs?
 - JS meeting with DM to try and get this figured out, maybe Wed. JS would like to be self-contained – use something with its own burner. Planning for 300.
 - Two kids helping would be great: take tickets, help serve.
 - Nobody buy napkins! JP has tons in the basement.
 - RJ will print out fliers re the cleanup.

- It will be hot so we could also use some extra tents or shade producers.
- Sep 11th will still be hybrid, but we won't have Josh's setup. Whomever is there will use a phone and pass to talk into.

UPCOMING BUSINESS

- **Task: Need thank you list for when we move into the new building, for committed partners.**
- August 12th will be the picnic.
- September 11th is our next meeting at 5:30, hybrid, in-person in the auto classroom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
Secretary
BPHS Alumni Association

