

**Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting – Official Minutes - Draft**



Date: April 9, 2018
Starting Time: 5:33 pm
Ending Time: 7:31 pm
Benson Tech library

ATTENDEES:

Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Roger Edwards (RE), Mike Landstrom (ML), Rob Johns (RJ),
Max Baker (MB), Jerome Martin III (JM)

Guests: Kevin Clark (KC), Ken Bakke (KB)

Not present: Dale Bajema (DB), Brent Dahl (BD), Josh Piper (JP), Don Wear (DW),
Gerry Oaks (GO), Bob Trimble (BT)

NEW BUSINESS

- Remarks: RK
 - DB is out today, RK is acting chairperson today.
- Minutes – MB
 - Minutes sent yesterday.
 - Comments received from KC.
 - Not a quorum to accept minutes – we will vote next meeting on March minutes.
- Treasurer's Report - ML
 - \$3287.19 in the account.
 - Unexpected fees from grand reunion and picnic last year for janitorial expenses.
 - School did not receive checks in the mail – took them down by hand. \$30 stop check fees per check – should be receiving credit of \$90.
 - Checks for canopies and some from tech show have come through. Rachael is a new check signer, and Rob was removed.
 - \$510 in the GoFundMe will be transferred. Halfway to our goal!
- Membership committee – RK
 - BT has the sheets from tech show and will scan and send them when he can.
 - 11 new paying members at tech show.
 - JM will follow up with all the people that came – will contact BT.
- Newsletter update? RK will check with BD.
- Acquisition of Tents for BPHSAA and Benson Tech activities – RJ
 - Got 2 \$200 donations right after Tech Show.
 - Probably will help to get the newsletter out and do some FB prompting.
 - Curtis did provide funds for 1 tent for the school.
 - JP emailed in that he'll focus less on this and more on cruise-in on communications.
- Dental Clinic – RJ

- BD is going to be a liaison to the project.
- Elaine Dobrowski connected to us through Miranda/OHSU and wants to be part of the project. Can track the costs, etc. She emailed today and asked to be involved.
- Targeted to open next Feb.
- Student Body liaison – MB
 - No activity yet.
- Colwood Cruise-In and Golf Tournament – RJ
 - We want to avoid golf as the lead. More people showed up for the cruise-in.
 - Payment is due mid-May.
 - Hard to predict how many people will come.
- Tech Show Post Mortem:
 - Any and all feedback welcome.
 - Class of 78 asked RK to speak about alumni association Oct 16th. She will push alumni membership.
 - Improvement suggestions:
 - Tammy pointed out we need another table for 2010 and up.
 - Rearranging it – putting the yearbook tables in the back so people have to go past everything.
 - Put membership table near the entry.
 - Need an A board or easel outside pointing people in.
 - Joked about having something big outside, like we used to have search lights: giant floppy techster? Drones swarm?
 - Can we partner with KBPS to do story corps station for alumni?
 - Can have them aired the month before tech show – Benson Alumni month
 - Answer one question, recorder.
 - Opening of the time capsule in the alumni room next year?
 - Soliciting memorabilia?
 - Can we get a small museum going? Can we make it part of the redesign? We might want to keep some of the old equipment. This is a focal point in tours, etc.
 - RJ – we need to take photos before they start the remodel, so we can have those in the new spaces. KC – and photos don't take up a lot of space too.
 - Will get Starbucks coffee next year. That went well. Maybe decaf too.
 - All the cake was gone before the kids came to get it.
 - Everyone loved the people presenting the plans for the new Benson Tech.
 - JM – not a lot of shops had kids working on projects this year. Medical areas had great stuff going on – kids doing individual presentations.
 - Please send her any other feedback.
- Membership – JP (emailed in)
 - 69 paid members
- Privacy Policy – JP (emailed in)

- No movement yet. I'll try to circulate something via email this week.
- Summer meetings
 - MB says we can use the Providence Office Park building 2 (POP2) for July and August meetings.
 - She will email details when we get closer to the July meeting.
- Modernization concerns – RJ on behalf of DB
 - Tomorrow night at PPS is a work session – concern about reducing Benson Tech's size/numbers etc.: During build and after build.
 - 202 million on the books set aside for Benson Tech is 50 million light. You could say it's anything: equipment, square footage, etc.
 - Madison/Lincoln have active DAGs (Design Advisory Group) – Master Planning Committee was first, then pre-design advisory group, then DAG, which fits the space to curriculum needs. Those committees made compromises to reduce their costs.
 - We don't have a DAG yet so of course we haven't come up with compromises. We tried to get it going early but told to wait because we were later in the schedule. We're still in post bond measure approval, haven't progressed in further design of the school. Jen has gone out to talk to potential partners to get groundwork going, but as a stakeholder we have not been involved, which is a problem.
 - Bassetti is the current architect. They were involved with Roosevelt. Another architect did the initial planning but wasn't rehired. The original estimate before the bond was written was 252. It was reduced and never explained how it would be reduced. We were never satisfied with answers about what cost overrun safety estimates were in place. We think it was just a political number chosen, instead of a number based on factual planning.
 - Some spaces that have been created – gym at Franklin, some lab spaces etc. are not as high quality as we would like – but these were mostly cosmetic. We, however, might lose education space, or size for enrollment.
 - We're back to fighting not to lose space – find partners to get equipment and other program needs.
 - One of the partners that was at Tech Show was a plastics company that makes parts, Beaverton Plastics – leader is Benson Alum. Donated 2 pieces of good equipment they are rotating out. They are ready to be a partner. Jay was in the room but said he didn't hear any of that.
 - Discussion about introducing PPS to our business contacts. It's difficult because they seem to not be committed to creating those relationships, maintaining them, and utilizing them for the betterment of PPS schools.
 - We need to find a way to get us all on the same page – we give you the benefit of relationships to be had between the district and local businesses – they give us the benefit of recognizing the value of the Benson Tech education. We need to create pipelines for students entering Benson Tech. If we can show 500 students want to be admitted, it gives us more push. We're helping the entire district.

- CTE should be functioning year round – summer school. There was huge pushback when this was suggested.
- DB and RJ will be meeting with board members to discuss concerns about reducing student size.
- Mike Rosen apologized about the athletic report, which is currently not done after 9 months.
 - Our sports program improved this year.
 - We need better weighted lottery that makes sense and is data driven.
- Benchmarks for application discussed in relation to finding a more comprehensive and equitable lottery.
- Jen is waiting on messaging from PPS to get us an accurate representation of PPS's view of issue of funding the modernization project. Getting MPC/pre-DAG meeting together in May. Last meeting was in November and not much was accomplished.
- Innovation Quadrant was announced today:
 - <https://www.pdx.edu/profile/portland-innovation-quadrant>
 - Let's advocate for keeping the space and utilizing partnerships to get equipment or other things we need. The only catch is that PPS has to approve a partnership.
- Are there any actions we can take?
 - We need a central plan. What are our 10 main concerns? Sports pipelines, student enrollment caps, lottery process, etc. Make plans to advance our thoughts, contingencies. Site council, MPC, individual efforts have made dents.
 - Strategies – plans about how, when, and how hard to push on these concerns. This could help with member and volunteer recruiting. It's easier to get people interested in being on the board or join the association – or even working toward our goals if we can be specific.
 - **Let's put this on next month's agenda.**

New Business

- Next meeting May 4th at 5:30PM at Benson Tech.
- June meeting will be June 4th at 5:30PM at Benson Tech.
- Picnic will be August 11th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
 Secretary
 BPHS Alumni Association