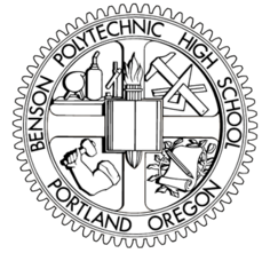


**Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting – Draft**



Date: Feb 10, 2020
Starting Time: 5:35 pm
Ending Time: 7:40 pm
Benson Polytechnic Library classroom

ATTENDEES:

Roger Edwards (RE), Bob Trimble (BT), Rob Johns (RJ), Josh Piper (JP), Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB), Paul Rossi (PR), Andy Payne (AP), Dale Bajema (DB), Mike Landstrom (ML), Gerry Ochs (GO)

ABSENT: Dave Hutchins (DH), Rachael Kuryunny (RK)

GUESTS: Kevin Clark (KC) 1984 alum; Paul Anthony; Ken Bakke; Beth Burczak, Beyond Benson; Jen Sohm, PPS; Stuart Emmons, architect working with Dick Spies; Amber Johnson, Boosters; [Curtis Wilson, BPHS Principal](#).

NEW BUSINESS

- Beth spoke about volunteering for Beyond Benson
 - Hand out
 - Volunteers help high school students envision a future of possibilities by providing assistance for career guidance, college choices, and financing options. One-on-one assistance with applications and job connections. Currently have 10 mentors.
 - Discussion about how the Alumni Association can help. We can send out some info with our next email blast.
- Beth was excused.
- Stuart Emmons, new Design program
 - Woodworking got him through h.s. I get CTE. Became an architect, has followed the bonds. Benson Tech is his adopted school. Applied to teach architecture. DS called and they talked about bringing back the program.
 - There are about 6 CTE architecture programs in suburban districts coupled with PCC. Classes are full. Nothing in urban. Kids are getting jobs, even in aerospace. It's not just drafting anymore. Prepares kids for different career paths.
 - Net zero buildings change architecture. It's exciting. Transportation will be radically different. Autonomous vehicles, no parking, energy. It's a great time to be in design. Portland is a design capital. Field trips [areis](#) not just architecture firms: advertising, apparel, shoes. We can have a line out the door of students waiting to get in.

- Booklet is being put together of ideas for the offering:
 - Architect software, but 3D would become more robust.
 - Design program needs to be at Benson Tech.
 - Radical changes are coming: housing, transportation, etc.
 - The need: ties into construction, digital media, electric, etc. and all these other industries.
 - Equity: 2% African-American in architecture field. There has always been an equity issue. Kids need exposure.
 - Climate Change and Sustainability – Green Roofs, etc. High paying jobs are here.
- AP arrived.
 - Housing crisis is real, we need to think and do things differently.
 - Example of a typical class with field trips, speakers, software, internships, etc. through the grades.
 - Ties to other CTE at Benson, PPS, and partners in the community: automotive, aerospace, architecture, non-profits, higher ed, power companies.
 - Comparable: Baltimore Design School, Williamsburg New York, Aviation School in Seatac.
 - Aloha, Beaverton, Hillsboro, Clark County – all dual-credit with PCC, but nothing in PPS.
- Jen Sohm – high level overview
 - Design Team is in 50% design development phase. Round of stakeholder review meetings with CTE programs, and a series of meetings at district with maintenance, electrical, etc.
 - This is a historically significant building, so we've gone before the Landmark's committee and the design has been revised. Front lawn changes, materials changes.
 - Anderson construction is part of the project, selected last April. Similar to other high schools, we bid in phases. Partnership with architect and contractor, go through design and create a bid.
 - Windows in the front will be fully rehabbed, based on the one rehab they did and tested. Performance was great.
 - For tech show they will be in the auditorium stage, will have a model updated with design revisions, boards and layouts for each CTE program. Flythrough presentation, and virtual reality station will be there.
 - KC – can you explain about the seats?
 - JS – some of the existing seats will remain in the balcony, but on the ground floor they need new seating. It will seat about 1000 in the end (ADA improvements). There may be a possibility for a partnership on fundraising effort. This is one area we could explore to help offset some cost overruns. Selling old seats/bricks, donating to have new seats/bricks branded.
- Principal Curtis Wilson arrived.

