

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



Date: Aug 1, 2022  
Starting Time: 5:33 pm  
Ending Time: 7:30 pm  
Virtual meeting

**ATTENDEES:**

Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Bob Trimble (BT), Roger Edwards (RE), Rob Johns (RJ), Bob Walker (BW), Jeff Stranthen (JS), Michael Landstrom (ML), Dale Bajema (DB), Josh Piper (JP), Dave Hutchins (DH)

**ABSENT:** Gerry Ochs (GO); Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB), Paul Rossi (PR), Andy Payne (AP)

**GUEST:** Lisa Yanase, Boosters; Kevin Clark, alum (KC); Curtis Wilson, Principal; Mat Clark, Athletic Director

**BUSINESS**

- Curtis:
  - First day – Aug 30<sup>th</sup> (Fresh & Seniors – for day count purposes)
  - Next day everyone back
  - Will send out messaging about Community Picnic via Trivory, etc.
  - Will look into having PPS cut the grass this week
  - Teacher appreciation day
    - Curtis gave two options:
      - Leave food for teachers in break room with attribution sign
      - Conduct an event after school hours
    - Hosting staff meeting would be tough given contractual/structure of staff meetings
    - Sept 6<sup>th</sup> tentative date – no staff meeting, but teachers are required to be in building during that time, so good opportunity for engagement
- Mat Clark update:
  - Fall coaches meeting this Wednesday
  - Interviewing for dance coaches on Wednesday – previous coach quit at start of 2021-22 school year

- Has 5-year plan ready for presentation to district – will try to have it available at picnic
- Tentatively plan to present at picnic, at around 1:45pm
- KC: Consider creating a flyer outlining the main talking points of the presentation for distribution
- DB:
  - Newsletters will be printed in time for picnic
  - RK: Bob Trimble, are you available to cater the staff appreciation event?
  - BT: Incrementally feeling better. Should be able to cover it, but will pass off to someone else if needed. Has a shopping list ready to go if we want to distribute sandwiches
  - DB: Maybe we should consider serving lighter horderves?
  - BT: Open to it, but they need to really good to lure out the teachers who would otherwise prefer to stay in their rooms
  - DB: How many people would be available to meeting with the teachers? Can we huddle up during the picnic and iron out the details?
  - RJ: Yes, but we should authorize some spending while we have a quorum?
  - **Motion: Shall we authorize spending up to \$350 – Moved by DB, 2<sup>nd</sup> by RK – Passed**
- Lisa Yanase
  - Graduated this year, but is sticking around this year to serve as treasurer
  - A new BPHSAA liason has stepped forward, but could not make this meeting
  - Will be setting up a table at the picnic with info, but will not be able to staff it
  - New fundraising campaign will kick off at our picnic, based on prior feedback
  - Will be promoting class-based competition of funds raised
  - Senior banner were popular last year – Would appreciate the BPHSAA's support in creating them again this year
  - RK: Will there be the same number of seniors this year?
  - LY: Not sure, will know more soon
  - Hoping to get banners in a timelier manner now that supply chain issues are better
- RJ: Open discussion about supporting the senior banners again
  - RK: Supportive. Seemed like a well-received effort last year
  - JS: I was surprised how inexpensive these things are. Believes they were only ~\$25/per. Great keepsake for the athletes.
  - KC: Wondering if fundraising for this effort could be focused on reaching out to past athletes?
  - JP: Might we consider setting up a GoFundMe specifically for the senior signs to both raise funds and show a way forward for targeted fundraising?

- RJ: Let's try to talk further with them at the picnic about how we can move forward with this. Also hope to find some new recruits to help Booster Club out.
- Membership report – 79 users
  - RK: Numbers should go up – hard sell getting put on the reunions taking place this weekend
- Financial report
  - Combined account value: \$5,044
- Prior minutes:
  - July: We'll let Max accumulate changes and reissue minutes at next meeting
  - June: Wait to hear back from Max
- Alumni picnic
  - RK: How obvious in the entrance?
  - RJ: Should be pretty clear given the driveway layout.
  - JP: If you setup outside the front door, it should be COVID-safe and plenty conspicuous for attendees to see the entrance
  - RK: Need to send out one last email blast to advertise that Mat Clark will be presenting at the picnic. Should draw some interest.
  - KC: Did anyone contact OSM to get Renovation Update materials from the district?
  - No – but folks will reach out and see what can be gathered at this late date.
  - JS: Will people be at the picnic site to receive the supplies I'm dropping off at 11am? – Yes
  - General consensus: Get sandwiches for 80 people, chips and drinks for more people.
  - KC: Can we get the school to setup some fans to help cool things down?
- August 27<sup>th</sup> cleanup – to be discussed in-person on Saturday
- RJ: Has anyone heard of an alumni named Clayton Patterson? They've volunteered to house the school's Model T and the school is wondering if we have any information on them.
  - RE: Will try to research to see if they're truly an alumni
- Meeting adjourned 6:53PM
- Next meeting will be online: Sep 12, 2022 5:30PM. (Optional in-person location at the Annex)
  - 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,

**Josh Piper**

Secretary Pro-Tem  
BPHS Alumni Association