

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



Date: July 11, 2022
Starting Time: 5:30 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 Strancken (JS), Michael Landstrom (ML), Dale Bajema (DB)

ABSENT: Gerry Ochs (GO); Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB), Paul Rossi (PR), Andy Payne (AP), Dave Hutchins (DH), Josh Piper (JP)

GUEST: Dan Malone (DM), Kevin Clark, alum (KC); Curtis Wilson, principal; Mat Clark, Athletic Director; Jennifer Fields, Special Ed teacher

BUSINESS

- Curtis:
 - Benson has a new website www.pps.net/Benson
 - PPS imposed a new policy that there will be no grilling (bbq) on premises
 - This new policy directly affects the open house Aug 6
 - Benson has initiated "Academy Pathways," which will replace majors. Freshman will choose which type of academy they are interested in, and their schedule will place them in the classes associated with that pathway. Before their sophomore year, they will choose/be placed into that academy and continue through senior year.
- Dan:
 - Benson (12th street) exterior wall are in the "stand alone" phase. Demolition is complete and the rebuilding phase is beginning. Dan is offering a tour (date to be determined) for 25 Alumni. Show at 2:30pm, tour starts at 3:30pm. He is offering either Aug 3rd or Aug 4th as possible dates
- Mat:
 - Spoke on various athletics and success of summer program: 106 students/12 sports.
 - Shared individual state participants in various spring sports.
 - shared intention of developing (expansion) of new sports including girl's dance, girl's golf, boy's swimming.
- Jennifer:

- Jennifer is listed as 'Qualified Mental Health Professional' and works with Special Education at Benson Tech.
- she wants to implement equine therapy as an option in the curriculum for the 5 adults and 17 children in her program at Benson.
- Beaverton School District has offered to include Benson in their "Forward Stride" equine therapy program.
- Jennifer needs \$7000 for the group to get 6 sessions each
- Alumni Picnic
 - Aug 6 picnic cannot have BBQ.
 - After discussion, individual sandwiches, chips and drinks will be provided. Sandwiches for 100 people. Chips and drinks for 150 people.
 - Jeff Strachan will set it up, and deliver to Marshal campus. \$500 budget was set for project.
 - Motion made, seconded and approved
- Newsletter update: RE:
 - Does not need any more material for this newsletter and is on track
 - There will be much focus on the "academies" concept that will be instituted. We may want to delve into this in future meetings as it may be complicated.
- Brought up the "teacher welcome" planned for Wednesday, Sept 7. Will bring up next meeting.
- Milk Carton Race was not well attended
- Next meeting will be online: Aug 1, 2022 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,

Jeff Strachan

Secretary Pro-Tem

BPHS Alumni Association