- We also need to identify everything you want to retain. Need this info (at least rough) by Tech Show. Want to get it in the DDs.
- PA – Franklin’s hands on learning is doing well. Complaint from the faculty is: when it comes to purchasing new equipment for new spaces, they felt pressure to have the same number of stations for each activity that they had in the old school, even if they think they didn’t need it. They bought too much, lower quality, which was frustrating. The alumni needs to understand this – there are a lot of partners and contacts that could come into play.
- Curtis update:
 - Plan for transportation – trying to figure out a plan for students that want to attend Benson Tech. 8th grade forecasting yesterday and today and tomorrow. Should not be a burden to them to get [to Marshall HS during BPHS remodeling here](#). We have to figure out a way. Example: if you live in Roosevelt area, what to do? Have hubs at the neighborhood high schools. Bus from Roosevelt will take you to Marshall, then back to Roosevelt. This is the discussion. Well only be for kids farther away.
 - Numbers of applicants have dipped at every high school that has been remodeled. Plateaued for a few years, then when they moved back, exploded. District slated us for 331, we are at about 280. Working to make sure that FTE won’t be taken away, even if numbers dip.
 - There are administrative discussions happening right now about four schools on the bond, and whether it can be supported. If one school drops off that community will organize. Bond is 1.4 Billion dollars. If it doesn’t pass, there is the Full Faith and Credit loan, but there is no discussion yet about whether that would stretch to cover anything but Benson Tech. The Principals are working together to make sure all four high schools are on the bond.
 - Graduation rate is 92% - awesome! T-shirts for the staff with BT on the front, and 92 on the back. The school that works for everyone. We want people to look at the 92 and ask – what is that? Will take a photo and get it out in social media.
 - Staff is ready to leave and come back to a new building.
 - RJ – Radio students will take alums to radio station for storyboards.
 - Curtis is the tech guy now – whatever you need for tech show let him know a week ahead.
 - Basketball – mens team probably won’t make it, they are ranked 36. Women doing well. Follow Curtis on twitter and you’ll see it. Wrestling is doing matches all over the city. Spring sports starting – top runner in the nation is here. Softball – JV softball, Baseball not sure yet. And everyone is getting ready for tech show.
 - Working on staffing – no major cuts this year.
- Amber Johnson, Boosters

- Parent group started to support sports/athletics last year. We raised \$8000 overall, \$4000 last fall. We do concessions, swag on website, etc. Supports the athletics teams, per requests, which have been uniforms and equipment.
- Banner sponsorship isn't working out, so we are trying other things. Handout: Shopping: Fred Meyer Rewards, Amazon smile, etc. Viking pancake breakfast in March, Cinco de Mayo fundraiser in May.
- Other activities include honoring a retiring coach and do lunches for the staff.
- BensonTechBoosters has sign up info for concessions, tickets for fundraisers, etc. 501C-3.
- Amber, Jen and Stuart were excused
- Minutes – MB:
 - Nov annual minutes need approval – Kevin edits were included – this will be approved at the next annual meeting.
 - Dec meeting minutes need approval – Kevin edits.
 - Jan meeting minutes need approval – No edits.
 - ML moved, DB seconded, to approve the Dec minutes. Motion passed.
 - We will wait on the Jan minutes until next meeting.
- Treasurer's report – BT
 - \$200 deposited
 - 25 members sent money to PayPal - \$478.
 - \$45 in savings
 - \$3192.47 total.
- Membership count: 61 paid members
 - Email push occurred 1/31.
 - Discussed other forms of contact – individual emails, another push with other info, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

- Site Council – DB
 - District seems to be dragging on a decision for transportation. We should wait and see what happens but may need to put pressure on. Major affinity groups for each school may need to send letters.
 - KC - There are many in the community concerned about it and there seems to be no answers. Part of the issue is the board and district seem to be overwhelmed with tasks. Their agendas are full. However, there is a definite timeline and parents are getting upset at the lack of communication around this.
 - DB suggests that the alumni association may want to approach this from a historical perspective.
 - KC – Need to put on strategic pressure.
 - RJ – table for discussion of letter next meeting.
- Tech Show – RJ

- Discussion tabled for next meeting 3/18 (see below).
- RJ will send the minutes from today's meeting.
- BT will print the sign-in sheets and bring next meeting.
- Next meeting was moved from 3/9 to 3/2 – first Monday.
- Requests for financial support – policy
 - Read over handout – BPHSAA Funds Dispersal Recommendation Revised statement
 - Max read the statement that was emailed by JP.
 - Discussion:
 - there were questions about whether it was clear. #2 needs to change Benson Foundation to Benson Tech Foundation.
 - DB brought up concerns about equity and timing.
 - Everyone prepare your discussion points provide suggested verbiage.
- Upcoming Tech Show 100 Planning meetings:
 - 3/18 at 1:30pm at Ford Food & Drink (RK back, DB gone)
 - 4/13 at 4:30 at BPHS (DB gone)
- Upcoming meetings: 3/9/20 meeting has moved to 3/2/20, 4/13/20

MEETING AJOURNED

- [Benson Tech Boosters Feb updates flyer attached]
- [Save the date Cinco de Mayo Tech Boosters fundraiser flyer attached]
- [Beyond Benson Volunteer flyer attached]
- [Viking Pancake Breakfast fundraiser flyer attached]

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
 Secretary
 BPHS Alumni Association