

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



Date: July 10, 2023
Starting Time: 5:35 pm
Ending Time: 6:53 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); Bob Trimble (BT); Dale Bajema (DB); Roger Edwards (RE); Thomas Smith (TS); Rob Walker (RW)

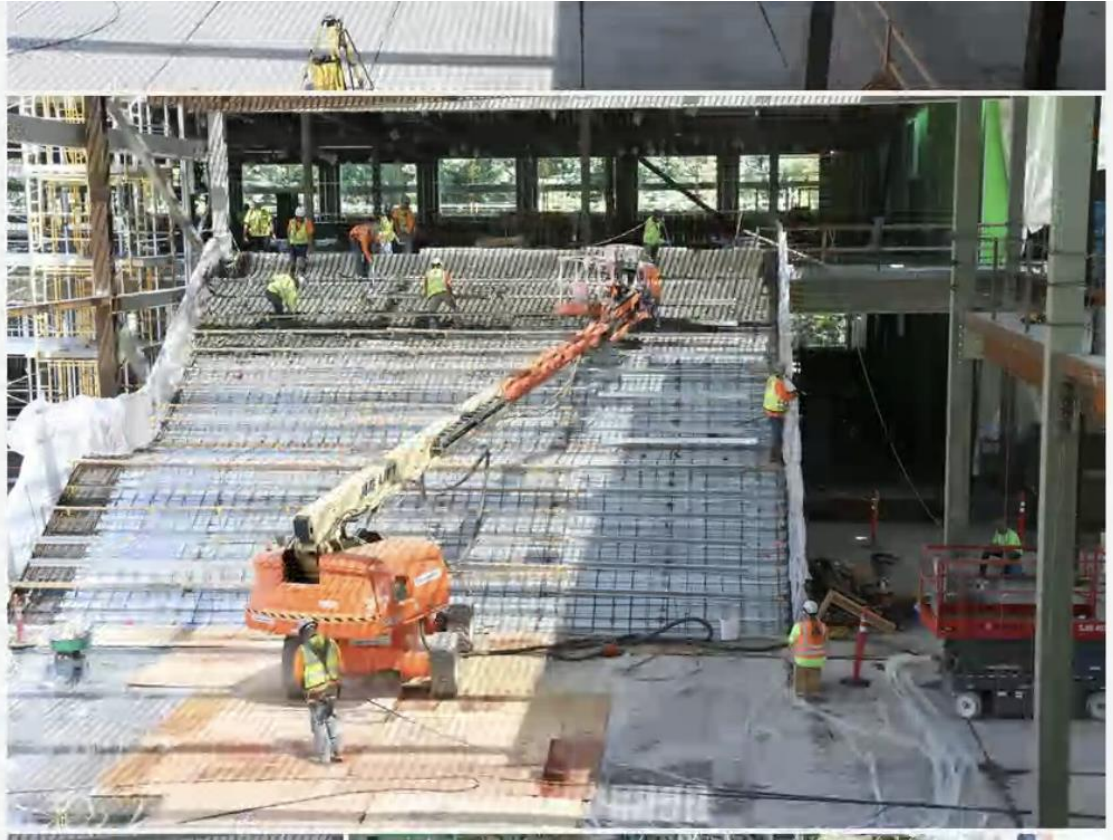
Guests: Dan Malone (DM); Kevin Clark (KC)

ABSENT: Dave Hutchins (DH)

BUSINESS

- Note that there was no June meeting in 2023.
- Update on building: DM and GO:
 - There's now an elevator on D wing, elevators are coming along. The new brick looks really great and blends well. Seismic upgrades are ongoing. Chemistry lab is coming along. Library windows are huge- 12x20 high. Vestibule is being redone – no more staircase. Upper balcony seats have been taken out for restoration. Some of the seats will relocate to the alumni room and spread throughout the school.
 - Building F is a huge open space – cafeteria, etc. It's incredible. Learning stairs are like an auditorium.
 - There's another set of learning stairs behind the Radio center – building H. Projector and screen.
 - Building F has come a long way. Community room coming along.
 - DM said that soon he'll be telling the teachers what rooms they will have. They are deciding where to place the teachers next week. Starting to move equipment out of Marshall if it has to be seismically installed in the new School.





- - Teachers will need to have their new spaces set up after June 4th (graduation) next year. The library is moving May 15th. By Aug 1st the building should be ready to go, definitely by Aug 7th. Teachers will be in by Aug 17th, after that we could do an alumni walkthrough.
 - New Freshman will be at Marshall next week.
 - RJ: What was graduation rate? DM thinks in the 90s. This class had it tough.
- Membership – JP:
 - 89 members.
 - RK noted that we don't usually hit 100 until summer picnic.
 - RK – class of 63 has reunion day before the picnic; will ask if they want her to attend.
- Treasurer – BT:
 - Credit union has: \$5561
- Minutes – MB:
 - May minutes were sent, corrections submitted by Roger and Kevin.
 - RK moved we accept the minutes as corrected, JP seconded. Motion passed.
- Newsletter update – DB:
 - Printed a few days before the picnic.
 - Articles:
 - Alumni bday (15th), accomplishments etc.

