

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



Date: Mar 14, 2022
Starting Time: 5:32 pm
Ending Time: 7:32 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), Dave Hutchins (DH), Josh Piper (JP), Dale Bajema (DB), Bob Walker (BW)

ABSENT: Paul Rossi (PR), Andy Payne (AP), Jeff Stranchen (JS)

GUEST: Kevin Clark, alum (KC); Curtis Wilson (CW), Principal; Daniel Malone (DM), Jay Miles and Janita Jones, coaches at Benson Tech, Amber Kern-Johnson from the Boosters.

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

BUSINESS

- Discussion about repurposing old BPHS quality structural timber and gymnasium wood flooring for benches and other DAG-recommended design features throughout the modernized school.
- RJ:
 - Ed Railey passed in early March. He was an automotive instructor and the last aviation instructor.
 - Women's Varsity Basketball team took 4th in State.
- Guests:
 - CW:
 - We have our own track now, so it is exciting. Excited about sports.
 - TechGeo made t-shirts and they have scarves coming.
 - Excited for the last few months of school.
 - Mask mandate lifted on the 12th. They want all the activities - utilizing football field, senior picnic, senior dance, juniors want a dance. It's going to be very busy.
 - Introducing Tech Show idea, planning at end of school year, start planning thoroughly in Aug when we return for the next spring.
 - Had forecasting nights. We are currently at 270 that have pledged to come next year. Will any drop off? Will we get more from crowded schools? Bussing was difficult this year. Some families will not want to deal with transportation issues. Staff is staying status-quo for next

year with some changes. Some classes will go up a little in numbers because of some retirements they will not fill, so no job losses.

- Jay Miles and Janita Jones:
 - Presented the garbage and cut fences, presented live feed of areas where there is junk and equipment, and a lot of cleanup needs to be done to invite other teams to compete at the field.
 - Curtis mentioned thinking we should get a dumpster out there and alumni association could get some bodies out there to help clean up.
 - Let's shoot for March 27th. Amber will promote it to Booster's mailing list as well. Account for fundraising and volunteerism with an app that has a broad reach. The baseball field also needs a lot of help with cleanup. Note people will have to watch for hypodermic needles - there is a Sharps container and Ryan has been trained in disposal.
 - Money from last year's booster fundraiser went to new uniforms. However, they lost many of the uniforms when kids didn't come back, etc.
 - Alum Gary Holland might be interested in the recycling.
 - They will get the Alumni some info to send out.
 - DM: Suggest we call a metal recycler to come and get them. BT: Bob's metals dumpsters in front of Benson, they might be interested.
- DM:
 - Annex: still working on dust collection and compressed air. It's coming along. Big fences are up outside so they can bring over vehicles and lock them in.
 - Invite to DAG to tour in May.
 - Class of 93 reunion at Marshall in August request came in. DM will forward to RK to contact them.
 - New pictures on district Flickr account are up. It has changed a lot.
 - <https://www.pps.net/Page/18792>
 - Graduation on Jun 8th 5PM Providence Park. First meeting next Thursday and rules will probably morph.
 - DM will be watching at the first hosted track meet. Exciting!
- GO:
 - Fantastic team is managing the project. Making great progress. All the structures are gone. Wall along Irving and Buckman field are a façade. The main school has been gutted. They are excavating the structure and put in supports so they can rework the foundation and support structures.
 - Went up on the roof and it's quite a site to see. All new electrical and power. We got to see behind the auditorium - doors from 1910 that had never been seen. All pictures have to be cleared but will share when he can.
 - Bricks: They had a large pile previously which we missed but Gerry did grab some bricks and has them at home. DM will keep asking.

- There has been so much thought put into this project, it was very impressive. Everything will be supported from behind - the old walls will be like a false front, tied into the new walls.
 - DM: Footings are down 18 feet.
 - 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>
 - Amber with Boosters:
 - Proud of the basketball teams! Women 4th place. Girls golf team for the first time in a few years. Spring sports are here! Conditions are less than ideal, however. Baseball and Golf also have some specific needs. Spring concessions will happen, so that will help raise revenue to support team needs. Plans include hot dogs and other grilled items - the grill went missing in the move.
 - RJ/DM: old grill fell apart. We think CW agreed the school can use a new grill. RJ will check with CW and copy Amber on it.
 - We will need a lot of volunteers with the concessions.
 - Gearing up for Ready, Set, Go fundraiser for April/May. They want to give money to every team. Benevity site will be used.
 - Boosters meeting at 7PM on Thursday. They will mention the work-party on the 27th that we just scheduled.
 - Not sure when concessions start, but they will follow up with Matt and the district. Guessing after Spring Break. CK says he thinks it's the 31st is the first date.
 - Planning teacher appreciation in April/May as well. Previously on Valentine's Day they did raise enough that every teacher got a \$26 gift card.
- Discussion ensued about the issues that arose from Tyler Wyatt's project discussion outside of the board, and the Facebook post. Discussion became a little heated about the sequence of events, what was said by whom, and how the board was perceived. There are lessons to be learned about how it was handled but it is difficult to assess when points are not calmly addressed. Another concern would be whether there is a need to strictly follow Roberts Rules for meetings. This will be tabled and discussed again.
- Minutes:
 - December and January minutes.
 - ML moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes. Motion approved.
- Membership - JP:
 - 77 paid members.
 - Mostly this was a result of the mailing that JP performed.
 - Thank you to JP about the note on the women's basketball team achievement.

