

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



Date: June 13, 2022  
Starting Time: 5:35 pm  
Ending Time: 7:11 pm  
Virtual meeting

**ATTENDEES:**

Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB), Bob Trimble (BT), Gerry Ochs (GO); Roger Edwards (RE), Rob Johns (RJ), Josh Piper (JP), Bob Walker (BW), Jeff Strancken (JS), Dave Hutchins (DH), Dale Bajema (DB)

ABSENT: Paul Rossi (PR), Andy Payne (AP), Michael Landstrom (ML)

GUEST: Dan Malone (DM), Kevin Clark, alum (KC); Curtis Wilson, principal; Lisa Yanase - Boosters; Parker Myrus, class of 2023; Devon Graham, office of modernization.

**Mixed virtual and in-person (Marshall campus annex) meeting.**

**BUSINESS**

- Curtis:
  - Graduation went well at Providence Park, about 225 kids.
  - Shifting to incoming Freshman welcoming.
    - Leap into 9<sup>th</sup> grade – the district provides funds to hire an administrator/teachers and do some curriculum, how to be successful in high school. About 30-40 kids sign up and it's a week or two of getting ready.
  - Most teachers will work through June and vacation in July. Admins back August 8<sup>th</sup>, rest of staff a bit later.
  - Thinking about the new normal. This year the August picnic will be back, community cleanup will be back. Starting to talk about homecoming events, back to school night date will probably be September 20<sup>th</sup> 6PM. Working with the Athletic Director to find a team having an event that we can tag the homecoming dance to.
  - Waiting for attendance to be updated before sending out information about activities to parents/students.
  - Encourage anything to appreciate the staff that will help them be excited and happy. This last year has been really hard on them.
  - First day of school is August 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Our numbers are around 900, and the district did not cut staff, as promised. The year after we also expect to be low. The year after we know things are

going to be bonkers because we know many more will apply than we might even have space for (1700). This will all be discussed over the next few years.

- Dan:
  - All teardown is done. Construction continues. Pads poured, walls blown, electrical is moving along. They are about to reset the old building on new foundation. Met for final plans for furniture and equipment with maps. Things are on schedule.
  - A number of alums and family of alums have sent some cool memorabilia. 1932 school newspaper the week after the first basketball state championship, etc. He is saving these things for the alumni association.
- Devon:
  - KBPS is doing oral histories. Please contact them through their website to get your story collected.
  - Would love to show alumni through construction tours.
  - Aviation department artifacts need some narratives to go with them – either oral or written history.
  - Heritage room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the auditorium. Cataloging and documenting what we have. We have been talking about a form for donation if people want to donate things to the heritage room.
  - Looking for services to digitize the yearbooks and then have an interactive display.
  - Will get the donation form to RK for reunions.
- Boosters:
  - Really enjoyed the graduation ceremony.
  - Shared photo of senior banners for athletes on the senior awards stage. The students took them home at the end of the year.
  - The alumni association had agreed to fund up to \$250 (up to half of whatever families could not cover) for the banners. They needed \$140 for half the cost, but she's asked if we would do the full \$250 with the difference just being donated to the Booster's club. The money will go back to the team/kids.
    - RJ: The alumni association will vote on that during our meeting.
  - We made \$900 net from concessions (4 basketball games and 3 track meets). This was much less than normal/anticipated. There is a volunteer that stepped up to take over concessions next year. Money is apportioned to clubs/sports depending on what volunteers came from those clubs/sports.
  - We raised a little over \$4000 this year from fundraising efforts. This was much less than last year. Donations are apportioned per student per sport.
    - RJ: communication is a little tougher this year, and things went fast. Might think of reopening it and pushing another message to alumni and try and challenge/match by class in a Phase II. Should emphasize they should put their class in the memo when they donate.
    - May is a tough time for parents with kids, too.
    - \$1800 was raised for teacher appreciation week. They are considering a more permanent gift for them.

