

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



Date: Mar 8, 2021  
Starting Time: 5:34 pm  
Ending Time: 7:23 pm  
Virtual meeting

**ATTENDEES:**

Roger Edwards (RE), Rob Johns (RJ), Josh Piper (JP), Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB), Dale Bajema (DB), Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Bob Trimble (BT), Mike Landstrom (ML), Jeff Stranchen (JS), Andy Payne (AP)

**ABSENT:** Dave Hutchins (DH), Paul Rossi (PR), Gerry Ochs (GO)

**GUEST:** Kevin Clark, alum (KC); Parker Myrus: current 2<sup>nd</sup> year student (PM), Kathleen Reid, school counselor and College Coordinator; Dick Spies, alum and former board member (DS), Dan Malone (DM)

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Kathleen Reid spoke about the Scholarship committee:
  - 11 Benson Tech specific scholarships. The students wrote four short essays and some background. Counselors, some teachers and an administrator make the decisions. They all read the applications ahead of time then spend several hours going through them together. Looking for CTE participation, community involvement, financial need/hardship, drive to complete training, etc. They do look at transcripts, but it's not weighted heavily.
  - Alumni fund is just over \$5K this year. In previous years it's sometimes split between a few students. Asked for feedback.
  - RE and DB: geared toward 2-year degrees, and hopefully someone geared toward CTE programs.
  - RK: Students who have school paid for by Oregon Promise may still need funding for fees.
  - Kathleen: They do take into consideration what grants students receive as well.
  - MB expressed that we trust the counselors, who have all the information, to make the best decisions about number of students and amounts.
  - Kathleen: There may already be a subscription of scholarship requirements.
  - DB also volunteered to put together something in writing from the Alumni Assoc.

- Kathleen was excused from the meeting
- Scholarship Discussion:
  - Need more committee members to join DB, RE, and KC on the Scholarship Committee.
  - The number of people donating is relatively small - last year 10 members donated approximately \$3500.
  - Discussing ways to encourage people to give:
    - Memorial Plan donations
    - We could collect money at Tech Show
  - Discussed ways to thank the donors:
    - Personal thank you and/or incentive
  - RK suggested we could prompt class reunion members to consider collecting for donations to the scholarship fund.
  - RJ: might be good to center around majors, as well.
  - DB: When reaching out to people about contributing to scholarship fund. Why donate to scholarship vs. other things?
    - Tax deductible
    - Supports students mastering a trade
  - KC: Corporate donations could be beneficial. Corporate partners could sponsor students or work with the scholarship committee in other ways.
  - DB: Committee will draft a pitch document and the board can comment.
  - PM: Would be interested in having a student on that committee, is also interested in the history and where the money goes. Can get those details later but thinks that would help pitch the idea of donating.
  - DB: Started in the late 30s with class donations. In 2005, a few people came together to shill for donations at picnics, about 15 people, headed up by Bob Hyland and Donald Barr, class of 1950s. The Alumni Association grew out of those efforts.
  - DS: Flier that shows recipients of past years - who they are, where they went with the monies that they were given. This gives them a graphic way to visualize how value was derived.
  - RK: scholarship donators of a certain level could have an incentive of a personalized tour of the school.
- Treasurer's report - BT:
  - \$764.82 was in PayPal transferred Feb 09.
  - Bill \$50 paid out
  - \$3393.90 in checking
  - \$1000.30 in savings
  - \$290 in checks deposited today.
  - \$37.36 in PayPal.
  - \$20 returned to PayPal as refund for duplicate payment.
  - \$4621.56
  - RJ stated he has 2 more checks that came in today.
- Membership report - JP

- 52 members.
- Encourage friends and associates to renew memberships. Challenging in Covid times.
- Minutes - MB:
  - Max sent 2<sup>nd</sup> draft for Jan and Feb minutes yesterday. There were no comments.
  - BT moved that we accept the Jan minutes as amended. RK seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - JS moved that we accept the Feb minutes as amended. DB seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- AP arrived.
- Newsletter - DB:
  - Targeting April/May newsletter.
  - Would like draft articles by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Topics:
    - Scholarship committee history and focus now, fundraising.
    - Reunions and steps that people that want to organize, resources and donations from your class.
    - Reopening of school
    - Reopening of sports
    - Historical article on the organ - AP.
    - RK - suggest article about the fact that this year students may have attended up to 2 months in the school - it's not just the building, it's the people that make Benson Tech.
- Dan Malone arrived. Update on construction:
  - Organ will not be returning during construction.
  - The PPS Rose expert took 16 rose bushes to preserve. Those that are trimmed are the ones leaving in the next few weeks.
  - Auction has gone well. Today saw two guys with tons of machinery on their trailer. The links were sent out.
  - Some funds will refurbish the Freshman shop lathes. More on the funds as he knows more.
  - Things need to leave the building by the time hybrid school starts, to accommodate spacing for more students.
  - Found volt meters in beautiful boxes, from the 1920s.
  - Contract has been signed for the group that is constructing the modular building at Marshal. This will house Tech Algebra, Construction and Auto. Supposed to be ready mid-Aug. Keep your fingers crossed.
  - Groundbreaking for new school is first Sat in Aug. Rules TBD about who can be there, but they want an Alumni presence. Probably in the front yard of the school.
  - Bricks: talked to powers to be today. There will not be a lot of bricks from the original building. Most will be from Automotive building. We will have to move quickly when the original building bricks are available.