- New mascot Astros
 - Robotics club and shoutout to Foundation and the advisor
 - Scholarship winners by RK
 - Rebuild
 - Trivia questions
 - In brief section
 - Reunions updates
- Articles to Connie by the 26th.
- RK moved we authorize up to \$250 to print the newsletter. DB seconded. Motion passed.
- RJ:
 - suggestion that we have mention of the alumni that has made the biggest difference to the school in the last year. And suggest that JS should be recognized for his work with the kids and Boosters, etc. RK agreed. Discussion around some recognition.
 - A focus on new alumni board member every time someone comes on. Thomas would be the latest addition. Allow their stories to be known.
- Picnic - JS:
 - Noon to 3PM in the Courtyard: hot dogs, veggie option, chips, drink. DM gave tips on how to set up, where to put things. Very low key, plan for 200 and will have access to the teachers' lounge. We'll have a couple of coolers for drinks, will have power and two tables. Simple setup.
 - RK: we might have more because I think welcome to freshman as well. 300? Incoming freshmen are free, everyone else we are charging for.
 - There was a discussion about whether we would have to pay the \$529 fee because this was also serving as the welcome freshman picnic. [GO confirmed with DM after the meeting that we do have to pay for one Custodian.]
 - Torin will have her student leaders make welcome signs. Two lines for sign in – Alums, rising freshman. Jacob Patterson will provide tunes/KBPS for us. We'll try and get some teachers and current students, too.
 - BT said we had already paid it when we put in the CUB.
 - DB: Sent info to RK to capture parent info.
 - DB: There will be fliers for the picnic about the school cleanup, which is the week after. Might want to have fliers re the next Tech Show also posted at the picnic. He'll send the date out.
 - DB will also reach out to the original board members to attend the picnic. During the picnic it would be great to, during announcements, to mention the original members. Also, how about a sheet cake to say Happy Birthday? MB will get cakes.

- We could not find mention that the CUB payment had already been approved, so we will include it in our motion.
- MB moved that we authorize up to \$1300 for the food, drink and cakes and \$529 CUB, already paid. JS seconded, motion passed.
- Announcements re school staff:
 - JS - Matt has taken a job somewhere in AZ. The new AD is coming from Lincoln. Found out yesterday. RK: Summer program and Marshall field for football were huge initiatives. Athletics 'state of the union' document he sent was inspiring.
 - Hazel, the bookkeeper, is also gone.
 - RJ - The auto teacher left – there were only 3 seniors last Tech Show. Believe he just wanted to go back to being a mechanic. Curtis is working on the backfill. There's a dire need for auto technicians everywhere.
 - There was discussion about how the kids that were in the automotive program weren't getting what they wanted, and moved to manufacturing.
 - It would be good to get a status on the CTE teachers' professional connections/networks/partnerships. It can be devastating to have those partnerships lost to the programs.

[After the meeting RE mentioned via email:]

- The next step in the standee saga is to submit our photos to the cutout company and ask about their enlarged resolution.
- Thank you to librarian Irma Johnson. She has been a great help to me in establishing class lists and accessing the archives.

[end added email section]

UPCOMING BUSINESS

- **Task: Need thank you list for when we move into the new building, for committed partners.**
- August 12th will be the picnic.
- August 7th is our next meeting at 5:30PM; virtual.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
 Secretary
 BPHS Alumni Association

BUSINESS SAVINGS	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
BSAV00	\$3,264.30	\$0.08	-\$0.00	\$3,264.38
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.47	\$0.00		

Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
06/30	06/30	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 30 Days	0.08	3264.38

BUSINESS FLEX CHCK	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
BFLX00	\$2,690.00	\$0.00	-\$392.43	\$2,297.57
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.00	\$0.00		

Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
06/15	06/14	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #208 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing	-142.43	2547.57
06/26	06/23	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #209 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing	-250.00	2297.57

CLEARED CHECKS - BUSINESS FLEX CHCK								
CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT
208	06/14	142.43	209	06/23	250.00			

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- Top Left:** Profile picture of Rachael Lizio Katzen Kuryunny.
- Top Middle:** Video feed of Jeff Smith.
- Top Right:** Video feed of walker.
- Middle Left:** Video feed of Gerry Ochs.
- Middle Middle:** Video feed of Robert Johns.
- Middle Right:** Video feed of Dan Malone.
- Bottom Left:** A grey tile with a white telephone handset icon and the text "+1 503-***-***41".
- Bottom Middle:** A grey tile with a profile picture of a man in a blue beanie, a purple circle with the letter 'R', and the text "3 others".
- Bottom Right:** Video feed of Max Baker.