

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



Date: April 12, 2021
Starting Time: 5:34 pm
Ending Time: 7:12: pm
Virtual meeting

ATTENDEES:

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

ABSENT: Dave Hutchins (DH), Paul Rossi (PR), Rachael Kuryunny (RK)

GUEST: Kevin Clark, alum (KC); Dan Malone (DM); Curtis Wilson, Principal; Amber Johnson and Elizabeth O'Malley from Benson Tech Boosters.

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

BUSINESS

- Curtis:
 - Can't have visitors in the building yet. Staff will be there this Wed 12:30, coming through the horseshoe lot. If alumni want to come at noon to welcome the staff back that would be great.
 - 400 students in the 2 cohorts coming back to the building. About 200 in Cohort A coming Mon/Tues afternoon, about 200 in Cohort B coming Thurs/Fri afternoon. Asynchronous learning in the mornings.
 - No new material taught. Social/emotional support, and support of what they are learning at home.
 - Graduation is still being finalized. It will not be in the coliseum. Choices were either at school in the horseshoe, or Portland International Raceway. June 9th is the date, district will announce the time, but he thinks maybe 11AM. District pays for it. It's like a drive-in. 250-300 cars. All the parents can come. Planning for tents in case it rains. District will also stream and record the event. Curtis will be doing a walkthrough sometime soon.
 - Excited but also a little anxious that they are almost done at the building.
- Dan:
 - Groundbreaking August 7, 10AM - 12PM. We don't know how many people will be allowed, but we will have some alumni.
 - CTE annex started but nervous it will be finished on time. Pre-fab. Building shows up in 2 weeks and they put it together like an erector set.

- There is a helicopter that needs to be stored somewhere... if we can't store it, there is someone that will purchase it.
- All the Freshman lathes are being refurbished, the first one is done and works great. Funds from the auction will help with that.
- There are various meters and resistors that had been placed in cabinets and was forgotten. Could have been used in electronics/electric shops. There are old trade books and also some things for alumni like a license plate made in the foundry.
- Discussed finding homes for benches.
- Bisetti and PPS are doing videos 'final days' of old Benson Tech. Dan will reach out about how to participate.
- Boosters Amber:
 - Teams are playing and it's wonderful to see student athletes practicing and playing. First group is winding down, second group is starting. There really is a place for any level of athlete and the community is very welcoming. It's also challenging because kids come from all over Portland, we're underfunded. That's where the Boosters come in to help fill the gap between what is needed and what is provided.
 - In 2019 we formalized the plan and we raised 4500 that was given out to teams that paid for uniforms, equipment etc. Things that they needed to be competitive with other teams in the district. The pandemic hurt fundraising efforts, but the Boosters are back now.
 - Special fundraiser appeal on May 1st, goal of \$2000 to start to get that out to teams. There's incentives and we are encouraging monthly donations. Sponsorships and banners will be available at Marshall - we are still figuring out the details.
 - We do need technical help with the website and to set up an online store to sell goods.
 - We also need help with setting up accounting.
 - We also need help from families and thank you for putting info for us in the alumni newsletter. We are excited to partner with you.
 - Pride Volunteers will be doing a teacher appreciation event in May as well, we'll let you know.
- RJ: Ken Bakke is interested in helping out - info passed to Amber and Elizabeth.
- Discussion about all the items going out the door and in the dumpster. It's hard to lose the helicopter, but program is moving more toward drones. Question about how much we can keep as a reminder about the past.
 - JS mentioned he is an aviation major and would like to tune the program to current jobs/interests. The shop will be half its size, and it's worth letting it go.
- Discussion about Boosters/Pride: should we have a designated liaison? KC has been serving in that role, but it would be good to have more alumni activity at meetings and events. RJ will reach out to Ken.
- Treasurer's report - BT:

- \$4684
 - 2 people joined last mont, \$40.
- Membership report - JP
 - 54 members
 - DB asked for a breakdown by decade next meeting. As we think about increasing membership in might help us figure out how to recruit. [numbers were sent but not discussed during the meeting. Added below.]
- Newsletter - DB:
 - Target date has slipped. Probably looking at May 15th.
 - Articles are underway:
 - Students coming back to school
 - Athletics
 - Move (auction items info?)
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Boosters
 - Class reunions
 - Next week or two everything is due. Maybe email board members to see if they can add to articles.
- Picnic/Start of Construction events?
 - Maybe we can have something on Ribbon cutting day in the field? A last hoorah at Benson Tech, a new hoorah at Marshall campus. RJ will reach out to the district and CC Curtis. We don't know what the current status of that parking lot is yet, RJ will reach out to Jen. We will talk about this more.
- ML moved that we postpone approving the minutes until the next meeting. RJ seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Scholarship Committee met twice.
 - We have a list of people that made donations in 2020 and we have a thank you letter from the Alumni Association to those people drafted and it will be send out in the next few weeks. Greater recognition will hopefully make people feel appreciated and may result in further donations.
 - We will also reach out to recent scholarship recipients and get some information about what the scholarship meant to them.
 - In the fall we want to find out from the counselors what the criteria is for choosing recipients and make sure it aligns with original intent of donors.
 - They have had email contact with Kathleen already.
 - We will continue to meet once a month online.
- RJ - need deeper discussion on Benson Tech Foundation. He is too stretched and needs to step back. Please reach out if you are interested in taking on this project. Balance is about \$38,000 right now.
- It tends to step in for gap funding. It hasn't been used to fund anything the district should be providing or to fund teachers, which Lincoln does. It's been