- Finances - BT:
 - \$100 came in from ML for board dues, \$60 donation.
 - \$125 income arrived from donors.
 - \$188.10 from PayPal into PointWest. \$100 income into PointWest.
 - \$940.50 in PayPal
 - \$3001.50 saving; \$1480.47 checking.
 - RJ emailed CW and Amber. Suggested a match. What is the amount we would like to contribute?
 - MB - moved we donate up to \$500. DH seconded. Motion passed. Curtis will tell us what they need.
 - Year-end report is completed, and BT will send it out to the board.
- There will be no Tech Show this year, as previously discussed.
- Alumni Picnic - RJ
 - CW agreed we could do it.
 - RK will help work on it this year. Suggesting the 6th of August. Class of 2000-02, and 1992 have both said they will have their reunions that weekend.
 - If this date is affirmed, we will need to have a CUB/pay deposit.
- Discussion about in-person vs virtual meetings, or in-person with virtual access. If we want in-person summer meetings we need to find a location. We would also need to move the August 8th meeting.
- RE:
 - Carl George, BPHS class of 1947, passed last Christmas. Carl helped set up an alumni committee in 1975 with Tom Daklos, '49, and Arthur McLean, who graduated from the Benson School of Trades. Do you class of 1977 people recall their alumni committee back then? I believe alumni affairs have been a concern at Benson ever since, and the alumni scholarship they initiated has persisted since then.
 - Would it be worthwhile to print another batch of BPHSAA business cards? They were distributed to graduating seniors in 2020 and were set to be given to the 2021 grads too, but it didn't happen. Roisan returned the unused cards and they have been useful for stray grads that RE and RK run into. We may still have enough for the 2022 class. Ideally a BPHSAA ad in the yearbook would be the best way to keep alumni informed but the yearbooks don't need ads anymore.
 - RJ says ML's sister does a business. Is there a motion to get more business cards?
 - RK and RE to connect on cards, look at formatting, then come back with order
 - I have obtained the 2021 yearbook from Hazel Knox, and she did not think it required payment. RK said we had already paid for it; they will make sure we order one for next year. BT will email Hazel for 2, cc RK.
- Scholarship fund - DB:

- Our current scholarship fund was set up by Bob Hyland and others. But we aren't sure it's related to other scholarship information.
- The scholarships we award, with Oregon Promise providing free tuition to some students, what will our scholarships supplement? We received a final answer that it could be used on books or other fees.
- BT: CW ok'd us getting access to the library to do some research on information about different scholarships and alumni groups for the newsletter.
- We have about \$5000 to be awarded this spring. RK has been participating in the selection with the counselors for the last few years.
- Next meeting will be virtual: April 11th 5:30PM. If RJ can arrange it in time with the school, for those who feel comfortable there is a possibility we 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.
 - RE: Were it not for the curse my electronics have bestowed upon me, I would liked to have said last night that the passing of Carl George is an opportunity for the BPHSAA to honor an alum, and a 3rd generation Portlander and tradesman, who shared our belief that it is not wasted effort to offer assistance to recent graduates. We certainly cannot extend this recognition to all BPHS alumni, but it would not be unwarranted to show Carl's family that his commitment to BPHS has persisted and the group now doing this work is aware of his foresight.
 - I would gladly reimburse our treasury if it is agreed to send a BPHSAA check for \$100 to the Portland Community College Foundation, PO Box 19000, Portland OR 97280, for the Sue George Scholarship, along with a note that might say, "Carl, we appreciate your contribution to the building of the Benson Tech community."

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		\$3,001.00	\$0.08	-\$0.00	\$3,001.08	
01/31	01/31	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 31 Days			0.08	3001.08

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BFLX00		\$1,192.37	\$288.10	-\$0.00	\$1,480.47	
01/11	01/11	Deposit ACH PAYPAL*TRANSFER			188.10	1380.47
01/20	01/20	Deposit CUSC Trnsctn 01/20 - IQ CREDIT UNION - 7017 NE VANCOUVER MALL VANCOUVER WA			100.00	1480.47

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BSAV00		\$3,001.08	\$0.07	-\$0.00	\$3,001.15	
02/28	02/28	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 28 Days			0.07	3001.15

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BFLX00		\$1,480.47	\$0.00	-\$0.00	\$1,480.47