

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



Date: Dec 13, 2021
Starting Time: 5:30 pm
Ending Time: 6:59 pm
Virtual meeting

ATTENDEES:

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

ABSENT: Dale Bajema (DB), Andy Payne, Paul Rossi

GUEST: Kevin Clark, alum (KC), Dan Malone, Curtis Wilson, Amber Kern-Johnson, Dick Spies, Luke Hotchkiss

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

BUSINESS

- Dan Malone:
 - Annex is not completely finished, but it's in use and we know the heat is working.
 - Fence is in Los Angeles
 - Dust Collection system and Compressed Air system are not in yet.
 - Still have to construct the bike complex (includes solar panels).
 - Discussion about figuring out logistics for tour of Benson Tech, perhaps in the spring.
 - Flickr pics go back a few sets. Good looks of the dental area, etc.
 - Rachel has been downloading them and uploading them up to our site as well, credited to PPS.
 - Finally received permits from the city - \$3 million. Final plans are in, destruction is almost done. Next thing is steel beams going up in the wings.
 - Board is going to release some contingency money. There have been price increases.
 - KC: There was discussion about asking Fed Gov for COVID monies for this. DM: Have not heard anything about that.
 - Lincoln is on target and should be done soon. We are hoping there are not further changes.
 - DAG meetings have been pushed repeatedly, but hoping for a meeting in Jan/Feb.
 - Curtis Wilson: When we went in front of the board to ask to utilize the contingency, they were all on board.

- KC: Is the plan to use the contingency up front? What is the plan for anything needed on the back side? Curtis Wilson: We had a hole to fill now, so we need it now. Dan: On the backend, there probably will not be any additional extra things approved. It will be close to the submitted plan. They did do a lot of pre-construction work - not a lot of surprises like they had at Lincoln.
- Search for new Freshman class has started. Counsellors have been to several middle schools. We'll start to get numbers coming in soon.
- Curtis Wilson: We knew we would have a reduction because of the move and COVID. District created a new video, counselors are doing a lot of outreach. The lottery has been extended a week. They may do a second evening in-person after the break in the annex. The one they did was virtual. We knew we would take a hit, the big issue is the cap. When we get back to our building, the cap may hurt us again.
 - Josh mentioned in chat: I just double-checked all of my communication from Hosford and they haven't mentioned anything about Benson this school year.
 - Max mentioned in chat: My daughter (8th grader at Beaumont) got some paperwork and Benson was almost a footnote, with Grant and Jefferson pushed hard.
- Curtis mentioned that most schools are fine with letting the counselors in, but sometimes he has to push. He'll check on Hosford tomorrow.
- Re the cap it was mentioned that other schools don't seem to have one, they just allow overcrowding. There will be some boundaries redone. Where they have redone boundaries, those schools aren't hurting for students. When McDaniel reopened a lot of students went back there. We might see more students go there next year. Cleveland seems to be bursting at the seams, families have been complaining about it. The other schools are maxed out.
- Amber: Boosters
 - It's been a rebuilding year. Joined forces with Tech Pride volunteers to be a single stronger group.
 - Ready, Set, Go Tech fundraiser went well. Raised over \$10,000 and gave every athletic sport some funds, based on the number of athletes.
 - Parent volunteers helped at school and welcomed students back, provided snacks for teachers, collaborated with Matt, the new athletic director.
 - Outside concessions has been fun. Gearing up for indoors, basketball games. Please volunteer!
 - Senior athletic banner collaboration with alumni.
 - Challenges: Small group, and two of the strongest participants have seniors and will be leaving. They are recruiting, focusing on Freshman parents. Need a treasurer, website support, concessions co-lead.
 - Website is: bensontechboosters.org
 - Jeff Strachan said he had so much fun volunteering concessions. Seeing the new kids as well as reconnecting with some other folks from his class there to support the school.

- Curtis and Dan dropped off the meeting.
- Luke Hotchkiss:
 - Job posting for fixing our equipment:
https://careers.pps.net/psc/career/SELFSRV/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM_FL.HRS_CG_SEARCH_FL.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_SCHJOB_FL&Action=U&
 - Donations have come in which has been great. They made a bunch of picnic tables. They are working on skateboards and Adirondack chairs. Seniors are starting to build a project they get to take home. Kids have had great attitudes this year. Annex will not be done really until June/July, but it's enough to have good classes in there.
 - They sold the last house for about \$19,400, spent about \$14,000 on it. The new house will need some subcontracting work but we'll have students do as much as we can.
 - Contracting license had to be renewed - had to change who was on the license this year. The people on the license have to be listed as an Executive Officer to take the continuing ed classes.
 - KC asked about tiny houses for Portland homeless. Luke explained that they had not had good luck with working with the City before, but he does want to move forward with getting the kids involved with work that gives back to the community. It needs a lot of bandwidth to figure out, but he's open to it if opportunities come.
- Discussion about alumni teachers receiving memberships with fees waived. RJ will discuss it with Curtis.
- Membership - JP:
 - 66 paid members.
- Finances - BT:
 - Mr. Crumbine sent in a check with membership dues.
 - Note we had done an email vote to donate for FM gift cards for Benson Tech families in need.

BUSINESS SAVINGS	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
BSAV00	\$3,000.85	\$0.07	-\$0.00	\$3,000.92
11/30	11/30	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 30 Days		3000.92
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BFLX00	\$1,695.93	\$0.00	-\$0.00	\$1,695.93

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- School remodel - GO:
 - E building is gutted, into rough carpentry.
 - Auditorium has been gutted. Chairs are out, part of the stage had been demoed.
 - Gym has been abated. All abatement done except H wing has double roof. There is lead paint that needs to come out.
 - New storm sewer coming in.
 - Mark knows what he's doing. He's on top of it and it's very appreciated.
- Board - RJ:

- October minutes discussed our idea that the current board members about to expire would be held for a year due to Covid.
- It was voted on during the annual meeting and passed.
- Officers:
 - ML moved that we hold current officers in position for one year. Motion was seconded by JP. Discussion occurred, the was brought to a vote. Motion passed unanimously. Officer positions will be addressed again next year.
- RK will reach out to Dave Hutchins. His term expired so we will see if he wants to be on the board and if we can help in any way to make his participation easier.
- Minutes - MB:
 - We will postpone accepting the minutes from November since there was a snafu with the minutes not getting through google groups until today.
 - Please look over those minutes and send any corrections/additions in the next week.
- Time capsule is at the front hall at Marshall and will be moved to the front hall at Benson Tech when it reopens.
- Follow up with Boosters was completed re donations.
- Here is the flickr photo area for current demo pics:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/41430185@N08/albums/72157720108908045>
- Next meeting will be virtual:
 - BOD Meeting: Jan 10th 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.
 - Archiving – RE:
 - RE had emailed Jen Sohm: An 11th hour request to this plan was digitizing the archived copies of the Tech Pep, Benson's weekly newspaper produced from 1920 until recently. Digitizing yearbooks has become a standard feature of high school renovation so we anticipate that browsing the Benson Tech annual memory books will soon become possible. A high school newspaper is somewhat of a unique item however so the Alumni Association is interested in knowing if PPS or SHPO will include this task in its commitment to preserve the history of the school.
 - Jen Sohm's response: The Benson Tech student newspapers are in a safe place at Marshall. We will be determining how and when this scanning will be completed. It's possibly a summer project for Benson student interns. They would then be available through a new website. We'll keep alumni posted on progress once we have more information to share.

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