- focused on equipment for STEM/CTE. Currently there is measure 98 money that has done a lot and will continue to do a lot to help with funding education. The movement to CTE has been strong with the recognition that it improves graduation rates, so it's rewarding to see that.
- There will always been needs, so it's a good time to do some expansion and perhaps restructuring of the foundation. We might also invite recently retired teachers. RJ will get more information to the board with a few meeting times. DB suggested one of the first things to do might be to go over the bylaws again.
 - GO asked about connecting with district people about the construction.
 - KC: Senior Project Manager is Brian Oylear. Dan said there currently were no plans to conduct tours during the construction.
 - State Historical Preservation Office - RE:
 - They will be having their next meeting on the 15th. There might be more in-depth discussions on a few different ideas. It would be great if they could recognize the success of magnet schools. It may not have been successful in racial integration but it seemed to propel kids to specialize and succeed in their focus area.
 - Inequity can be an issue and the district is very focused on equity.
 - 4 high schools will be open for summer school this summer. PPS will put money into trying to get kids up to level.
 - RFP released by PPS for development of entrepreneurship programs (1:1 mentoring). There are clubs at the various schools and there are international competitions. RJ is involved and will keep us informed.
 - RE: Does Jr. Achievement still exist? KC: don't know for sure, but a few sources indicate that some schools, if not all schools in the district, have JA. JP: my kids in 5th grade did BizTown, which is JA.
 - Next meeting will be virtual: May 10th 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?)

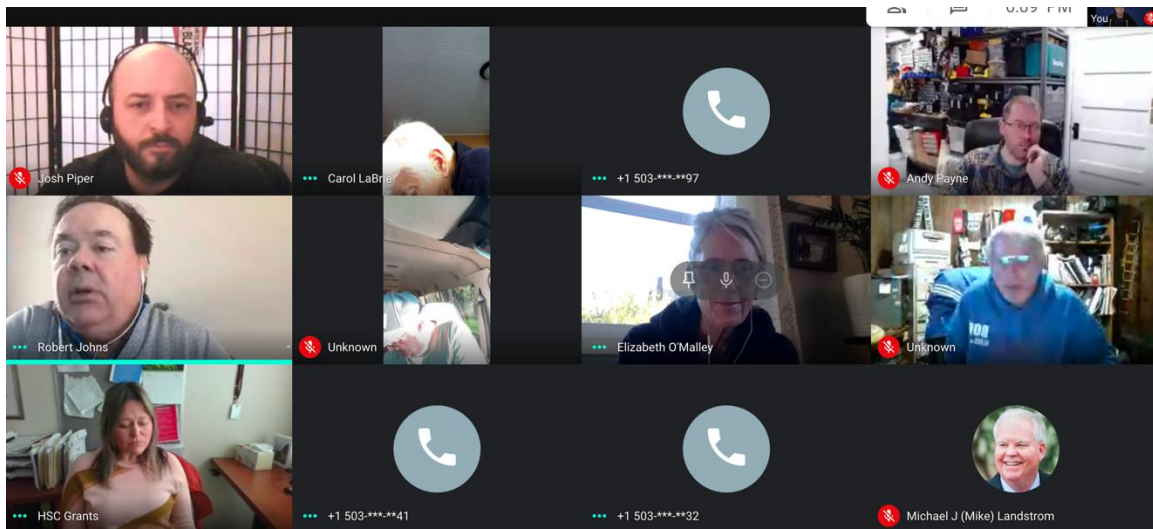
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Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
Secretary
BPHS Alumni Association

Here are the membership numbers by decade for both the current year and all-time:

Class Decade	2021		All Time	
Unknown	1	2%	44	9%
1940	2	4%	45	9%
1950	10	19%	107	22%
1960	9	17%	77	16%
1970	19	35%	85	17%
1980	3	6%	49	10%
1990	8	15%	50	10%
2000	2	4%	31	6%
Total	54		488	



Full Account Summary					
Interest YTD:	\$ 0.08	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		1,000.30
03/31		Deposit Dividend Annual Percentage Yield 0.03% Annual Percentage Yield Earned 0.03% (03/01/2021 - 03/31/2021)	0.03	1,000.33
		New Balance		1,000.33

DIVIDENDS SUMMARY	
Dividends W/H YTD: 0.00	Dividends YTD: 0.08

Deposits and Other Credits					
Date	Description	Amount	Date	Description	Amount
03/31	Deposit Dividend Annual Percentage Yield 0.03	0.03			
Total Deposits: 0.03					

90 - BUSINESS CHECKING				
Trans. Date	Posted Date	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
		Beginning Balance		3,393.90
03/08		Deposit: UNITUS COMMUNITY CREDIT U 800 SE 192ND AVE VANCOUVER WA	290.00	3,683.90
		New Balance		3,683.90

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Date	Description	Amount	Date	Description	Amount
03/08	Deposit: UNITUS COMMUNITY CREDIT U 800 SE 192	290.00			
Total Deposits: 290.00					