- KC: sell, re-ingrave, reinstall in new campus. Is that still possible?
    - DM: not as part of the original construction. We would have to do that after construction. We could make our own wall later.
    - RJ - sell bricks for scholarship fund? Positive agreement.
  - Bleachers: DM says they are gone. AP says he believes the construction teacher talked about how they were cut up and the wood was re-used.
  - Two or three of the solid beams that were part of construction building will be taken down and given to the program.
  - Hybrid is coming back. Right now we having limited in-person. Two groups are coming in an hour or so of academic, and an hour or so of CTE. Plan for kids to come back is supposed to be ready so the school will be opened on April 12<sup>th</sup>. This was made known Friday at 3:30PM.
  - DS: Word on HQ vandalism?
  - DM - they smashed windows, burned/blew up 5 vehicles in the back parking structure.
- MB was excused from the meeting - notes continued by JP.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- HAM Radio
  - BT – Ham radio needs to continue as it’s part of the city’s emergency response plan
  - DM – Will check on that concern and report back at the next meeting
- Roses
  - BT – Sad to learn that not many of roses were salvageable, but understandable
  - DM – If anyone happens by and sees a rosebush they want to salvage any way, reach out
- February letter to incoming freshmen
  - RE – What were the results of the letter to confirm incoming freshman class
  - DM – Not sure. Will look into it. Thinks maybe the confirmed class in down to 250 or so, but FTE looks stable.
  - DM – Bus routes have been published, so families are starting to digest what school will look like next year for their students. Won’t know true class size until kids show up in Fall.
  - RK – Any idea what commute times will be like?
  - DM – Up to an hour from the farthest reaches of the city. No students coming from the Skyline catchment area.
  - DM – Freshman forecasting went well, but questions around transportation were the biggest question in families’ minds.
- Athletics
  - DM - Fall sports have started.
  - DM - Spring and Winter sports will have staggered schedules that take them into the summer
  - KC – Will there be postseason tournaments?

- DM – Varies by sport. Check OSAA website for details.
- RK – Will there be a homecoming in the fall?
- DM – Not sure at this point. Will look into it and report back as those details emerge. Focusing on graduation timeline currently.
- Dan excused at 7:12pm
- Newsletter
  - KC – Article on what’s happening with the equipment auctions? When are/were they? What major items sold and how much earned?
  - JP – Benson’s National Ocean Sciences Bowl team won regional competition and is heading to nationals.
  - RJ – Bob and Andy could write about the history of the HAM radio station?
    - BT – Has some sources for information that he can check with
- SHPO
  - RE – Attended a meeting reviewing the Benson remodel
    - People with a connection to Benson Tech favored recognition of the programs taught there for an historical tribute, while the committee members who see the school just as another of Portland's high schools looked at the building itself for what warrants preservation. It was an interesting division of ideas, and all the ideas considered would create a respectful memorial for the school.
    - Much work being done to maintain historic nature of building and re-incorporate design elements of the original school in the new design.
- Next meetings will be virtual: April 12th at 5:30PM.
  - <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:

- Time Capsule contents during rebuild?
- 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

Full Account Summary					
Interest YTD:	\$ 0.05	Interest Charges:	\$ 0.00	IRA Dividends:	\$ 0.00
Div/Int Withheld YTD:	\$ 0.00	Penalties YTD:	\$ 0.00		

10 - BUSINESS SAVINGS				
Trans. Date	Posted Date	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
		Beginning Balance		1,000.28
02/28		Deposit Dividend Annual Percentage Yield 0.03% Annual Percentage Yield Earned 0.03% (02/01/2021 - 02/28/2021)	0.02	1,000.30
		New Balance		1,000.30

DIVIDENDS SUMMARY				
Dividends W/H YTD: 0.00			Dividends YTD: 0.05	

Deposits and Other Credits					
Date	Description	Amount	Date	Description	Amount
02/28	Deposit Dividend Annual Percentage Yield 0.03	0.02			
<b>Total Deposits: 0.02</b>					

90 - BUSINESS CHECKING				
Trans. Date	Posted Date	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
		Beginning Balance		2,679.10
02/09		Deposit ACH PAYPAL-TRANSFER *****1365 PAYPAL-TRANSFERBENSON POLYTECHNIC HIG	764.80	3,443.90
02/22		Withdrawal Draft #185 Trace: 96177554	-50.00	3,393.90
		New Balance		3,393.90

1 Checks(-)	50.00	1 Deposits(+)	764.80	Previous Balance	2,679.10
		0 Other Withdrawals(-)	0.00	New Balance	3,393.90

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Dividends W/H YTD: 0.00			Dividends YTD: 0.00	

Checks in Sequence Order											
Date	Check	Amount	Date	Check	Amount	Date	Check	Amount	Date	Check	Amount
02/22	185	50.00									

Deposits and Other Credits					
Date	Description	Amount	Date	Description	Amount
02/09	Deposit ACH PAYPAL-TRANSFER *****1365 PAY	764.80			
<b>Total Deposits: 764.80</b>					

Withdrawals and Other Charges					
Date	Description	Amount	Date	Description	Amount
02/22	Withdrawal Draft #185 Trace: 96177554	50.00			
<b>Total Withdrawals: 50.00</b>					