

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



Date: Sep 14, 2020
Starting Time: 5:41 pm
Ending Time: 6:41 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), Gerry Ochs (GO), Mike Landstrom (ML)

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

GUEST: Kevin Clark, alum; Curtis Wilson, Principal of Benson Tech

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Principal Curtis Wilson:
 - Nobody was prepared for starting online, learning as we go.
 - First two weeks was soft start, school checking in with students, getting them equipment, etc.
 - First day of school was today. Different schedules, on semester. They'll have 4 credits at the end of Jan.
 - Latest COVID numbers (deaths) are still high, nobody is getting tested because of the fires. Unofficially, don't see anyone back until Jan earliest.
 - Tech show is still on the books for this spring, because the paperwork was due last March.
 - PPS is using google meets and zoom. Zoom allows for breakout rooms.
 - District ran out of hotspots for students last week, 400 computers. ML knows of a foundation that may be able to help.
 - RK: How is CTE being taught?
 - CW: District created kits for each major. Some teachers have embraced it. For construction, we purchased some construction home building kits. We will see if they can adapt the virtual teaching and kits to their programs.
 - Some teachers are teaching from the building, about 15 to 20 come in every day.
 - Sports: Dec to March 6th is winter athletic season. Fall starts Feb 28th - April 24th. Spring April 19 - June 26th. Since they overlap it would be difficult to do overlapping sports.

- Questions kids will answer, take temperature - monitoring kids during conditioning.
- Sterilization of equipment? Coaches are responsible for it.
- KC: Is there a need for isometric equipment or anything we can donate? Cones, bands - anything they can grab and go, let sit for a few days.
- When we move to Marshall, there won't necessarily be room for one of the schools to go with us. Curtis and others are going to Marshall to try and figure out where they will go.
- 1024 students this year. Last year was about 1048. This was the first year that Freshman slots were not filled. 255 instead of 275. Normally turning 100 kids away, so it was probably the school move. Data shows every school that moved to Marshall the numbers dropped, but by the 2nd year it moved up. Looking to see if Madison will pick up more kids.
- RK: Same happened with Franklin.
- Still on track - 3 years. A few months ago, we were about 2 million over. We are only about \$100,000 off since we've been downsizing to keep it on budget. We have not touched the programs.
- We are identifying all the things that can be removed from the shops that are not needed. Construction team is labeling things - sold, salvage, moves etc. In the spring, companies will start taking things out. Then mid-spring, starting to move to Marshall, but it's delicate because Madison may not be fully out until late July or early August.
- District said the money from the equipment selloff will go back to Benson Tech. How much equipment will come back from Marshall? Not sure yet. Hopefully won't have to move equipment back. Not sure if the equipment that Benson won't need back will be sold. Still TBD.
- Permits for the building they are adding to Marshall for CTE programs have all gone forward. They are now excited about having that extra building for when we move out.
- Curtis was excused from the meeting.
- Treasurer's report – BT:
 - Paypal 174.32 just moved to PointWest.
 - Bank Statement Savings:
 - Beginning balance \$1,000.12
 - Dividend \$0.03
 - \$0.12 interest
 - Ending balance \$1,000.15
 - Bank Statement Checking:
 - Beginning Balance: \$2654.27
 - Ending balance \$2654.27
- Membership – JP:
 - Currently 85.
- Newsletter:

- RK thanked DB for keeping on top of everyone and making sure there were articles for the newsletter.
- RK moved that we send Connie Mar a card and gift certificate for \$100 from the board. DB seconded. Motion passed. MB will do it.
- Everyone admired the time and effort and the quality of the newsletter.
- It was noted that because we are not printing it, we could use color. Also, links to other articles.
- DB: In November we can decide the general content of the next newsletter, could write it before the holidays and move quickly in Jan to get the newsletter out.
- The newsletter will go out to everyone on the email list, and he'll share it on social media. RK: let's include the membership info as well.
- Gifts from Franz - RJ:
 - Discussed the large screen TV would be of best use in the school:
 - BT had an idea to put up some cameras around the school to watch the construction - have TVs at Marshall around so students can see what's happening with the Benson Tech reconstruction.
 - Countdown to return to campus.
 - BT moved that we earmark the TV to use as a monitor at Marshall to display camera feed to show students at Marshall what's happening at Benson Tech during construction. DB seconded and the motion was passed.
 - RJ will send a thank you to Franz.
- Minutes: MB:
 - August minutes had been sent out. ML moved to accept them as corrected by KC, JP seconded. Motion passed.
- Next meetings will be virtual: October 12th , Nov 13th 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

