

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



Date: Apr 11, 2022
Starting Time: 5:35 pm
Ending Time: 6:34 pm
Virtual meeting

ATTENDEES:

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

ABSENT: Paul Rossi (PR), Andy Payne (AP), Dave Hutchins (DH)

GUEST: Kevin Clark, alum (KC); Daniel Malone (DM), Amber Kern-Johnson from the Boosters.

Virtual meetings will commence until we can safely meet in person again.

BUSINESS

- DM:
 - Lots of construction. Full steam ahead. I'll be on site Friday.
 - Thinking about when machines have to leave Marshall to be installed at Benson Tech.
 - Annex - will it get done before the high school? (Ha ha) Still trying to get compressed air and dust system in the annex.
 - A few people have cut some door bolts.
 - Wed will be Benson Tech's first home track meet in 115 years! 4PM.
 - Did the Providence Park graduation walkthrough. June 8th 5PM.
 - Class of 1992 is having their reunion - Rachel emailed them that nobody is around in July and invited them to the picnic.
 - New speed bumps that Mr. Wilson had put in are working to slow things down.
 - Cleanup went well, wish we could keep it clean. There are some fence cuttings that gives access to Walmart. There was a vaulting pole in the main office... someone had broken in to take the vaulting pole and tried to take it into Walmart and was denied, so it made it back to the school.
 - We did make a little money on hurdle recycling, which went back into the Track program. The new hurdles are really nice.
 - New pictures are up of the construction.
 - DAG members will get a note that there's a meeting May 11th.
- Amber:

- Thanks to everyone that came out to help with cleaning up the track and field area.
- We will have concessions. It's a slow start in an awkward area (baseball bleachers). There is a signup sheet, and we could use more volunteers. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4da4aa2ba0fa7-btbseptember>
- Ready, Set, Go Tech fundraiser in May is coming up. Last year raised over \$10,000 and helped us to support every sport team at Benson Tech. Part of that was the class of 1977! Hoping for the same turnout. We already have a \$2000 donation to get us started. We will send out more information soon.
- Classes could have a competition to raise money.
- Because we haven't been able to do in-person fundraising, this is our big push to support all teams. May 9th through the 20th. We'll share promotional materials.
- 1st week of May is teacher appreciation week, 2nd through the 6th.
- DM: Benson Stories
 - PPS has a Benson Stories page - there's a link where you can call in PG-13 stories and the broadcasting crew will format them into a lasting legacy. It will be shared in the new school.
 - <https://www.pps.net/Page/18792>
- Alumni Picnic - RJ
 - Community Picnic: 6th of August. Class of 2000-02, and 1992 have both said they will have their reunions that weekend.
 - Marshall campus - courtyard.
 - RK will check with RoiSan about the CUB.
 - Everyone thought everyone else was purchasing the grill, so RJ will check with Matt.
- Minutes:
 - JS moved minutes approved as amended by KC and RJ's comments. ML seconded. Motion passed.
- Membership - JP:
 - Still at 77 members.
 - RK is checking with all classes having reunions. Trying to recruit from 2000s as well.
- Finances - BT:
 - \$20 came in from last month.
 - \$3001.23 in Savings
 - \$2420.97 in Checking
- Observations about cleanup:
 - Majority of people there were alumni. Boosters did not have the date information. RK will forward anything on to the boosters in future.
 - We picked up a lot of trash and it looked measurably better.
 - It felt good to be called to action by the school, and especially by alumni of the school. It was a difficult date, quickly organized.

- We hopefully will get more time and people there with the right equipment next time.
- Newsletter - DB:
 - Targeting mid-May
 - Graduation
 - New applications
 - BPHS Modernization
 - Summary of historical society article on Benson Tech with link would be good to add. <https://buildingonhistory.blogspot.com/2022/03/rebuilding-benson-polytechnic-high.html>
 - Different newsletter for the picnic.
 - Senior Awards assembly is a week before graduation, if we hold the newsletter we could put scholarship winners in there.
- RE:
 - RE was contacted from Connie Shipley of the Royal Rosarian Milk Carton Boat Race on June 26th, asking if we were planning another reunion and wanted to attend, and possibly have a boat. In 2019, we took a canopy to celebrate Mr. Wilson being made a Royal Rosarian.
 - Alpenrose is sponsoring the event.
 - Milk Cartons should easily be collectible at the high school.
 - Curtis' wife has been nominated as a Royal Rosarian, too.
 - RK: maybe we could start with tech algebra to see if they want to participate in the boat race.
 - Discussion around getting this set up for getting school class buyin for next year, and us having a tent there this year.
- Email from Jacob Patterson and Benson stories website:
 - I'm excited to announce our "pilot attempt" of the Benson Stories project is now live online, and our new telephone recording line is up and running!
 - <https://www.pps.net/Page/18792>
 - Fun Fact from JP: Mrs. Harland continues to renew John Harland's membership in the Alumni Association every year.
 - RJ will reach out and connect him to RE.
- Next meeting will be virtual: May 9th 5:30PM. Those who feel comfortable will be in -person at the Annex, others can be online.
 - 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.
 - Email from Principal Wilson:
 - It is with tremendous sadness that I am sharing news about Benson Tech class of 2021 graduate Phillip Nguyen. We learned that Phillip, his younger

sister Etana, his father, and grandmother were all tragically killed in a single car crash near McMinnville on Sunday. You may continue to hear reports and information on the news and through social media.

- Phillip was a part of the Health Sciences department specifically focusing on Dentistry and was in his first year attending Portland State University. His loss will be felt by many. I know this news is a shock, and I want to let you know what resources are available as we plan to support each other as a staff and as a community through this loss. Please note that our Counselors (Amy Henry-amyhenry@pps.net, Peg Schoettle-pschoettle@pps.net, Kathleen Reid-kreid@pps.net, Christy Wheeler-cwheeler@pps.net) and Social Worker Caroline Bleckmann-cbleckmann@pps.net will be available on Tuesday in the Counseling area for students and staff if needed. If additional support is needed please note we will be working with District officials to bring in those supports as well.

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?)

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Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
 Secretary
 BPHS Alumni Association

Treasurer's statements:

BUSINESS SAVINGS		BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE	
BSAV00		\$3,001.15	\$0.08	-\$0.00	\$3,001.23	
03/31	03/31	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 31 Days			0.08	3001.23

BUSINESS FLEX CHCK		BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE	
BFLX00		\$1,480.47	\$940.50	-\$0.00	\$2,420.97	
03/15	03/15	Deposit ACH PAYPAL*TRANSFER			940.50	2420.97