- \$20 a week cheap sports camps for children 5-8 grades. They had 100 campers show up over 12 different sports today.
  - Curtis: This was brand new, a program Matt started working on, and Curtis was going to fund it to the tune of about \$7000. Curtis ran into Marshall at a meeting and talked about it, he told them to write the proposal and then the district picked up about 90% of the bill on this, which included food, t-shirts etc. They are going to work on making this a continuing program. Other schools have their own internal programs and we don't know if they were funded by the district. We did get these families' information. They will follow up with survey and can talk to them about future camps (but not do direct recruiting for the school).
  - The neighborhood schools have programs, so this is a great opportunity for kids to be exposed to Benson Tech.
- Scholarship Committee – RE:
  - May have an article for the newsletter as RE reached out to scholarship recipients for follow up stories.
- Membership: There are 80 members.
  - RK: There is a reunions page. Check it out.
- Financial Report - BT:
  - Balances: \$3001.38 in savings; \$2688.50 in checking
- Previous minutes:
  - Max received a comment from GO and some from KC that will be incorporated into the draft.
  - GO moved to accept minutes as corrected. RK seconded. Motion passed.
- Newsletter update: RE:
  - Looking for 8 pages.
  - Will print 50-100 copies to have them for the picnic.
  - 15<sup>th</sup> of July deadline, draft by 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Hoping to get photos and info about the sports camps, etc. RE on boat races, construction, graduation, spring sports, retiring teachers, etc.
  - Dealing with both young, parent, and old demographics, getting news from a variety of sources.
  - RJ: Rick has a copy machine, another alum has a business.
  - DBM moved that the alumni association approves cost of printing 100 copies of the newsletter. RK seconded. Motion passed.
- RK moved that we donate the complete \$250 to the Boosters for helping with the banners. (We had originally ok'd paying half, up to \$250. Half the cost is \$140, so we would be donating \$110.) GO seconded.
- Alumni Picnic - RJ
  - Community Picnic: 6<sup>th</sup> of August. Class of 2000-02, and 1992 have both said they will have their reunions that weekend.
  - Area captains?

- Tents/physical space setup, etc.
    - Ken/Neal have confirmed (per RJ)
    - JS will help with supplies.
    - Rachael will set up a list of areas and we'll get more detailed at the July meeting.
  - RJ will coordinate possible tours for alumni. Devon will be there to answer questions.
- Rose Festival Boat Races – RE:
  - Tents and some things to cart in, so hoping some other folks can go, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 11AM to about 1PM. 10AM setup.
  - Nice to have some old newsletter hard copies (JP), and association applications (RK). The obits are usually there as well.
  - Lightweight display tables (4x2) are handy for this.
  - RJ will ask Curtis about the banners.
  - GO and DH are available to help on the day.
- Welcome back to teachers event – DB:
  - Is there consensus that we want to do this again this year, once Curtis gives us a date?
    - DB moved that we do a welcome for the teachers in August/September. JP seconded. Motion passed.
  - We will iron out details in July/August.
- Next meeting will be online: July 11th 5:30PM. (Might be optional physical location TBD)
  - BOD Meeting:
    - <https://meet.google.com/goo-dwsy-ryi>
    - You can also join via phone by calling:
      - Dial-in: (US) +1 816-944-1361
      - PIN: 512 701 146#
- Any information that comes in after the next meeting and before draft minutes are sent out will be included below.

#### Parking Lot:

- Sending out recognition of milestone birthdays to alums, including Benson Tech information, and estate planning. (Leftover Benson branded things that Curtis has - can we send them?)

MEETING AJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker  
 Secretary  
 BPHS Alumni Association

Treasurer's statements:

BUSINESS SAVINGS		BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
BSAV00		\$3,001.30	\$0.08	-\$0.00	\$3,001.38
05/31	05/31	Divident Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 31 Days		0.08	3001.38

BUSINESS FLEX CHCK		BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
BFLX00		\$2,665.97	\$37.62	-\$15.09	\$2,688.50
05/10	05/10	Deposit ACH PAYPAL*TRANSFER		37.62	2703.59
05/23	05/20	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #190 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing		-15.09	2688.50

CLEARED CHECKS - BUSINESS FLEX CHCK								
CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT
190	05/20	15.09						





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